

to be, or continue as, a candidate, or if a vacancy occurs from any other cause, the War Ballot Commission of Baltimore City, 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 Ballots shall not be reprinted if said new candidate is not certified to the Board of Supervisors of Elections at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of such election. If no new Ballots are printed, as herein provided, the War Ballot Commission of Baltimore City shall, to the greatest possible extent, give the Absentee Residents concerned information as to the name of any such new candidate, and of the office for which he seeks to be nominated, 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 the person who has ceased to be a candidate shall not be counted for any candidate for that office but such vote shall not invalidate the remainder of such ballot.

239-I. Upon receipt by the Board at any time prior to the closing of the polls on election day of an Absentee Ballot Envelope from an Absentee Resident, said Board shall forthwith determine whether such Absentee Resident is already registered as a voter. If such Absentee Resident is registered, his Absentee Ballot shall be safely kept by the Board and counted and canvassed at the proper time as in this sub-title provided. If the Board shall determine that such Absentee is not registered or if the Board is unable to determine whether such Absentee Resident is or is not registered, said Board shall accept the information, set forth in his duly executed oath on the said Ballot Envelope, as prima facie accurate and correct, and if such information discloses that said Absentee Resident is (a) citizen of the United States, (b) will be twenty-one years or older on the day of the election for which said ballot is offered, (c) has been a resident of Maryland for a year preceding said election, (d) has been a resident for six (6) months preceding the day of said election of the election district or ward in which his residence in Baltimore City is located, and (e) is not disqualified to vote by the commission of crime, said Board shall register such Absentee Resident, and shall then safely keep said absentee ballot and count and canvass the same as provided in this sub-title.

The signature of such Absentee Resident in subscribing said oath shall be accepted in lieu of the customary signa-