

then be destroyed, unless prior to that time the board is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction to keep the same for any longer period. If at or prior to the time of such counting and canvassing the board shall not have determined that the absentee resident who marked a ballot had died before election day, said ballot shall be counted, and the fact that said absentee resident may later be shown to have been actually dead on election day shall not invalidate said ballot or said election.

(h) If the board determines that 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 subtitle in any precinct of their respective county or city, as the case may be, and has not already voted therein on election day, they shall open the ballot envelope and remove the ballot therefrom and [place it in a ballot box or ballot boxes prepared for that purpose] THE BALLOT SHALL BE PLACED BY THE BOARD IN A SECURE PLACE TO WHICH THE PUBLIC HAS NO ACCESS. When any ballot envelope is opened, the board shall enter in the appropriate register 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 ballot in the ballot envelope, all shall be rejected except when two elections are held on the same day and a voter is voting in both elections and the voter returns both absentee ballots in the ballot envelope provided. Absentee ballots may be marked by any kind of pencil or ink.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 8, 1984.

CHAPTER 3

(Senate Bill 915)

AN ACT concerning

Professional ~~Football~~ Sports - Sunday Play

FOR the purpose of permitting a professional ~~football~~ sports team in this State to play a game at any time after a certain time on Sunday; and repealing certain laws inconsistent with this Act.