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A person who has been found not guilty of any crime by reason of insanity at the time of the commission of the act, in the discretion of the court, may be committed to the Department of Mental Hygiene for confinement in one of the facilities of the State for examination and evaluation to determine, by the standards applicable to civil admission proceedings under Sections 11 and 12 of this article, whether such person by reason of mental disorder would, if he becomes a free agent, be a danger to himself or to the safety of the person or property of others. Upon the basis of the report by the facility, and any other evidence before it, the court may in its discretion, direct that the person be confined in a facility designated by the Department for treatment. He shall at any time after three (3) months from the date of his confinement [of] for examination and evaluation have the right to apply for his release pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 of this article. *Before a hearing on such application and petition shall be held the applicant shall present a copy of the application and petition to the State's attorney of Baltimore City or the county from which the defendant was committed.* Upon a negative report by the facility, the court having jurisdiction shall order the person promptly released unless good cause for a contrary determination as to dangerousness is shown by the State's attorney.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 29, 1971

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CHAPTER 262

(House Bill 4)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27-8(c) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement) title "Election Code," subtitle "Absentee Voting," to eliminate the requirement that absentee voters sign the oath in the presence of a witness, and generally relating to the election laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 27-8(c) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Absentee Voting," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(c) After sealing the Ballot Envelope, you must [ , in the presence of a witness, ] fill in the blanks in the "Oath of Absentee Resident" on the Ballot Envelope(s) and sign (Do not print) your name on the line indicated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect ~~June~~ JULY 1, 1971.

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