

## MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

(B) ANY ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTED FOR A PERSON WHO HAS CEASED TO BE A CANDIDATE SHALL NOT BE COUNTED FOR SUCH CANDIDATE BUT SUCH VOTE SHALL NOT INVALIDATE THE REMAINDER OF SUCH BALLOT.

(C) WHENEVER THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE FROM PROOF OR INVESTIGATION THAT ANY PERSON WHO HAS MARKED, TRANSMITTED OR DEPOSITED IN PERSON WITH THE BOARD AN ABSENTEE BALLOT HAS DIED BEFORE ELECTION DAY, THE BOARD SHALL NOT COUNT THE BALLOT OF SAID DECEASED VOTER.

(D) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THE PROVISIONS FOR FILLING OUT AND SIGNING THE OATH ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BALLOT ENVELOPE HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIED WITH AND THAT THE PERSON SIGNING THE VOTER'S OATH IS ENTITLED TO VOTE UNDER THIS SECTION AND HAS NOT ALREADY VOTED ON ELECTION DAY, THEY SHALL OPEN THE BALLOT ENVELOPE AND REMOVE THE BALLOT THEREFROM AND PLACE IT IN THE BALLOT BOX OR BALLOT BOXES PREPARED FOR THAT PURPOSE. WHEN ANY BALLOT ENVELOPE IS OPENED, THE BOARD SHALL ENTER IN THE ELECTION POLL BOOK THE FACT THAT THE VOTER WHOSE NAME APPEARS THEREON HAS VOTED USING THE INITIALS "A. B." TO INDICATE THE VOTE HAS BEEN BY ABSENTEE BALLOT. IF THERE BE MORE THAN ONE (1) BALLOT IN THE BALLOT ENVELOPE, ALL SHALL BE REJECTED. ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAY BE MARKED BY ANY KIND OF PENCIL OR INK. IF ANY BOARD RECEIVES FROM THE SAME PERSON PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY MORE THAN ONE (1) ABSENTEE BALLOT, IT SHALL COUNT, CERTIFY AND CANVASS ONLY THE ABSENTEE BALLOT CONTAINED IN THE BALLOT ENVELOPE ON WHICH THE VOTER'S OATH IS FIRST EXECUTED, AND IF THE OATH ON TWO (2) OR MORE BALLOTS' ENVELOPE CONTAINING ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS DATED THE SAME OR IF BOTH ARE UNDATED, NONE OF THE BALLOTS RECEIVED FROM SUCH PERSON SHALL BE COUNTED.

(V) CONTESTS CONCERNING REGISTRATION, VOTING OR THE VALIDITY OF ANY BALLOT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DECIDED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTION JUDGES. NO REGISTRATION SHALL BE DENIED AND NO BALLOT REJECTED EXCEPT BY THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE ENTIRE BOARD. ANY CANDIDATE OR ABSENTEE VOTER AGGRIEVED BY ANY DECISION OR ACTION OF SUCH BOARD SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARFORD COUNTY TO REVIEW SUCH DECISION. SUCH APPEALS SHALL BE PROSECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH APPLY TO APPEALS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES.

(VI) ANYONE WHO WILLFULLY SIGNS ANY FALSE APPLICATION OR OATH DESCRIBED HEREUNDER OR WHO WILLFULLY DOES ANY ACT CONTRARY TO THE TERMS OF PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION WITH INTENT TO CASE AN ILLEGAL VOTE OR TO AID ANOTHER IN DOING SO OR WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION OR WHO