

cratic Party, and such groups are hereby authorized to count and tabulate the ballots of Absentee Residents cast at any election in the manner and at the times specified in this sub-title. The duties of the Boards of Registry and temporary Judges of Elections provided for in this section shall at all times be conducted under the supervision and control of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and, in case of any dispute as to either the registration of an Absentee Resident or the counting of his ballot in whole or in part, the Board of Supervisors shall determine such dispute, but unless the Board of Supervisors unanimously decides that an Absentee Resident is not entitled to register, such Absentee Resident shall be registered, and unless the Board of Supervisors shall unanimously decide that a ballot of any Absentee Resident shall not be counted, said ballot shall be counted. Said temporary Boards of Registry and temporary Election Judges herein provided for shall, with regard to registration and the counting and tabulation of Absentee Ballots, respectively, have the same powers conferred on the Board of Supervisors of Elections by this sub-title with regard to such matters, except as otherwise provided in this section. The compensation of the members of said temporary Boards of Registry and said temporary Election Judges shall be the same as that paid Election Judges in Baltimore City at the same election, and such compensation shall be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

239Q. An Absentee Resident otherwise qualified under this sub-title to register as a voter in Maryland may be so registered, any provision or restriction of Sections 63 to 68, both inclusive, of this Article, and any other provision of law requiring a declaration of intention to the contrary notwithstanding and said Sections 63 to 68 and any other provision of law requiring a declaration of intention are hereby declared inapplicable to all such Absentee Residents. All Absentee Residents, properly registered under this sub-title, shall, after their registration as in this sub-title provided, be entitled to vote either under this sub-title or in person in the same manner and to the same extent as may persons registered under the sections of this Article comprising respectively the sub-titles "Registration" and "Intermediate Registrations."

239R. The provisions of this sub-title shall be construed liberally in order to effectuate its purpose.

239S. Each application for an Absentee Ballot, which is received by the Board less than five (5) days prior to