

CHAPTER 317

(House Bill 142)

AN ACT to add new Sections 288-301, inclusive, to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Elections," to follow immediately after Section 287 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Uniform Act for Voting by Non-Residents in Presidential Elections," providing for voting by new residents of Maryland in presidential elections, exempting such persons from residence and registration requirements applicable to other persons, establishing procedures therefor, and providing penalties for false statements on affidavits.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 288-301, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Elections," to follow immediately after Section 287 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Uniform Act for Voting by Non-Residents in Presidential Elections," and all to read as follows:

Uniform Act for Voting by Non-Residents in
Presidential Elections

288.

Each citizen of the United States who has been a resident of this State for less than one year on the day before the day of a presidential election, may vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors at that election, but for no other officers or matters submitted to the voters, provided (a) he shall have resided in the ward or election district where he offers to vote at least forty-five days next preceding such presidential election, (b) otherwise possesses the substantive qualifications to vote in this State, except the requirements of residence and registration, and (c) complies with the provisions of this act.

289.

The Board of Election Supervisors of each county and Baltimore City shall designate an officer or employee, who in addition to his other duties, if any, shall act and be known as the "Registrar of New Resident Voters," and who may have one or more authorized deputies. As used in this act, the term "Registrar" refers to said Registrar of New Resident Voters or his authorized deputy. The registrar shall be available during normal office hours at the office of the Board of Election Supervisors or other appropriate place, during the period of twenty-five days preceding any general presidential election.

290.

A person desiring to qualify under this act to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors shall make an application in the form of an affidavit executed in duplicate in the presence of the registrar, substantially as follows: