

appear at a hearing; and providing for hearings on such applications by the Permanent Board of Registry; providing for the appointment of additional boards of election officers to hear such applications, under certain circumstances, and providing for an appeal from the action of any Board upon any such application, to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County; and providing for a change in the time within which persons may register, change party affiliation, or transfer their registration, at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Montgomery County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 29D and 29G of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Elections", subtitle "Registration", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 154 of the Acts of the Extraordinary Session of 1936, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

29D. In Montgomery County on and after January 1, 1938, persons qualified to register, to change their party affiliation or to transfer, may register, change their party affiliation 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 a general or special 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 registration form of such applicant, and if such signature appears to be the same, entry of such change of residence or affiliation on the original and duplicate registration cards or forms shall be made. Such registrant shall thereupon be immediately notified by mail of the change so made. If the Board is not satisfied as to the signature on the written notice, or that the change should be made, notice shall be sent the applicant by mail directing him or her to appear at the office of the Board to answer such questions under oath as may be deemed necessary.

For the purpose of enabling persons to register in this manner in Montgomery County the clerk to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of said County, and one person who shall be appointed by the Governor in the same manner and on the same terms and condition as the Supervisors of Elections are appointed and who shall belong to the other leading political party from that to which the clerk to the Board of Supervisors