

Voting by Mail.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 225. 1912, sec. 219. 1918, ch. 78, sec. 219.

304. Whenever a state of war exists in the United States, or such other circumstances occur as to cause the Government of the United States to call into service the Maryland National Guard, or any of the units of the Maryland National Guard, and the Maryland Naval Militia, or either the Maryland National Guard or the Maryland Naval Militia, and by reason of such state of war or such other circumstances, duly qualified voters of the State are absent from the ward or election district in which they reside on the day set for any general, primary or special election, whether Presidential, Congressional, Judicial, State, County or Legislative District or any election in Baltimore City, the Governor may, by proclamation, published once in no more than three newspapers in each county and in Baltimore City, suspend the operation of the election laws of the State and all rules and regulations adopted thereunder, so far as such laws and rules and regulations are inconsistent with the provisions of this sub-title.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 226. 1912, sec. 220. 1918, ch. 78, sec. 220.

305. Whenever the Governor shall issue a proclamation as provided for in the preceding section, the following provisions shall become effective as law, and all laws and rules and regulations inconsistent with this sub-title shall be suspended:

(a) Certificates of nomination shall be filed respectively with the Secretary of State not less than 43 days, and with the Supervisors of Elections not less than 40 days before the day of election, and in all other respects Section 90 of the Article 33 of the Annotated Code, Chapter 133, Acts of 1902, is to remain in full force and operation.

(b) Not less than 36 days before an election to fill any public office, the Secretary of State shall certify to the Supervisors of Elections of each county and of Baltimore City the name and description of nominees in the manner provided for in Section 91 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code, Chapter 202, Acts of 1896, and in all other respects the said Section 91 is to remain in full force and operation.

(c) Notifications by those declining nominations shall be made at least 35 days before election, and in all other respects Section 93 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code, Chapter 202, Acts of 1896, shall remain in full force and operation.

(d) Should any person nominated to fill a public office die before election day or decline the nomination, as herein provided, or should any certificate of nomination be or become insufficient or inoperative, the vacancy or vacancies thus occasioned may be filled in the manner provided for original nominations. The certificate of the substituted candidate shall, except in case of a nominee dying, be filed at least 30 days before the day of election, and in cases of either resignation or death shall be filed within six days after the vacancy shall have occurred. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to certify all such substitute nominations to the Supervisors of Elections immediately after they are filed with him. In case of a vacancy occurring within so short a time before the day of election that the certificate of nomination of the new nominee shall be too late for the name of the new nominee to be printed in the ballots in any county or in the City of Baltimore, the Board of Election Supervisors of such county or city shall at once cause to be printed a sufficient number of stickers