

~~[(e)] (b)~~ Any qualified voter who is a full-time and regular student in a bona fide school, college, hospital or similar institution and who is unavoidably absent from the county or Baltimore City where he is registered to vote on any election day; and

~~[(d)] (c)~~ (B) Any qualified person as defined in Section 27-2 of this article.

27-2.

(a) Any qualified voter whose physical disability confines him to a hospital or causes him to be confined to bed and prevents or will prevent him from being present and personally voting at the polls on any election day shall also be entitled to vote as an absentee voter under this subtitle. Such voter shall make application for an absentee ballot as provided in Section 27-4 of this article and in addition shall obtain a certificate from a duly licensed physician of this State. The certificate shall state that the voter is mentally competent to vote in elections in this State, and that because of illness or injury which confines him to a hospital or causes him to be confined to bed, the voter is now, or will be, prevented from voting personally at the election. The certificate shall be received and filed, together with the application, in the office of the board of supervisors of elections not later than ~~ten (10)~~ SEVEN (7) days prior to any election. Thereafter the board shall mail to the voter entitled thereto an absentee ballot. In all other respects, absentee voting as provided for in this section shall be similar to and controlled by the applicable procedure provided by law for absentee voting.

(a-1) Within ~~[ten (10)]~~ *seven (7)* days of an election and on the day of the election prior to the time the polls close, any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote may apply for an emergency absentee ballot if, as a condition of his employment, he is required to be absent from the ~~[State]~~ *county or Baltimore City where he is registered to vote* on the day of an election, or is unable to be physically present at the polls as a result of illness or accident occurring after the time of making application for an absentee ballot. The application shall be made under oath, setting forth the reason why the voter is unable to be present at the polls on the day of the election and shall be accompanied by a statement under oath by the voter's employer stating that the voter will be unable to vote on election day because of absence caused by his employment, or a certificate from a duly licensed physician stating that the voter, because of illness or injury, is confined to the hospital or bed and will be unable to vote in person at the polls, whichever is applicable. Upon receipt of the application, the board, if satisfied that the person cannot, in fact, be present at the polling place on the day of the election, shall issue to the applicant, or his duly authorized agent, an absentee ballot which shall be marked by the voter, placed in a sealed envelope, and returned to the board. If the applicant does not apply in person, the application shall designate a voter registered in the same county or Baltimore City as agent for the purpose of delivering the absentee ballot to the voter, and the agent shall execute an affidavit that the ballot was delivered to the voter who submitted the application, was marked by the voter in the agent's presence, was placed in a sealed envelope in the agent's presence, and returned, under seal, to the board by the agent. For the purposes of this subsection duly author-