

CHAPTER 292.

AN ACT to repeal Section 186 of Article 33 of the Code of Public Civil Laws, entitled "Elections," sub-title "Primary Elections," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 186 of Article 33 of the Code of Public Civil Laws, entitled "Elections," sub-title "Primary Elections," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Nominations for Mayor, comptroller, president of the Second Branch City Council and members of the City of Baltimore shall be made by direct vote of the respective political parties at primary elections to be held in all respects according to the foregoing provisions, applicable to primary elections in Baltimore City, 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 on a different day from the general election. At every general registration held in Baltimore City, and in each and every county of the State, subsequent to April 11, 1910, there shall be provided in the registration books a distinct column headed "party affiliations," 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 candidate of such party of any given election; also that he has the right to decline to state any party affiliations; 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. 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 affiliations 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 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