

*For the purpose of, and when used in, this sub-title, the phrase "absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States", shall be deemed to include and apply to persons in the armed forces of the United States and also to persons engaged in the work or services, or who are members of the organizations, herein specified as limited in such specifications; and for such purposes and as so used, the term "Absentee Resident" shall include the following:*

*(a) All such absentee residents who are members of any branch of the armed forces of the United States and of any of their respective components;*

*(b) All such absentee residents who are members of the Merchant Marine of the United States, and who are hereby defined to be persons who are employed as officers or members of crews of vessels documented under the laws of the United States, and persons enrolled for such employment with the War Shipping Administration, exclusive, however, of those in the service or enrolled for service on the Great Lakes or the inland waterways of the United States;*

*(c) All such absentee residents who are serving with the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots and the United States Organizations who are attached to or serving with the armed forces of the United States outside of the United States;*

*(d) All such absentee residents who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States too late to register or vote as required, except for the provisions of this sub-title.*

*For all purposes of this sub-title, an Absentee Resident shall be deemed and held to have resided continuously in the ward or election district in which he resided at the time he first left to become absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, as herein defined, for the entire period he has been so absent and engaged.*

*(2) The term "United States", when used geographically in this sub-title, means only the territorial limits of the several States of the United States and the District of Columbia.*

*(3) "Election" shall mean any primary or general State-wide election, or any primary, general or special Congressional Election held in this State during the effective period of this sub-title.*

*(4) "Board" or "Supervisors" means the Boards of Supervisors of Elections of the several counties of the State and of Baltimore City.*

*131. Every Absentee Resident shall be entitled to vote at any election in the manner hereinafter provided in this sub-title.*