

removal from their domicile, abode, dwelling place or habitation, they do not intend thereby to change their legal residence, but that they have a fixed and definite purpose to return to this State on or before six months preceding the next succeeding election in November. The form of such affidavit shall be as follows: State of Maryland, city or county of ———, set.: I hereby certify that on this ——— day of ——— before the subscribe, clerk of the circuit court for ——— county (or superior court of Baltimore city) personally appeared ——— and made oath (or affirmation) in due form of law, that on or about the ——— day of ——— he vacated and removed from his habitation, dwelling place, domicile or abode, in the ——— precinct of the ——— election district of ——— county (or of the ——— ward in the ——— legislative district of Baltimore city) and took up his abode out of the State. (Here insert particular designation of such new abode by election district, precinct, ward, street and number whenever practicable); that notwithstanding such removal he does not intend thereby to change his residence, but that he has a fixed and definite purpose to return to this State on or before six months preceding the next succeeding election in November; sworn to before me (signature of clerk, seal of court). And if the persons making such affidavits, shall fail so to return and take up their actual abode, domicile, dwelling place and habitation in this State on or before six months next preceding such November election, they shall be conclusively presumed to have abandoned such declared intention, and shall thereupon become disqualified to vote in this State, and the officers of registration shall refuse to register them as qualified voters, or shall strike off their names from the registry if their names be entered thereon. The clerk before whom such affidavit shall be made shall retain, index and record the same, and shall be entitled to demand and receive for each affidavit sworn the sum of thirty cents, and for indexing and recording the affidavit and acknowledgment thereto the same compensation as allowed by law for indexing and recording deeds; such costs to be paid to said clerks by the county commissioners and mayor and city council of Baltimore, respectively. Such affidavits shall not be admissible in evidence as evidence of the right of the persons making the same to registration unless they are recorded within five days from the date of the acknowledgments thereto, and a duly certified copy thereof shall be receivable in evidence in the same manner as a certified copy of a deed. False swearing in any of such affidavits shall be deemed to be perjury, and shall be punishable as perjury is punishable by the code of public general laws of 1904, article 27, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Perjury." Said officers of registration shall require the production of such affidavits duly recorded, or a duly certified copy thereof in all cases where they have reason to suspect that the person applying to be registered as a qualified voter has lost his residence by reason of his removal from the State, as hereinbefore mentioned; and they may also in such cases put any question which they may deem proper to such applicant concerning the place where he dwelt in the