

BEFORE ELECTION DAY, HE DELIVERS IN PERSON A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF HIS COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY, AS THE CASE MAY BE, FOR A BALLOT, BALLOT ENVELOPE AND INSTRUCTIONS, AND MARKS THE BALLOT, EXECUTES THE OATH ON THE BALLOT ENVELOPE BEFORE ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD, WHO SHALL TAKE THE OATH AND WITNESS THE SAME, AND LEAVES SAID BALLOT ENVELOPE, WITH THE BALLOT ENCLOSED AND SEALED THEREIN, WITH THE BOARD AT ITS REGULAR OFFICE. THEREAFTER THE BOARD SHALL FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURE AS TO BALLOT ENVELOPE AND BALLOTS CAST BY ANY SUCH HONORABLY DISCHARGED ABSENTEE RESIDENT, AS IS SET FORTH IN THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SUB-TITLE FOR BALLOT ENVELOPES AND BALLOTS CAST BY OTHER ABSENTEE RESIDENTS.

258. Contests and Appeals. Contests concerning registration, voting or the validity of any ballot under this sub-title shall be decided by the board having jurisdiction of the matter. No registration shall be denied and no ballot rejected except by the unanimous vote of said board. Any candidate or absentee resident aggrieved by any decision or action of such board shall have the right of appeal to the circuit court for the county or to the Superior Court of Baltimore City, as the case may be, to review such decision or action, and jurisdiction to hear and determine such appeals is hereby conferred upon said courts. Such appeals shall be taken by way of petition filed with the appropriate court within ten days from the date of the completion of the official canvass by any board of all the votes cast at any election and shall be heard de novo and without a jury by said court as soon as possible. There shall be a further right of appeal to the Court of Appeals ~~±~~, provided such appeal shall be taken within five days from the date of the decision of the lower Court complained of, and all such appeals shall be heard and decided on the original papers, including a typewritten transcript of the testimony taken in such cases, by the Court of Appeals, as soon as possible after the same have been transmitted to said Court. Said original papers, including the testimony shall be transmitted to the Court of Appeals within ten (10) days from the taking of the appeal~~±~~.

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(D) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SECURING AND MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AMONG THE ABSENTEE RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND, TO THIS END, IT IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK THE COOPERATION BOTH OF THE PUBLISHERS OF NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS, RADIO STATIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES CUSTOMARILY USED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF NEWS OR INFORMATION, AND ALSO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, OR OF ANY OTHER FEDERAL OFFICE OR AGENCY.

276. Honorably Discharged Absentee. No honorably discharged absentee resident, referred to in sub-section **[(d)]** (b) of Section 268 of this sub-title, who has been discharged more than one month