

immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 3 .

(Senate Bill 3)

AN ACT to add twenty-five (25) new sections to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Elections", said new sections to be known as Sections 129-153, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 128 of said Article and to be under the new sub-title "Voting by Mail", declaring the policy of the General Assembly in enacting this Act; making certain definitions; providing, under certain conditions, means of voting by mail at certain elections held in this State by certain residents of the State of Maryland absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, as in this Act defined; providing, under certain conditions, means of registration by said residents; relating to the appointment of temporary Judges of Elections and temporary Boards of Registry and of substitute Supervisors of Elections in certain cases, defining their powers and duties and dealing with 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; providing that this Act shall be