

(If in Merchant Marine attesting officer may be a Master, First Officer, Chief Engineer or Purser.)

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(If the above form is used, detach it, fill in the blanks, and enclose in the Return Envelope.)

137. *The several Boards shall have printed Absentee Ballots in the form provided for in this sub-title, together with envelopes and instructions, not less than 55 days prior to an election, and shall begin mailing said Ballots, envelopes and instructions to Absentee Residents immediately after the same have been printed.*

In the event that any candidate whose name is printed on any Absentee Ballot shall die or shall decline to be, or continue as a candidate, or if a vacancy occurs from any other cause, the War Ballot Commission provided for in this sub-title shall have authority to determine whether to reprint said Ballots with the name of any new candidate; provided, however, that said Ballot shall not be reprinted if said new candidate is not certified to the Secretary of State or Board of Supervisors of Elections, as the case may be, at least 60 days prior to the date of such election. If no new Ballots are printed, as herein provided, the War Ballot Commission shall, to the greatest possible extent, give to the Absentee Residents concerned information as to the name of any such new candidate, his party affiliation, the office which he seeks, and the name of the candidate in whose place he is nominated. In any such case, the Absentee Resident desiring to vote for such new candidate may do so by writing in the name of such candidate in the blank space to be provided in the Absentee Ballot.

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.

138. *Every Absentee Resident, as herein defined, shall be entitled to vote in the manner provided in this sub-title for candidates for State-wide, Congressional, judicial, legislative and local offices, and for the delegates and party committees hereinafter mentioned, in the primary election and general election to be held in any year, and also to vote in said manner upon constitutional amendments and other questions which may be submitted to the voters. The term "local offices", as used herein, shall include all County offices and similar offices in Baltimore City, but shall not include municipal offices of an incorporated city or town for which candidates are elected in municipal elections.*

All nominations made by the State conventions of the political parties shall be certified promptly to the Secretary of State, who shall immediately thereafter certify to the proper