

and in Baltimore City, forty-five days preceding and fifteen days following and in the counties thirty days preceding and ten days following, a general or special election. For the period during which persons may so register, transfer, affiliate or change their party affiliation, the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City shall by regulation provide that the office in said City shall be open for such registration, transfer or affiliation on Thursday and Friday of each week, during the hours from nine o'clock A. M. to nine o'clock P. M.; but the said supervisors by unanimous vote may prescribe the hours during which said office shall be open, anything hereinabove to the contrary notwithstanding; and this provision shall not affect the right of any person so to register, transfer or affiliate during normal business hours on every other day during the period for registration.

(b) Party affiliation or change of party affiliation or removal to another precinct or district within said city or 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 such written notice, the Board shall cause the signature to be compared with the original registration forms of such applicant, and if such signatures appear to be the same, entry of such change of residence or affiliation on the original and duplicate registration cards or forms shall be made and the registrant shall 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 Board to answer such questions under oath as may be deemed necessary. If an applicant so notified fails to appear at the office of the Board as directed, no such entry of change of residence or affiliation shall be made.

(c) All persons applying at the office of the Board for registration shall be examined under oath as to their names, addresses, age, qualifications as voters and right to register and vote in the precinct in which they claim residence.

29. (a) For the purpose of enabling persons to register in this manner in Baltimore City, the Board of Supervisors of Elections of said City shall appoint two registrars, as provided in Section 4 of this Article, except that one shall be appointed by the member of the Board who shall have been selected from the political party opposite to that of the Governor and shall be removable by such member of the Board in his discretion. In the event of the temporary absence or incapacity of either or both of the registrars the Board of Supervisors of Elections of said City shall appoint a substitute registrar or substitute registrars who shall serve during the period of the absence or incapacity of the regular registrar or registrars.