

Aug. 9, 1968

The Board of Election Supervisors held its regular July meeting on Aug. 7 at the office at 3:30 P.M.

The following members were present:

Mr. Howard S. Kaylor  
Mr. M. Kenneth Long  
Mr. Ralph A. McCauley  
Mr. Arthur Haines  
Mr. Elwood Hauver

The minutes were read and approved.

We dispensed with the old business and discussed the absentee ballot problems with our Attorney. After much discussion and with the explanation of the absentee ballot law by Mr. Hauver, the Board made the following decisions on absentee ballots;

1. A person moving from another County in Maryland to Washington County must be here 6 months in order to register. A person that is moving to another County will be eligible for an absentee ballot, if they will be 75 miles from Washington County under section 27-1(b). If they will not be at least 75 miles away they will not be eligible for an absentee ballot.
2. Persons moving to another state should check and see if they will be eligible to vote in that state under the 45 day uniform act #28-1, as 33 states are now covered by this. If they are not eligible in that state they can write us for an absentee ballot from here. However, the Board ruled that those persons that have already applied for absentee ballots and are moving to another state can vote by absentee ballot.

The Board then went over applications already received and advised what should be done in each particular case.

Mr. McCauley and Mr. Long advised the Board that Ralph Leatherman contacted them and says he is living in the Wilson District and wants to be put back in that District as we transferred him to Dist. 26 and he doesn't consider this as his residence. Motion by Mr. Long and seconded by Mr. McCauley that he be put back in Dist. 23. Motion carried.

The machine custodians have advised the Board that they are too crowded at the Roads Dept. building. Mr. Kaylor has contacted the Roads Dept. and they will try to move out the tables and binders that are in the way of the voting machines.

We discussed a new voting place for Dist. 17-1 - Antietam St. School. Mr. Long has been checking on a building at 29 E. Washington St., owned by Mrs. Young. They will try to get this room if it is suitable.

The Board was advised that we have received the check from the Secretary of State for our share of the filing fees in the amount of \$290.00. This check will be turned over to the County Commissioners.

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The Board went over the ballot strips for the voting machines and the absentee ballots. These were approved with a few corrections. Hagerstown Bookbinding & Printing Co. are printing these.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy M. Waters*

Dorothy M. Waters, Clerk