

(B) ANY CONSTITUTIONALLY QUALIFIED VOTER IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES SHALL BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER AND REREGISTER BY CASTING HIS ABSENTEE BALLOT:

(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 DEPENDENTS;

(2) A PERSON 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 DEPENDENTS;

(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 DEPENDENTS;

(4) ANY PERSON SERVING WITH 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 DEPENDENTS;

(5) ANY CITIZEN AND RESIDENT WHO IS CONTINUOUSLY ABSENT FROM HIS COUNTY OF RESIDENCE, OR, IN THE CASE OF A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, FROM BALTIMORE CITY FOR THE THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BEFORE ANY ELECTION, PROVIDING HIS APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND VOTING IS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD IN HIS COUNTY OR CITY OF RESIDENCE NO LATER THAN THE FIFTH MONDAY WHICH IS FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTION FOR WHICH HE APPLIES FOR VOTING.

(C) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, 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.

~~(e)~~ (D) When properly registered under this section, a person shall continue as a registered voter to the same extent and for the same period that he would be registered had he appeared in person and been registered under the provisions of the election laws of Maryland, exclusive of this section.

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

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