

closing of the polls on election day. No ballot shall be rejected by the board except by the unanimous vote of the entire board. This canvass shall be conducted *by district or ward and precinct* in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 14-1 of this article. All voters' applications, medical certificates, notarial affidavits, certifications, ballot envelopes and ballots shall be kept separate and apart from ballots cast at the regular voting places and retained for six (6) months after the date of election at which they were cast, unless prior to that time, the board shall be ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, to keep the same for any longer period. The several boards are hereby granted authority to appoint such numbers of temporary judges as said boards may deem necessary to adequately and promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

27-11.

The State Administrative Board of Election Laws and the boards are hereby severally authorized and empowered to do any and all acts, the carrying out of which is committed to them by any act of Congress providing for voting by persons who are absentee voters, and to accept and expend any funds made available to [him or] them or to the State of Maryland by Congress for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith, including their services. The State Administrative Board of Election Laws and the several boards are hereby severally authorized and empowered to use any and all facilities that may be furnished by the United States or any department, commission or agency thereof, pursuant to any act of Congress or otherwise, for the purpose of transmitting to and from absentee voters applications for absentee ballots, envelopes, instructions and all other printed matter that may be permitted to be transmitted by any act of Congress and generally to cooperate in every way with military and civil officers of the United States and with all such departments, commissions and agencies thereof in order to enable such persons to vote.

[3-19.

No person's name shall be removed from the registry during his service in the armed forces of the United States or while qualified to vote as an absentee as herein otherwise provided.]

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That Section 59 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "1. The Executive Department," subheading "Governor," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 41.

59.

The Governor is authorized and empowered to employ such clerical help as may be necessary to assist in the Executive Department in preparing and attending to such election business as is now, or may hereafter by law be assigned to that Department, or to the [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws*; and the sum of two thousand dollars per annum, or so much thereof as may be