

States, he shall so proclaim; and thirty days after such proclamation, the suspension of section 2470 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, shall terminate.

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective the day following its enactment, and shall terminate on June 30, 1944.

Effective period.

Approved, September 16, 1942.

[CHAPTER 561]

AN ACT

To provide for a method of voting, in time of war, by members of the land and naval forces absent from the place of their residence.

September 16, 1942
[H. R. 7416]
[Public Law 712]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SPECIAL METHOD OF VOTING IN TIME OF WAR

SECTION 1. In time of war, notwithstanding any provision of State law relating to the registration of qualified voters, every individual absent from the place of his residence and serving in the land or naval forces of the United States, including the members of the Army Nurse Corps, the Navy Nurse Corps, the Women's Navy Reserve, and the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who is or was eligible to register for and is qualified to vote at any election under the law of the State of his residence, shall be entitled, as provided in this Act, to vote for electors of President and Vice President of the United States, United States Senators, and Representatives in Congress.

Absentee voting by members of land and naval forces.

SEC. 2. No person in military service in time of war shall be required, as a condition of voting in any election for President, Vice President, electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Member of the House of Representatives, to pay any poll tax or other tax or make any other payment to any State or political subdivision thereof.

Poll-tax exemption.

APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL WAR BALLOTS

SEC. 3. Every member of the land or naval forces of the United States absent from the place of his residence may make request of the secretary of state of the State of his residence for a ballot suitable for use in voting in accordance with the provisions of this Act. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy shall cause to be printed and distributed to such members of the land and naval forces an adequate number of post cards which shall be used by each such member in making such request. All such post cards shall be transmitted free of postage in the United States mails. Upon one side of such post card the following shall be printed:

Use of post cards in requesting ballots.

----- (Date)
Secretary of State of: -----
Being on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and desiring to vote in the coming election, I hereby apply for an official war ballot.
My home address is -----, in the city, town, or village
(number and street)
of -----, in the county of -----, in the
State of -----, and my voting district or precinct to the best
of my knowledge is ----- I desire that the ballot be sent to me
at the following address: -----

(Signed)

Signature certified by: -----
(To be signed by any commissioned officer)

space for the insertion by the voter of the name of the nominated candidate or other person for whom the voter desires to vote. In the event that the ballot is prepared as provided in clause (2), the secretary of state shall cause to be prepared and printed an appropriate number of booklets containing the name and address of each nominated candidate for each office to be voted for and the party or independent body nominating him and a designation of the political subdivision to be represented.

Booklets.

OFFICIAL ENVELOPES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

SEC. 6. (a) The secretary of state of each State shall also cause to be prepared and printed an appropriate number of official envelopes for use in connection with such official war ballots. Each such envelope shall be gummed, ready for sealing. Upon one side of such envelope shall be printed in substantially the following form the following:

OFFICIAL WAR BALLOT FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Name of voter _____
Residence (street and number, if any) _____
County of _____
City or town of _____

Upon the other side of such envelope shall be printed the following oath:

OATH OF ELECTOR

I do hereby swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and am now of the age of at least twenty-one years, or will be on the _____ (here insert the date of the election); that I will have been an inhabitant of the State of _____ for _____ years next preceding this election and for the _____ months preceding such election a resident of the county of _____, residing at (street and number, if any) _____ in the city (or town) of _____; that I am in the active military (or naval) service of the United States; and that I have not received or offered, do not expect to receive, have not paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed, offered or promised to contribute to another, to be paid or used, any money or other valuable thing as a compensation or reward for the giving or withholding of a vote at this election, and have not made any promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such vote; and that I have not been convicted of bribery or any infamous crime, or, if so convicted, that I have been pardoned or restored to all the rights of a citizen, without restriction as to the rights of suffrage.

Voter MUST sign here, and oath MUST
BE administered and attested.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____

Commissioned Officer.

Such oath shall constitute prima facie evidence that the voter is qualified to vote, unless the statements contained in such oath indicate the contrary.

(b) Such secretary of state shall also cause to be prepared and printed an appropriate number of copies of instructions for voters. In the event that a booklet is prepared as provided in section 5 (b), such instructions shall be included in such booklet.

Instructions for voters.

(c) The secretary of state shall also cause to be prepared and printed an appropriate number of envelopes for the use of voters in returning official war ballots and envelopes to the States of their residence.

Return envelopes.

