

disclosed or reported by precinct. 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 months after the date of election at which they were cast, unless prior to that time, the board is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, to keep the same for any longer period. The several boards may appoint such numbers of temporary judges as the boards may deem necessary to adequately and promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

(g) If any board receives from the same person POSTMARKED prior to the DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS [ closing of the polls on election day ] more than one absentee ballot, it shall count, certify and canvass only the absentee ballot contained in the ballot envelope on which the voter's oath was first executed, and if the oath on two or more of the ballot envelopes containing absentee ballots are dated the same or if both are undated, none of the ballots received from such person shall be counted.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 27-9(c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), respectively, of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, be renumbered to be Section(s) 27-9(e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), respectively.

SECTION -2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

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#### CHAPTER 250

(Senate Bill 13)

AN ACT concerning

#### Vehicle Laws - Sovereign Immunity

FOR the purpose of barring the defense of sovereign or governmental immunity to a certain extent in certain judicial proceedings based on the negligent ~~or wrongful~~ use of a motor vehicle while in government service or performing a task of benefit to the government; and generally relating to the defense of sovereign or governmental immunity in certain motor vehicle accident cases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,