

CHAPTER 717.

(Senate Bill 535)

AN ACT to add seventeen new sections to Article 33 of Flack's Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Elections," to follow immediately after Section 317 of Article 33 of Flack's Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), as presently existing; and the said new sections to be sub-titled "Voting by Mail in Municipal General Elections in Baltimore City," said new sections to be numbered 318 to 334, inclusive, providing under certain conditions, means of voting by mail at municipal general elections hereinafter to be held in the City of Baltimore, by certain residents of the City of Baltimore absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, as hereinafter defined, due to the present war; and providing that the said absentee residents desiring to vote in municipal general elections should follow the same procedure and be entitled to the same rights and privileges that absentee residents seeking to vote in municipal primary elections are entitled to under certain acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1945 Session, referred to herein as Senate Bill No. 524, the sections of which said Act are designed to be codified as Sections 239A, 239B, 239C, 239D, 239E, 239F, 239G, 239H, 239I, 239J, 239K, 239L, 239M, 239N, 239-O, 239P, 239Q, 239R, 239S, 239T, 239U, 239V, 239W and 239X, of Article 33, as referred to above, and providing that the said sections of the said Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1945 Session, shall be construed to be a part of this Act as far as it may be reasonable to do so in order to effectuate its purposes; and defining what the duties of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City shall be in reference to said absentee residents voting by mail in said elections; and providing for the creation of a War Ballot Commission and defining its powers, duties and privileges; and further defining what shall be the powers, duties and privileges of the Governor of the State of Maryland and the Mayor of Baltimore City in reference to said absentee residents voting by mail in said elections; and providing that the additional expense incurred in such elections, by virtue of this Act, shall be borne by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, rendering Sections 63 to 68 of Article 33, of Flack's Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), inapplicable to residents entitled to vote by virtue of this Act; and further providing that this Act shall be liberally construed