

and sealed in this Ballot Envelope; that I am not now disfranchised from voting by reason of any offense committed against the laws of Maryland. I desire to be registered as (If not now registered, indicate party affiliation desired. If no party is indicated, you will be registered without any party affiliation.)

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 (Absentee Resident must SIGN his name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 19.....

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 (Commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, not below the rank of sergeant, or petty officer.)

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 (Rank)"

(The foregoing oath shall be used for the national election of 1944. For any prior or subsequent election, either general or special, the same oath shall be used except that the date of such election shall be inserted in lieu of November 7, 1944.)

Said oath shall be printed on the Ballot Envelope herein provided for; provided, however, that any oath printed on any Ballot Envelope pursuant to any Act of Congress disclosing the age, citizenship, length and place of residence, and status, either in the armed forces of the United States, or otherwise, entitling the affiant, if otherwise qualified, to vote under this sub-title, shall have the same effect for all purposes under this sub-title as has the oath above directed to be printed on the State Ballot Envelope.

The printed instructions shall be as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER.

Enclosed herewith are a State Absentee Ballot, Ballot Envelope and a Return Envelope for use in returning the ballot. You are entitled to vote if you are a member of the armed forces of the United States. You are also entitled to vote if you are a member of the Merchant Marine, not in service or enrolled for service on the Great Lakes or Inland Waterways of the United States, with the American Red Cross, or other organization covered by the Absentee Voting Law, serving with the armed forces of the United States outside of the United States.

(a) Examine the ballot before marking. When once marked, DO NOT ERASE, as an erasure will invalidate the ballot. Mark the ballot with either pencil or ink by placing an X in