

tain conditions for the means of voting by mail at municipal primary and general elections held hereafter 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 herein defined; further providing under certain conditions for the means of registration by said residents, and for the appointment of the officials and persons necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act; imposing additional duties as to such voting by mail, upon the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City; providing for the creation of a War Ballot Commission for Baltimore City, and for the powers and duties of said Commission; authorizing all the boards, commissions and election officials herein mentioned to cooperate with agencies of the United States in the administration of this Act; making criminal offenses of certain actions in violation of the provisions of this Act; and providing in general for a system of absentee voting in the municipal primary and general elections of Baltimore City.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of 1945 by the enactment of Chapters 717 and 799 of 1945 provided for a system of absentee voting by members of the armed forces of the United States, in the municipal primary and general elections of Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1944 also made provision for such a system of absentee voting for State-wide elections, authority being given in this Act to the Governor of Maryland to declare it terminated when the conditions of emergency had been ended; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Maryland, by a proclamation duly issued in the month of December, 1946, declared the said Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1944 to be terminated and abrogated, as if the same had not been enacted; and

WHEREAS, this action with respect to the said Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Special Session of 1944 made no mention of the said Chapters 717 and 799 of the Acts of 1945, thus leaving in doubt whether these two Acts were or were not effective thereafter as to municipal primary and general elections in Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly by Chapter 3 of the Acts of the First Special Session of 1950 re-enacted the system of absentee voting for members of the armed forces, in State-wide elections; and