

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MD., July 26, 1950.

Honorable Joseph R. Byrnes,
President of the Senate,
State House,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. President:

I beg to transmit herewith copy of my message to the General Assembly of Maryland in Extraordinary Session at Annapolis, Maryland; on Thursday, July 27th, at 12 o'clock Noon, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. PRESTON LANE, JR.,

Governor.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

*To the President and Gentlemen of the Senate, and to the
Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

Acting under the authority vested in me by Section 16 of Article II of the Constitution, I have summoned you to Annapolis for an extraordinary session of the General Assembly specifically to deal with three matters relating to the forthcoming State elections.

Crucial days are upon us, and in one of the legislative proposals to be laid before you for consideration is reflected the grave responsibilities we have shouldered in defense of our national security.

There will be presented to you for consideration the following legislation:

(1) A proposed change in the election statutes to provide for the holding of the primary elections on September 18, rather than on September 11, as now provided by law, in order to avoid conflict with a solemn religious holiday of persons of the Jewish faith.

(2) A proposed change in the statutes regulating the registration of voters in Baltimore City. This change would permit an additional day of precinct registration in Baltimore City on August 14, and further make provision for three additional days of registration between the primary and general elections, on October 2, 3, and 4.

(3) The third proposal is the re-enactment of the Absentee Voting Law for servicemen and women in essentially the same form as the