

certain conditions, means of voting by mail at municipal primary 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 further providing under certain conditions, means of registration by said residents, the appointment of such judges of elections and Board of Registry, and of substitute supervisors or elections as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act; and defining their power and duties, and fixing their compensation; imposing certain additional duties upon the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City; and providing for the creation of a War Ballot Commission, defining its powers and duties; authorizing all the boards, commissions and election officials herein mentioned to use any and all facilities that may be furnished by the United States, or any department or agency thereof, that may be available unto them, in carrying out the purposes of this Act; 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 to effectuate its purposes; making certain acts criminal offenses and prescribing penalties therefor; suspending all laws inconsistent with this Act to the extent of such inconsistency; providing for the severability of the various provisions of this Act; providing that this Act shall not terminate until the present war shall cease; and providing that this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That twenty-four new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 33 of Flack's Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Elections," sub-title "Primary Elections," said new sections to follow immediately after Section 239 of said Article and to be under the sub-title "Voting by Mail in Municipal Primary Elections in Baltimore City," to be known as Sections 239A, 239B, 239C, 239D, 239E, 239F, 239G, 239H, 239-I, 239J, 239K, 239L, 239M, 239N, 239-O, 239P, 239Q, 239R, 239S, 239T, 239U, 239V, 239W, and 239X, and to read as follows:

VOTING BY MAIL IN MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY

The object of this bill is to provide that absentee residents of Baltimore City, as herein defined, at the time of