

attached to or serving with the armed forces of the United States outside of the United States;

(4) All such absentee residents who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States too late to register or vote as required, except for the provisions of this sub-title.

For all purposes of this sub-title, an Absentee Resident shall be deemed and held to have resided continuously in the ward or election district in which he resided at the time he first left to become absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, as herein defined, for the entire period he has been so absent and engaged.

(d) The term "United States", when used geographically in this sub-title, means only the territorial limits of the several States of the United States and the District of Columbia.

(e) "Election" shall mean any primary or general State-wide election, or any primary, general or special Congressional Election held in this State.

(f) "Board" or "Supervisors" means the Boards of Supervisors of Elections of the several counties of the State and of Baltimore City.

244. Absentee Ballot. (a) *Voting.* Every Absentee Resident shall be entitled to vote at any election in the manner hereinafter provided in this sub-title.

(b) *Application.* At any time before any election, any Absentee Resident who has reason to believe that because of his status as such he will be unable to vote in person at such election, may make application in writing to the Secretary of State of Maryland requesting that he be sent a State Absentee Ballot. Such application shall be signed by the applicant and shall disclose the applicant's full name and last home address in Maryland, the address to which the Absentee Ballot shall be sent, and that he is in the armed forces of the United States or otherwise has a status which entitles him to vote as an Absentee Resident. The Secretary of State shall immediately forward to the appropriate Board each such application received by him. As soon as an application is received by a Board it shall mail the applicant a State Absentee Ballot as hereinafter provided. The informality of any application, including any made in accordance with Section 245 of this sub-title, or failure to include therein all the data prescribed above shall not invalidate the application and each Board receiving a written or printed request for an Absentee Ballot signed by the applicant shall honor the same if it is possible to ascertain from the request or otherwise the name of the individual seeking the ballot and the address to which the ballot is to be sent.

(c) *Time for Application.* An Absentee Resident shall be entitled to be sent a State Absentee Ballot as hereinabove provided only if the application therefor is received by the appropriate Board at least five days before the date of an election.

(d) *Form of Application.* Notwithstanding any other provisions of this sub-title, any form of application for the right or means to vote as an Absentee Resident or to secure an Absentee Ballot or