

tion books and the registration of voters shall be conducted in every particular as prescribed by law, except that cards or loose-leaf pages shall be used instead of books. When such cards or loose-leaf pages have been duly filled out and both the original and duplicate registration forms have been signed by the applicant for registration in the presence of both registrars, and returned to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the original and duplicate forms shall be filed in different filing cases or loose-leaf binders. The original forms shall be arranged by precincts in alphabetical order and shall constitute the precinct register for use in polling places on election day. The duplicate forms shall constitute the permanent office record of the Board and shall not be open to public inspection except in the presence of a clerk of the Board and shall not be removed from the office of the Board except on order of Court. The registration records shall be open to public inspection under reasonable regulations at all times when the office of the Board is open for business, except that, during the twenty days preceding and the ten days following an election, such records shall not be open to public inspection except upon the special order of the Board.

The binders containing the precinct registers shall be securely locked and the keys safely kept by the Supervisors of Election and the cabinets containing the duplicate forms shall be securely locked, and neither the binders nor cabinets shall be unlocked except on the authorization of the Supervisors and then only by a clerk or other employee of said Board.

The duplicate forms shall be arranged, for the entire County, in alphabetical order.

At the time of registration, a card, with the name and address of the voter inserted, shall be signed by one of the members of the Board of Registry and given to the voter and such card shall be *prima facie* evidence that such voter has been properly registered, provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to Washington County.

When once registered in accordance with this Act, a person shall not be required to register again unless his registration is cancelled as hereinafter provided.

1936 (Special Session) ch. 154, sec. 29D. 1937 (Sp. S.), ch. 9, sec. 29D. 1939, ch. 736, sec. 29D.

**45.** In Montgomery County on and after January 1, 1938, and in Washington County on and after January 1, 1940, persons qualified to register, to change their party affiliation, affiliate or to transfer, may register, affiliate, or transfer, at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections at any time such office is open, except thirty days preceding or ten days following a primary election or special election, and forty-five days preceding and fifteen days following a general election, and may change their party affiliation at said office, when open, except six months preceding and ten days following a primary election or forty-five days preceding and fifteen days following a general election, and providing further that no person shall be eligible to register or transfer who has not been a resident of the Congressional District for six months next preceding the election. A change in party affiliation or removal to another precinct within the County, as the case may be, may be made either by written notice by mail or by calling in person at the Board's office. Upon receiving written notice for change of party affiliation or of removal to another precinct, the Board shall cause the signatures to be compared with the original regis-