

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Maryland has recommended that in order to end all doubts as to the status and force of the said Chapters 717 and 799 of 1945, they should be formally repealed and the provisions thereof re-enacted; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 211 to 234, inclusive, of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Voting by Mail in Municipal Elections in Baltimore City"; and that Sections 235 to 251, inclusive, of said Article 33, sub-title "Voting by Mail in Municipal General Elections in Baltimore City", be and the same are hereby repealed.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That twenty-three new sections be and the same are hereby added to said Article 33, said new sections to be known as Sections 211 to 233, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 210 thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed, to be under the new sub-title "Absentee Voting in Municipal Elections in Baltimore City", and to read as follows:*

*Absentee Voting in Municipal Elections in Baltimore City*

211. *The object of this sub-title is to provide that absentee residents of Baltimore City, as herein defined, at the time of any municipal primary or general election, as provided for in Section 57 of this Article and in Section 17 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition), shall be given the right and every possibility to register and vote by mail in any such municipal primary or general election, to the fullest extent permitted by the Constitution of this State.*

212. *For the purposes of this sub-title and unless otherwise required by the context:*

(1) *An "Absentee Resident" means a resident of Baltimore City, (a) qualified to vote under its Constitution as to age, citizenship and length of residence and not disfranchised because of crime, and (b) who is absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States as herein defined, and (c) who, because of such absence, is unable to vote in person at any election, as herein defined, in the ward or election district in Baltimore City in which he was a resident at the time of his entry or induction into the armed forces of the United States, or into any of the organizations, work or services hereinafter set forth; provided that, at the time his ballot is received, as in this sub-title provided, he is either already registered as a voter according to the Election Laws of this*