

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Elections", subtitle "Registration", to follow immediately after Section 53 of said Article and to be known as Section 53A, said new section to read as follows:

53A. If at any general or primary election, it shall appear that the original registration form of any person presenting himself as a voter, is not among those cards that constitute the precinct register for use on election day, such person may apply to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, or a majority of them, on forms to be provided by said Board, for a certificate entitling him to cast his ballot in spite of the absence of such original registration form. Upon receipt of any application for such certificate, accompanied by proof of the identity of the applicant, a majority of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, shall inspect the duplicate registration forms retained in the office of said Board, and if such inspection discloses that the applicant is a duly registered voter, a majority of the said Board shall make reasonable effort to locate the applicant's original registration form. If such form is not found, and if a majority of the Board shall be satisfied that its absence is not due to fraud or malfeasance, such Board or a majority thereof shall issue its certificate, a copy of which shall be retained by the Board, to the Judges of Election of the precinct in which the applicant is shown to be a registered voter, which certificate shall be marked "Temporary Certificate of Registration", and shall be sufficient authority to permit such voter to cast his ballot in such precinct in the same manner as though his original registration form were present. Such certificate, when presented to the Judges of Elections, shall be retained by said Judges and returned to the Board of Supervisors of Elections at the time prescribed by this Article for the return of the original registration forms.

Within thirty days after any primary or general election for which a certificate of registration has been issued, in accordance with the provisions of this section, a voter receiving such certificate shall appear at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections and shall sign a new original registration form containing the information shown by such voter's duplicate registration form, which new original registration form shall entitle such voter, subject to the provisions of this Article, to vote at any subsequent election.

The issuance of a certificate of registration under the provisions of this section shall not entitle any voter receiving such certificate to vote at any election other than the one for which such certificate was issued, and no subsequent certificate of