personally and the offense was committed without his sanction or connivance, then the election of such candidate shall not be void, nor shall the candidate be subject to any ineligibility therefor.

- 231. Witnesses and Costs in Court Proceeding. The courts in which a proceeding under Section 230 shall be filed shall have authority to tax the costs as in equity cases, and also to subpoena witnesses and require them to testify as in the civil cases, and to compel by subpoena duces tecum the production for examination of any books or papers of any kind, or of any other thing which may be required or desirable in the conduct of such inquiry. In any proceeding held under the provisions of Section 230, no witness shall be excused from answering any question or producing any book, paper or other thing on the ground or claim that his answer or the thing produced, or to be produced by him, may tend to incriminate or degrade him, or render him liable to a penalty, but his answer, or the thing produced by him shall not be used in any proceeding against him, except in a prosecution for perjury in so testifying.
- 232. Duties of State's Attorney. It shall be the duty of the State's Attorney of Baltimore City and of the State's Attorney of each county of this State to prosecute, by the regular course of criminal procedure, any person whom he may believe to be guilty of having violated any of the provisions of this sub-title within the city or county for which said State's Attorney may be acting as such. And in any criminal prosecution under this sub-title or for violation of any of the provisions thereof, no witness, except the person who is accused and on trial, shall be excused from answering any question or producing any book, paper or other thing on the ground or claim that his answer, or the thing produced or to be produced, by him may tend to incriminate or degrade him, or render him liable to a penalty, but his answer, or the thing produced by him, shall not be used in any proceeding against him, except in a prosecution for perjury in so testifying.
- 233. Penalty for Violations. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this sub-title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. Except that the penalty for violation of Sections 227 and 229 shall be as provided for therein, and not as provided herein.

ABSENTEE VOTING

- 234. Who May Vote; Applications for Ballots. (a) A qualified voter, who, on the occurrence of any primary or general or special election, may be unavoidably absent from the State of Maryland for whatever reason on the day of election, may vote as an absentee voter under this sub-title.
- (b) A qualified voter desiring to vote at such election as an absentee voter may apply SHALL MAKE APPLICATION in writing to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the city or the county, as the case may be, for an application for an absentee ballot, not later than the twentieth (20) day before such election and such application shall contain an affidavit, which shall set forth: (1) His name and residence address, including the street and number, if any, or rural