

CHAP. 182

Repeal and  
re-enact.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 153 of Article 33 of the Public General Laws, title "Elections," sub-title "Primary Elections," as repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 682 of the Acts of 1904, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

How primary  
elections  
shall be held.

153. Primary elections for Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Second Branch City Council and member of the City Council of Baltimore shall be held in all respects according to the foregoing provisions, except that the day for holding the same shall be the first Tuesday of April of the year in which the municipal elections in said city of Baltimore are to be held. And at every general registration held in Baltimore city subsequent to the passage of this Act there shall be provided in the registration books an additional column headed "Party Affiliation," and the board of registers 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 candidates of such party at any given election ; also, that he has the 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.

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Whenever a voter declines to state his party affiliation the word "Declined" shall be written opposite his name 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 the 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