

their compensation; imposing certain duties on the Secretary of State and the several Supervisors of Elections of the counties and of Baltimore City in connection with the carrying out of the provisions of this Act; authorizing the Secretary of State and said Supervisors of Elections to do any and all acts, the performance of which is committed to them by any federal statute or statutes providing for voting by mail by such residents, and to accept any funds made available by Congress to defray the costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith; authorizing and empowering the Secretary of State, the War Ballot Commission, created by this Act, and all election officials of the State of Maryland, to use any and all facilities, that may be furnished by the United States, or any department, commission or agency thereof, for the purpose of enabling such residents to register and vote by mail, as in this Act provided, and generally to cooperate in every way with the military and civil officers of the United States and all departments, commissions and agencies thereof, to enable such persons so to do; creating a War Ballot Commission and defining the powers and authority thereof; making Sections 63 to 68, both inclusive, of Article 33 of said Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), as amended, and all provisions of law requiring the declaration of intention by such residents inapplicable to such residents; providing that this Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes; making certain acts criminal offenses and prescribing penalties therefor; suspending all laws inconsistent with this Act to the extent of such inconsistency; providing for the severability of the various provisions of this Act; providing that this Act shall terminate June 1, 1945, or upon the issuance of a proclamation by the Governor as therein provided, whichever the first occurs; and providing that this Act shall take effect June 1, 1944.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 304 to 315, both inclusive, of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), as amended, title "Elections", sub-title "Voting by Mail", be and the same are hereby repealed. The repeal of these sections shall not invalidate or in any way affect (a) the nominations of candidates for any office, including Delegates to State Conventions or primary meetings of any political party, (b) the election of such Delegates, (c) any applications for ballots of all persons entitled to apply for the same under said sections and under this Act, or either of them, or (d) any other acts or things,