

choosing delegates to said National Convention, and for nominating Presidential Electors; and provided, further, that the primary election law in force in Baltimore City prior to the passage of this Act, shall continue in force, and shall apply only to primary elections for Congressional candidates held in those portions of Baltimore City which form a part of, and are embraced in the Second and Fifth Congressional Districts.

153. Primary elections for Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Second Branch City Council and members of the City Council of Baltimore, shall be held in all respects according to the foregoing provisions, and at every general registration held in Baltimore City and in the several counties of this State subsequent to the passage of this Act, there shall be provided in the registration books an additional column headed "Party Affiliations," and the board of registry shall enter in this column the name of the political party, if any to which the voter is inclined and with which the voter desires to have himself recorded as affiliated. It shall be the duty of the board of registry to explain to each voter that the statement of such party affiliation does not bind him to vote for the candidate of such party at any given election; that he has a right to decline to state any party affiliation, but that no one who is not recorded upon the registry as affiliated with a particular political party, will be qualified to vote at subsequent primary elections of said political party. Whenever a voter declines to state his party affiliation the word "Declined" shall be written opposite his name and under such column, so that there shall be written in such column, opposite the name of every registered voter either his party affiliation or the word "Declined," and in all primary elections thereafter held, any person so registered as affiliated with a given political party shall have the right to receive and vote the official ballot of that party, and of no other. And at any intermediate registration subsequent to the close of the next general registration, such voter may appear before the board of registry, and, upon his identity being established to the satisfaction of the majority of the board of registry, he shall have a right to require the said board of registry to make, alter or strike out any entry in the column headed "Party Affiliation," opposite his name, in the registry. It shall be the duty of the board of registry to enter in the column headed "Remarks" the fact that such entry was made, altered or stricken out, and the date thereof.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1904.