

~~Absentee Voters," "REGISTRATION OF VOTERS—GENERAL PROVISIONS," to permit a citizen of the U.S. temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S., and full-time and regular students in bona fide schools, colleges, hospitals or similar institutions, outside of the county or City of Baltimore in which he permanently resides to register and reregister by casting his absentee ballot TO PERMIT ANY CONSTITUTIONALLY QUALIFIED VOTER IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES TO REGISTER AND REREGISTER BY CASTING HIS ABSENTEE BALLOT.~~

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3-7 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitle "~~Registration of Absentee Voters~~" "~~REGISTRATION OF VOTERS—GENERAL PROVISIONS~~", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3-7.

(a) Any qualified voter whose physical disability confines him to a hospital or causes him to be confined to bed and permanently prevents him from being present to register or reregister at the office of any board or with any board of registry, shall be allowed to register or reregister by casting his absentee ballot.

(b) ~~Any qualified voter who is: (1) a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States or any component thereof, including those honorably discharged therefrom within thirty (30) days prior to the last registration day prior to an election, and including his spouse or children; (2) a person employed as an officer or member of the crew of any vessel documented under the laws of the United States or enrolled for such employment with the federal government, and his spouse or children; (3) a civilian employee of the United States in all categories serving outside the United States, whether or not subject to the civil service laws, and whether or not paid from funds appropriated by Congress, and his spouse or children; (4) any person serving within the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends and Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, and the United Service Organization who is attached to or serving with the armed forces of the United States outside the United States, and his spouse or children [;]; [shall be allowed to register and reregister by casting his absentee ballot. For purposes of this subsection, a voter shall be deemed and held to have resided continuously in the precinct in which he resided at the time he first left to become absent and engaged in such service for the entire period he has been so absent and engaged.] (5) a citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and his spouse and children; (6) a full-time and regular student in a bona-fide school, college, hospital or similar institution outside the county or Baltimore City in which he permanently resides, shall be allowed to register and reregister by casting his absentee ballot. For purposes of this subsection, a voter shall be deemed and held to have resided continuously in the precinct in which he resided at the time he first left to become absent or engaged in such service for the entire period he has been so absent or engaged.~~