

tions for Absentee Ballots, and unless the Board shall be unable to ascertain from an application the identity of the applicant or the address to which the Ballot requested is to be sent, or unless the Board determines to its satisfaction that the applicant is not an Absentee Resident, it shall, as soon as possible after receipt of the application, mail each Absentee Resident an Absentee Ballot, consistent with the said Absentee Resident's party affiliation, if any (but if the Absentee Resident has indicated no party affiliation and if the request for an Absentee Ballot is for a primary election, the Board shall be under no duty to send the said Absentee any Ballot whatsoever), Ballot Envelope, Return Envelope and Instructions. The Board shall meet as often as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes. The Board shall mail, postage prepaid, if postage is required, an Absentee Ballot, Ballot Envelope, Return Envelope, and the Instructions to each Absentee Resident from whom a proper application for such ballot has been received, as promptly as possible.

(b) Not more than one Absentee Ballot shall be mailed to any one applicant unless the Board has reasonable grounds to believe that the Absentee Ballot previously mailed has been lost, destroyed or spoiled.

(c) Should there be no contest in the several political parties entitled to hold a primary, then the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City need not meet before the time normally set for a primary election, as herein otherwise required.

217. (a) The Board shall cause to be printed an adequate number of Absentee Ballots for each political party holding a primary election, and an adequate number of Absentee Ballots for the general election, of the three kinds of envelopes hereinafter described and of instructions. The words "Absentee Ballot" shall be printed in large letters in a clear space at the top of each of said ballots. The ward and precinct or polling place shall be left blank on the back and outside of said ballots and shall be filled by the Board before being sent to any registered Absentee Resident, and, if the Absentee Resident is not registered, said blanks shall be filled in by said Board when said Absentee Resident is registered, as in this sub-title provided. One envelope shall be known as the "Return Envelope" and shall be sufficiently larger than the other envelope, which shall be known as the "Ballot Envelope" and which is hereinafter described, to conveniently enclose and contain the Ballot Envelope. There shall be printed or written across the left-hand face of the "Return Envelope" the words "Return Envelope for the Election of," the blank space being filled in with the date of said election, after which there