

## CHAPTER 29.

(Senate Bill 139)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 201 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Primary Elections", relating to the date for the primary election in Baltimore City in connection with municipal elections in said City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That Section 201 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Primary Elections", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

201. Nominations for Mayor, comptroller, president of the City Council and members of the City Council 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 fixed by agreement between the governing bodies of said political parties for Baltimore City not earlier than the first day of April and not later than the tenth day of April in the year in which the Municipal Elections in said City of Baltimore are to be held on a different day from the general election. In case such governing bodies fail to agree on a day within the period fixed aforesaid, said primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday of April; provided, however, that said primary election for the year 1939 shall be held on Wednesday, April twelfth. 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