

is committed to them by any Act of Congress providing for voting by persons who are Absentee Residents, and to accept and expend any funds made available to them or to the City of Baltimore by Congress for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith, including their services. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to use any and all facilities that may be furnished by the United States or any department, commission or agency thereof, pursuant to any Act of Congress or otherwise, for the purpose of transmitting to and from Absentee Residents applications for absentee ballots, envelopes, instructions and all other printed matter that may be permitted to be transmitted by any Act of Congress and generally to co-operate in every way with military and civil officers of the United States and with all such departments, commissions and agencies thereof in order to enable such persons to vote.

**281. War Ballot Commission.** (a) *Members.* There is hereby created a War Ballot Commission of Baltimore City (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") which shall be composed of the Mayor of Baltimore City, the President of the City Council, the City Solicitor, W. Frank Roberts and the Hon. J. Abner Sayler. Said Officers shall hold membership on the said Commission *ex-officio*, for the time during which they continue to occupy their respective offices, and vacancies among individuals named to the Commission shall be filled by the Mayor by appointment of a member of the political party necessary to maintain bipartisan representation between the two major political parties. The Commission shall meet on call of the Mayor and, in the case of his absence or disability, on the call of the President of the City Council, or any three members. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum and the vote of the majority of those present at any meeting of the Commission shall be necessary for decision on any matter before the Commission. The Commission is authorized to appoint and remove at pleasure such employees as may be necessary for the performance of its duties under this sub-title and their compensation shall be provided for by the Board of Estimates in the Annual Ordinance of Estimates. Employment by the Commission hereunder shall not entitle the person so employed to the benefits of any pension laws of Baltimore City.

(b) *Expenses.* Members of the Commission shall be paid their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder. The Commission may receive assistance, financial or otherwise, from the United States or any departments, commissions or agencies thereof in carrying out the purpose of this sub-title.

(c) *Rules and Regulations.* The Commission is authorized and empowered to make any and all rules and regulations deemed necessary or useful to effectuate the carrying out of the provisions of this sub-title, including particularly, but, without limitation, rules and regulations governing the form, type, sizes of type, color of absentee ballots, the arrangement of names of candidates on said ballots, the location of Charter amendments, referenda or other questions, if any, and all other necessary matters concerning Absentee Ballots, ballot envelopes, return envelopes, instructions and any other necessary forms. Dimensions of the Absentee Ballot Envelopes and any other materials shall be such that all balloting material can be conveniently folded in a covering envelope not larger