

(b) Any constitutionally qualified voter in the following categories shall be allowed to register and reregister by casting his absentee ballot. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, ALL APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-4(A) OF THIS ARTICLE:

(1) A member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States or any component thereof, including those honorably discharged therefrom during the period beginning thirty (30) days prior to the last registration day prior to an election and continuing up to and including the date of the election, and including his spouse or dependents, AND HIS APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD IN HIS COUNTY OR CITY OF RESIDENCE NO LATER THAN 8 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION;

(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, either of whom may apply for registration and voting during those thirty (30) days, providing his application 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[.]; AND

(6) ANY OTHERWISE QUALIFIED VOTER WHOSE CONFINEMENT IN OR RESTRICTION TO AN INSTITUTION PREVENTS HIM FROM BEING PRESENT TO REGISTER OR REREGISTER AT THE OFFICE OF ANY BOARD OR WITH ANY BOARD OF REGISTRY.

(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.

(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.

27-2.

(a) Any qualified voter whose physical disability OR CONFINEMENT IN OR RESTRICTION TO AN INSTITUTION 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 § 27-4 of this article. The application shall be filed in the office of the board of supervisors of elections not