TRANSMISSION OF OFFICIAL WAR BALLOTS, BOOKLETS, ENVELOPES, AND
INSTRUCTIONS

SEC. 7. The secretary of state of each State shall transmit to every member of the land and naval forces of the United States who makes application to vote in accordance with section 3, as soon as practicable after the receipt of such application, an official war ballot and envelope, voting instructions, a booklet containing instructions and explanations as to casting a vote if one has been prepared, and an envelope for use in returning the official war ballot and envelope.

RETURN OF OFFICIAL WAR BALLOT BY VOTER

SEC. 8. After such voter has marked the war ballot, he shall place it in the official envelope and securely seal the same. He shall then fill in and subscribe the oath printed upon the official envelope. Any commissioned officer of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard shall have the authority to administer and attest such oaths as are required by this Act. Such official envelope shall then be placed in the envelope provided for such purpose and mailed by the voter to the secretary of state of the State of his residence, and such secretary of state, upon receiving the same, shall promptly transmit it to the appropriate election officials of the district or precinct or county of the voter's residence.

CANVASS OF VOTES

Validity.

SEC. 9. The votes cast as provided in this Act shall be canvassed, counted, and certified in each State by its proper canvassing boards in the same manner, as nearly as may be practicable, as the votes that were cast within its borders were canvassed, counted, and certified, but no official war ballot shall be valid if the voter has voted in person or by absentee ballot in accordance with the procedure provided by the laws of the State, or if it is received by the appropriate election officials of the district or precinct or county of the voter's residence after the hour of the closing of the polls on the date of the holding of the election.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Appropriation au-
thorized.

Estimates of ex-
penses.

Payments to States.
Post., p. 1003.

SEC. 10. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated, to be expended as provided in this section, such amounts as may be necessary to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this Act, including the expense of preparing and printing post cards, official war ballots, booklets, envelopes, instructions, and other supplies, and the cost of mailing and express charges. The Secretary of the Treasury shall make estimates of the amounts to be paid to any State for such purposes, such estimates to be based on reports filed by the secretary of state of the State containing his estimates of the sum which it will be necessary to expend.

(b) The Secretary of the Treasury shall, through the Division of Disbursements of the Treasury Department and prior to audit or settlement by the General Accounting Office, pay to each State the amounts estimated by him to be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, subject to the conditions that the use of such amounts shall be properly accounted for, and any part of such amounts not needed shall be returned to the Secretary of the Treasury upon his demand.

OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES TO ACT FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

SEC. 11. Each secretary of state may utilize the services of such State and local officials and agencies for such purposes and to such extent as he may deem appropriate in the exercise of his powers and duties under this Act.

VOTING UNDER STATE LAW PERMITTED

SEC. 12. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to restrict the right of any member of the land or naval forces of the United States to vote, whenever practicable, in accordance with the law of the State of his residence, if he does not elect to vote in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 13. All provisions of this Act shall be administered, mutatis mutandis, in behalf of any individual to whom this Act applies when, under the law of the State of his residence, any such individual is entitled to vote in primary elections in choosing candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States, United States Senators and Representatives in Congress.

CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PENAL LAW TO APPLY

SEC. 14. The provisions of State and Federal law prohibiting offenses against the elective franchise shall apply in the case of elections and voting conducted pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

ACT TO BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED

SEC. 15. No mere informality in the manner of carrying out or executing the provisions of this Act shall invalidate any election held under it or authorize the rejection of the returns thereof; and the provisions of this Act shall be construed liberally for the purpose of effectuating its purposes.

Approved, September 16, 1942.

[CHAPTER 562]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in the District of Columbia", approved February 27, 1929.

September 26, 1942
[H. R. 6362]
[Public Law 713]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of the healing art to protect the public health in the District of Columbia", approved February 27, 1929, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Healing Arts Prac-
tice Act, D. C.,
amendments.
45 Stat. 1327.
D. C. Code § 2-104.

"During the month of December each year, every person holding a license to practice the healing art in the District of Columbia issued by the Commission on Licensure shall register with the secretary-treasurer of said Commission his name and office address and such other information as the Commission may deem necessary upon blanks obtainable from said secretary-treasurer and thereupon pay a registration fee of \$2, said fee to be paid in the manner provided in section 44 of said Act. On or before the 1st day of December each year it shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to mail to each person holding a license to practice the healing art in the District of Colum-

Annual registration
Fee.

45 Stat. 1340.
D. C. Code § 2-135.
Post, p. 758.