

CHAPTER 78.

AN ACT to add twelve additional sections to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Elections," said additional sections to follow immediately after Section 218 of said Article, to be sub-titled "Voting by Mail," and to be numbered, respectively, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229 and 230; the said sections authorizing and providing the means for duly qualified voters absent in the military or naval service of the United States or the State of Maryland, by reason of a state of war or other circumstances calling them into such service, to vote by mail at all general, primary and special elections, whether Presidential, Congressional, Judicial, State, County or Legislative District or any election in Baltimore City, on and after the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the State permitting such voters to vote by mail, and subject to the contingencies, provisions and limitations in this Act contained; providing for the suspension in such case of certain provisions of the election laws; and, generally, for the means and methods of such mail voting; and for penalties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on and after the adoption by the qualified voters of this State of an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, permitting voting by qualified voters of the State who are absent at the time of any election from the ward or election district in which they are entitled to vote and whenever a state of war exists in the United States, twelve additional sections be and the same hereby are added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Elections," said sections to follow immediately after Section 218 of said Article, to be sub-titled "Voting by Mail," to be numbered, respectively, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229 and 230, and to read as follows:

219. 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 dis-