

the precinct and ward or district in which he is registered shall be entered in a book or books marked "Applications of Registered Absentee Residents". If the applicant is not registered, or if the Board cannot determine whether or not the applicant is registered, such record and the precinct and ward or district in which his home address is located shall be entered in a book or books marked "Applications of Unregistered Absentee Residents". Such books shall also show the date on which an Absentee Ballot was mailed to the applicant. Upon receipt of an Absentee Ballot from an unregistered Absentee Resident, said Board shall determine from the oath on said Ballot Envelope hereinafter provided for, whether said applicant is entitled to be registered, under the provisions of this sub-title and if such applicant is entitled to be registered he shall at once be registered and the letters "A. R." placed after his name in or on the appropriate registration book or card. His registration and the date thereof shall also be noted in the book marked "Application of Unregistered Absentee Residents". The books herein provided for shall be open to inspection of any candidate or his duly authorized representative, and to the War Ballot Commission or its representatives.

272. Mailing Ballots. (a) *Duties of Board.* It shall be the duty of the Board to meet as frequently as may be necessary to examine promptly applications for Absentee Ballots, and unless the Board shall be unable to ascertain from an application the identity of the applicant or the address to which the Ballot requested is to be sent, or unless the Board determines to its satisfaction that the applicant is not an Absentee Resident, it shall, as soon as possible after receipt of the application, mail each Absentee Resident an Absentee Ballot, consistent with the said Absentee Resident's party affiliation, if any (but if the Absentee Resident has indicated no party affiliation and if the request for an Absentee Ballot is for a primary election, the Board shall be under no duty to send the said Absentee any Ballot whatsoever), Ballot Envelope, Return Envelope and Instructions. The Board shall meet as often as may be necessary for the aforesaid purposes. The Board shall mail, postage prepaid, if postage is required, an Absentee Ballot, Ballot Envelope, Return Envelope, and the Instructions to each Absentee Resident from whom a proper application for such ballot has been received, as promptly as possible.

(b) *One Ballot to Applicant.* Not more than one Absentee Ballot shall be mailed to any one applicant unless the Board has reasonable grounds to believe that the Absentee Ballot previously mailed has been lost, destroyed or spoiled.

(c) *No Contest in Primary.* Should there be no contest in the several political parties entitled to hold a primary, then the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City need not meet before the time normally set for a primary election, as herein otherwise required.

273. Form of Ballot. (a) *Return Envelope.* The Board shall cause to be printed an adequate number of Absentee Ballots for each political party holding a primary election, and an adequate number of Absentee Ballots for the general election, of the three kinds of envelopes hereinafter described and of instructions. The words "Absentee Ballot" shall be printed in large letters in a clear space at the top of each of said ballots. The ward and precinct or polling