

## BEL AIR

UNDER THE LAWS OF THE TOWN OF BEL AIR OR OF MARYLAND." SUCH DELIVERY OR MAILING SHALL BE CONCLUDED NOT LATER THAN FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION DAY.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL CONTAIN THE WORDS "ABSENTEE BALLOT", PRINTED IN LARGE LETTERS IN A CLEAR SPACE AT THE TOP OF EACH BALLOT, AND OTHERWISE SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLOTS AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

(C) THE BOARD OF ELECTION JUDGES SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOTS AS THEY ARE RECEIVED SHOWING THE DATE AND TIME RECEIVED, THE NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THE APPLICANTS, AND SUCH RECORDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION BY ANY REGISTERED VOTER.

(D) AFTER APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT AND THE MAILING TO THE APPLICANT OF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION RECORD CARD KEPT IN THE ELECTION POLL BOOK OF THE TOWN OF BEL AIR SHALL BE REMOVED AND PLACED IN A SEPARATE BINDER MARKED "REGISTERED ABSENTEE VOTERS" AND RETAINED IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE TOWN OF BEL AIR. A MARKER SHALL BE PLACED IN THE ELECTION POLL BOOK WITH THE VOTER'S NAME AND RECORDING THE FACT THAT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT HAS BEEN MAILED, WHICH SHALL SHOW THE DATE ON WHICH THE BALLOT WAS SENT. NO SUCH VOTERS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN PERSON AT ANY POLLING PLACE. AFTER THE BOARD OF ELECTION JUDGES HAS MADE RETURN OF THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE BALLOT IS ISSUED, EACH VOTER'S REGISTRATION CARD SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE POLL BOOK.

(IV) (A) THE BOARD OF ELECTION JUDGES SHALL NOT OPEN OR UNFOLD ANY ABSENTEE BALLOTS AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS AND THE BEGINNING OF THE CANVASS OF THE BALLOTS.

AT ANY TIME AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS AND NOT LATER THAN THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE REGULAR VOTING PLACES IN THE TOWN AT ANY ELECTION, THE BOARD OF ELECTION JUDGES SHALL MEET AND PROCEED TO COUNT, CERTIFY AND CANVASS THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS CONTAINED IN THE BALLOT ENVELOPES RECEIVED BY THEM PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY. NO BALLOT SHALL BE REJECTED BY THE BOARD EXCEPT BY THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE ENTIRE BOARD. ALL VOTERS' APPLICATIONS, MEDICAL CERTIFICATES, NOTARIAL AFFIDAVITS, CERTIFICATIONS, BALLOT ENVELOPES AND BALLOTS SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE AND APART FROM BALLOTS CASE AT THE REGULAR VOTING PLACES AND RETAINED FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE 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.