

CHAPTER 219.

(House Bill 246)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 45 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Registration", providing for a change in the time within which persons may register, change their party affiliation, affiliate or transfer, and relating to the amount of compensation for members of the permanent Board of Registry for Montgomery County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 45 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Registration", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

45. In Montgomery County on and after January 1, 1938, and in Washington County on and after January 1, 1940, persons qualified to register, to change their party affiliation, affiliate or to transfer, may register, affiliate, or transfer, at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections at any time such office is open, except thirty days preceding or ten days following a primary election or special election and forty-five days preceding and fifteen days following a general election, and may change their party affiliation at said office, when open, except six months preceding and ten days following a primary election or forty-five days preceding and fifteen days following a general election, except in Montgomery County the registration books shall be closed thirty days preceding and ten days following a general election, and providing further that no persons shall be eligible to register or transfer who has not been a resident of the Congressional District for six months next preceding the election. A change in party affiliation or removal to another precinct within the county, as the case may be, may be made either by written notice by mail or by calling in person at the Board's office. Upon receiving written notice for change of party affiliation or of removal to another precinct, the Board shall cause the signatures to be compared with the original registration form of such applicant, and if such signature appears to be the same, entry of such change of residence or affiliation on the original and duplicate registration cards or forms shall be made. Such registrant shall thereupon be immediately notified by mail of the change so made. If the Board is not satisfied as to the signature on the written notice, or that the change should be made, notice shall be sent the applicant by mail directing him or her to appear at the office of the