

3-9. Procedure for change of address, name or party affiliation.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3-8 of this Article, notification of removal to another district or precinct within the city or county, as the case may be, or of a change of name, or a request for designation or change of party affiliation, may be made either by written notice sent by mail, or by making application in person at the office of the board or other place of registration, or by written notice to the board signed by the voter requesting that the proper form for providing such written notification be mailed to the voter.

(b) Upon receiving such written notice, the board shall cause the signature to be compared with the original registration records of such applicant, and if such signature appears to be the same, such change of residence, name, or affiliation shall be made on the original and duplicate registration records and the registrant shall be immediately notified by mail of the change so made.

(c) If the board is not satisfied as to the signature on the written notice or that the change should be made, notice shall be sent to the applicant by mail directing him to appear at the office of the board to answer such questions under oath as may be deemed necessary. If an applicant so notified fails to appear at the office of the board as directed no such entry of change of residence, or name, or affiliation shall be made.

REGISTRATION—HOW AND BY WHOM CONDUCTED**3-10. Registrars; appointment, powers and duties.**

(a) Each board shall appoint two registrars who shall comprise the board of registry as provided for in Section 2-6 of this article, except that one shall be appointed by the member of the board who shall have been selected from the principal minority party and shall be removable by such member of the board in his discretion ~~or~~ BUT NOT by the vote of a majority of the members of the board. Each board in its discretion may also set up supplemental boards of registry as from time to time may be deemed necessary to aid and expedite the work of the board of registry; such supplemental boards of registry shall consist of at least two members, each of opposite political parties and shall be appointed, one by the board member representing the majority party and one by the board member representing the principal minority party.

(b) The supplemental boards of registry shall have, in the performance of their duties, authority to keep the peace and to preserve order and enforce obedience to their lawful command at and around their places of registration; to keep access to such places open and unobstructed; to prevent and suppress riots, tumult, violence, and disorder; and to prevent any improper practices at and around their places of registration. They may compel by summons the presence of witnesses before them for any purposes connected with the duties of their office.

(c) They shall have the power to issue any summons to the Sheriff of any county or Baltimore City or to any constable or police officer thereof; and such process shall be served by said officers in the same manner as if issued by a court of record having jurisdiction of the subject matter or by a justice of the peace exercising police powers within such respective jurisdictions, the said officers serving any of said process to receive the same fees as in other State cases.