

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 identity being established to the satisfaction of the majority of the board of registry, to make, alter or strike out any entry in the column headed "party affiliations" opposite his name in the registry; it shall be the duty of the board of registry to enter in the column headed "remarks" the fact that such entry was made, altered or stricken out, and the date thereof.

Any registered voter who has declined to affiliate with any political party and opposite whose name under the column "party affiliation" is written the word "declined," or the word "independent" or any other word showing a failure to affiliate with any political party, and who has not appeared before the board of registry as hereinbefore set forth and affiliated with some political party prior to the primary election shall not be permitted to vote at such primary election or any subsequent primary election until he has so affiliated with the party in whose primary he desires to vote.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 24, 1939.

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#### CHAPTER 30.

(Senate Bill 81)

AN ACT to repeal Section 179 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Cecil County," subtitle "Elkton," and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections to be known as Sections 179,