

CHAPTER 321.

(Senate Bill 316)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 69 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Ballots and Ballot Boxes", as said Section was amended by Chapter 95 of the Acts of 1937, eliminating Calvert County from the list of Counties having exceptions as to the time of opening the polls.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That Section 69 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Ballots and Ballot Boxes", as said Section was amended by Chapter 95 of the Acts of 1937, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

69. The polling places shall be opened by the judges of election at 6 o'clock A. M. in the City of Baltimore, and shall be kept open until 6 o'clock P. M. of the same day, at which time the polls shall be closed, and in the counties the polling places shall be opened at 7 A. M. and shall be kept open until 7 P. M., at which time the polls shall be closed; except that in Garrett, Washington, Carroll, Montgomery and Delmar District of Wicomico, the polling places shall be open at 6 o'clock A. M., and in Talbot County and Dorchester County the polling places shall not be open until 8 A. M. If any judge or clerk shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for the opening of the polls the judge or judges present shall fill the place of the absent judge or clerk by appointing in his stead a person of the same political party as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge or clerk originally appointed. After the opening of the polls no judge or clerk shall absent himself therefrom until all the ballots cast shall have been counted and the returns completed. If in case of absolute necessity, any judge or clerk in attendance shall be compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party with himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to such substitute the same oath as he himself has taken. Blank forms for the appointment of the substitute judges and clerks and the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the Supervisors, and the oath when administered shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the