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(d) In Baltimore City the Board may remove the name of any deceased person from the registration books or records, upon it being reliably reported to the Board that such person is deceased, and without the necessity of personal knowledge of such event. The Board shall investigate and confirm the fact of such decease in order to establish it beyond reasonable doubt, and shall follow the procedure set hereinabove in this section before removing any such name from the registration books or records.

68. The polling places shall be opened by the judges of election in Baltimore City at 6 o'clock A. M. and in the counties at 7 o'clock A. M., and shall be kept open in Baltimore City and in the counties until 7 o'clock P. M. of the same day, when they shall be closed; provided, however, that the Supervisors of Elections in any county may provide that all or any of the polling places in such county may be opened not earlier than 6 o'clock A. M. and not later than 8 o'clock A. M. If any judge or clerk shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for the opening of the polls the judge or judges present shall fill the place of the absent judge or clerk by appointing in his stead a person of the same political party as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge or clerk originally appointed. After the opening of the polls no judge or clerk shall absent himself therefrom until all the ballots cast shall have been counted and the returns completed. If in case of absolute necessity, any judge or clerk in attendance shall be compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party with himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to such substitute the same oath as he himself has taken. Blank forms for the appointment of the substitute judges and clerks and the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the Supervisors, and the oath when administered shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the Supervisors. The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes and the reason therefor, and the time when such substitute began and ceased to serve shall be noted by the judges in the poll books of the precinct or on loose-leaf pages inserted in the binders containing the precinct cards; such substitute shall cease to act whenever the judge or clerk in whose stead he was appointed shall be present.

53. (a) Official ballots shall be prepared and printed for such primary election in Baltimore City and in the several Counties, respectively, by the said several Boards of Super-