

*candidate but such vote shall not invalidate the remainder of such ballot.*

**275. Registration of Voter.** (a) *Duty of Board.* Upon receipt by the Board at any time prior to the closing of the polls on election day of an Absentee Ballot Envelope from an Absentee Resident, said Board shall forthwith determine whether such Absentee Resident is already registered as a voter. If such Absentee Resident is registered, his Absentee Ballot shall be safely kept by the Board and counted and canvassed at the proper time as in this sub-title provided. If the Board shall determine that such Absentee is not registered or if the Board is unable to determine whether such Absentee Resident is or is not registered, said Board shall accept the information, set forth in his duly executed oath on the said Ballot Envelope, as prima facie accurate and correct, and if such information discloses that said Absentee Resident is (1) citizen of the United States, (2) will be twenty-one years or older on the day of the election for which said ballot is offered, (3) has been a resident of Maryland for a year preceding said election, (4) has been a resident for six (6) months preceding the day of said election of the election district or ward in which his residence in Baltimore City is located, and (5) is not disqualified to vote by the commission of crime, said Board shall register such Absentee Resident, and shall then safely keep said Absentee Ballot and count and canvass the same as provided in this sub-title.

(b) *Records of Registration.* The signature of such Absentee Resident in subscribing said oath shall be accepted in lieu of the customary signature of voters in the registration books or cards; provided, however, that such Absentee Resident shall not be entitled to be registered if said Board shall determine upon proof or investigation that any of the material information contained in said oath is not true. The names of all persons whom the Board shall determine are entitled to be registered under this sub-title shall be written on the appropriate registration books or cards by the Clerk of the Board, or by election officials designated by the said Board, and after each name shall be placed the letters "A. R." In addition, the other information usually placed on the registration books or cards shall be entered to the extent the same is contained in said oath. The Board shall retain for a period of three years all oaths of Absentee Residents registered by them, and such oaths shall be considered the best evidence of the facts recited therein in any contest involving the validity of any registration hereunder.

(c) *Effect of Registration.* When properly registered under this sub-title, an Absentee Resident shall continue as a registered voter to the same extent and for the same period he would be registered had he appeared in person and been registered under the provisions of the election laws in force in Baltimore City, exclusive of this sub-title.

**276. Honorably Discharged Absentee.** No honorably discharged Absentee Resident, referred to in sub-section (d) of Section 268 of this sub-title, who has been discharged more than one month before the last registration day prior to an election, shall be entitled to register under this sub-title. Any honorably discharged Absentee Resident, referred to in said sub-section (d), who has been discharged later than one month before the last registration day prior