

3-6. Oath for registrants.

One of the officers of registration shall administer to all persons who shall personally apply to register the following oath or affirmation: "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching your place of residence, name, place of birth, any criminal conviction, your qualifications as a voter, and your right as such to register and vote under the laws of this State."

3-7. Registration by absentee voters.

(a) Any qualified voter whose physical disability confines him to a hospital or causes him to be confined to bed and permanently prevents him from being present to register or reregister at the office of any board or with any board of registry, shall be allowed to register or reregister by casting his absentee ballot.

(b) Any qualified voter who is: (1) is a member of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or any component thereof, including those honorably discharged therefrom within thirty (30) days prior to the last registration day prior to an election, and including his spouse or children; (2) a person employed as an officer or member of the crew of any vessel documented under the laws of the United States or enrolled for such employment with the Federal Government, and his spouse or children; (3) a civilian employee of the United States in all categories serving outside the United States, whether or not subject to the civil service laws, and whether or not paid from funds appropriated by Congress, and his spouse or children; (4) any person serving with the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, and Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, and the United Service Organization who is attached to or serving with the Armed Forces of the United States outside the United States, and his spouse or children, shall be allowed to register and reregister by casting his absentee ballot. For purposes of this subsection, a voter shall be deemed and held to have resided continuously in the precinct in which he resided at the time he first left to become absent and engaged in such service for the entire period he has been so absent and engaged.

(c) When properly registered under this section, a person shall continue as a registered voter to the same extent and for the same period that he would be registered had he appeared in person and been registered under the provisions of the election laws of Maryland, exclusive of this section.

3-8. When ~~may~~ TO register or change registration.

(a) No person may register or, if registered, change his address or name after the fifth Monday preceding or during the ten days following a primary or special election; nor may he register, or, if registered, change his address or name after the ~~sixth~~ FIFTH Monday preceding or during the fifteen days following a general election.

(b) Voters already registered as Declines who wish to affiliate with a party, or voters who wish to change their party affiliation, or voters who wish to change from affiliation with a party to registration as a Decline, may do so at any time prior to six months before any election.