

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 307 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Voting by Mail", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

307. At any time before the holding of any election, any such person who expects to be absent on election day may make application in writing to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the County or Baltimore City, in which he resides, for a ballot. Such application must be received by the Supervisors of Elections not less than seven days before the holding of any election and shall contain the full name and place of residence, by street and number, if possible, from which the applicant is registered, and the address to which the ballot is to be mailed to him. The application may also state the position or rank in the military or naval service which the applicant holds. Upon receipt of such application it shall be the duty of the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections to enter the fact that such application has been made, together with any other proper information, in a book to be kept especially for that purpose. The Supervisors of Elections shall verify from the registration and other books and records in their custody, and from any other information obtainable, the statements contained in the application and the applicant's qualifications to vote under this sub-title. The Supervisors shall mail ballots to those found so qualified to vote and shall enter that fact in the special book hereinbefore provided for.

Each application received on or before April 24, 1944, by the Boards of Supervisors of Elections for a ballot shall be treated and considered as an application for an Absentee Ballot to be voted at the Primary Election of May 1, 1944, and also as an application for an Absentee Ballot for the General Election of November 7, 1944, unless it specifically states that it is an application for a primary ballot and the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections shall retain all applications not specifying the Primary Election until ballots for the election of November 7, 1944, have been printed and immediately thereafter they shall mail a ballot in response to each such application, provided the applicant is otherwise qualified to receive such ballot under the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Special Session of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1944 (Senate Bill No. 1—House Bill No. 1). All such applications in the hands of the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections on June 1, 1944, shall be subject to and