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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 25, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), entitled  
2 "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of  
3 electors in cities of the first class as a condition of their  
4 right to vote at elections and primaries, and their  
5 enrollment as members of political parties as a further  
6 condition of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing  
7 certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries  
8 and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors;  
9 and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties,  
10 bodies of electors, registration commissions, commissioners,  
11 registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees  
12 of registration commission, election officers, municipal  
13 officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts,  
14 judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace  
15 officers, county treasurers, county controllers, registrars  
16 of vital statistics, real estate brokers, rental agents,  
17 certain public service companies, persons, firms, and  
18 corporations operating vehicles for moving furniture and  
19 household goods, and boards of school directors; and imposing  
20 penalties," further providing for registration, for the  
21 number and compensation of election commissioners, for the  
22 appointment, compensation and duties of employees and counsel  
23 of the commission, for voter registrars, for periods of  
24 registration, for penalties and for acts performed on Sundays  
25 and holidays; providing for the appointment, compensation and  
26 duties of non personal voter registration specialists and  
27 their counsel; and changing witness fees and the age for  
28 registration.

29 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Section 3, act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115,  
3 No.40), known as "The First Class City Permanent Registration  
4 Act," subsection (e) amended July 26, 1961 (P.L.917, No.397), is  
5 amended to read:

6 Section 3. Registration Commission; Membership, Bipartisan;  
7 Term of Office; Vacancies; Removal; Compensation; Chairman;  
8 Secretary; Action by Vote of Majority of Members; Record of  
9 Proceedings; Annual Report.--

10 (a) There shall be a registration commission in and for each  
11 city of the first class, which commission shall have  
12 jurisdiction over the registration of electors of such city  
13 under the provisions of this act.

14 (b) [The registration commission shall consist of five  
15 commissioners, who shall be qualified electors of the city, not  
16 more than three of whom shall be enrolled members of the same  
17 political party, who shall be appointed by the Governor, with  
18 the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold office for  
19 terms of four years, or until their successors, qualify, unless  
20 sooner removed or otherwise disqualified: Provided, however,  
21 That the terms of office of the commissioners, first appointed  
22 by the Governor under this act, shall commence upon the date of  
23 their appointment, and shall expire on the first Monday of  
24 January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one. Upon the  
25 appointment by the Governor of the registration commission for  
26 any such city, the terms of office of the existing registration  
27 commission or commissioners of any such city shall terminate.]  
28 The registration commission shall consist of the three elected  
29 city commissioners of a city of the first class, who shall be  
30 elected for a term of four years, in the year that the mayor is

1 elected and a vacancy in the office shall be filled in the  
2 manner provided by city ordinance, in the same manner that a  
3 vacancy in the office of city commissioner is filled.

4 [(c) The Governor shall fill any vacancy in any such  
5 commission within ten days after the vacancy shall occur by  
6 appointing a qualified elector of the city to hold office during  
7 the remainder of the term of the commissioner whose place shall  
8 have become vacant.

9 (d) The Governor may, at any time, remove any commissioner  
10 for cause, and may appoint a duly qualified elector of the city  
11 as his successor for the remainder of his term.]

12 (e) [Each commissioner shall receive compensation at the  
13 rate of twelve thousand dollars per annum, except the chairman  
14 who shall receive twelve thousand five hundred dollars per  
15 annum.] The registration commissioner shall receive the salary  
16 set for the city commissioner by city ordinance, and shall  
17 receive no additional salary for service as the registration  
18 commissioner.

19 [(f) As soon after their appointment as may be, the members  
20 of each commission shall take the oath of office required by the  
21 Constitution of this Commonwealth, and shall organize by  
22 selecting from their number a chairman and a secretary, who  
23 shall not be members of the same political party.]

24 (g) All actions of a commission shall be decided by a  
25 majority vote of all members, except as may be otherwise  
26 provided herein.

27 (h) Each commission shall keep a record, in permanent form,  
28 of all its proceedings, and shall make an annual written report  
29 to the [Governor] city.

30 Section 2. Subsection (b) of section 4 and sections 5 and 6

1 of the act, amended July 31, 1941 (P.L.710, No.279), are amended  
2 to read:

3 Section 4. Powers of Commissions; Regulations; Enforcement;  
4 Correction of Errors or Irregularities; Cancellation of  
5 Registration; Powers of Commissioners.--

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7 (b) The commission shall have power to correct, direct or  
8 permit the correction of any error or any irregularity in  
9 registration, to change or permit the change on the registration  
10 affidavits and its records of the name of any registered elector  
11 changed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by  
12 reason of her marriage or divorce, and to cancel the  
13 registration of any person whom it may find to be improperly  
14 registered, and to cancel the party enrollment of any registered  
15 elector whom it may find to be improperly enrolled as a member  
16 of a party, subject only to the provisions of this act, and  
17 provided that notice in writing shall be given to, or left at  
18 the address of, each person whose registration or enrollment is  
19 cancelled. Notice in writing of the cancellation of the  
20 registration or party enrollment of any elector, as well as  
21 notice of the serving of any paper upon or left at the address  
22 of any elector with respect to his right to be registered or  
23 enrolled as a member of the party designated by him and an  
24 official application registration card, shall be sent promptly  
25 to the city chairman of the party of which such person was or  
26 may be registered as a member, if such party has headquarters  
27 within the city known to the commission.

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29 Section 5. Employes, Registrars, Inspectors of Registration;  
30 Duties; Appointment.--

1       (a) The commission shall have power to appoint such  
2 assistants, clerks and employes (including inspectors) as, from  
3 time to time, it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions  
4 of this act. The commission shall also have power to assign such  
5 of its assistants, employes or clerks to act as registrars, who  
6 shall not receive any additional compensation therefor, at its  
7 office or offices as it may, from time to time, deem necessary,  
8 and when so acting, such assistants, employes or clerks shall  
9 have and may exercise the powers, and shall perform the duties  
10 and obligations conferred by, or in accordance with, the law  
11 upon registrars.

12       (b) The commission in each year shall designate the place or  
13 places in each or any ward to be used as registration places,  
14 and shall appoint two or more registrars for each such  
15 registration place as it may deem necessary. Not more than one-  
16 half of the number of registrars appointed for each registration  
17 place in each year shall be members of the same political party.  
18 All registrars appointed shall be qualified electors of the  
19 election district or ward for which they have been appointed,  
20 shall be of good moral character, shall not have been convicted  
21 of any crime, shall be able to read English in an intelligent  
22 manner, and to write legibly, and shall be familiar with  
23 qualifications of electors and duties of the registrars. Such  
24 registrars shall be empowered to register the qualified electors  
25 of such elections districts or wards, and in so doing, to  
26 administer oaths and affirmations, and shall perform all other  
27 duties imposed on registrars by this act and by the registration  
28 commission. Nothing in this section shall prevent any registrar  
29 from serving as a registrar in any ward or any division of the  
30 city, nor shall it prevent the commission from assigning any

1 registrar to register voters in any ward or division of the  
2 city.

3 Each registrar shall receive [as] such compensation [ten  
4 dollars (\$10.00)] as is set by the commission for each day  
5 during which he is engaged in the active performance of his  
6 duties as registrar. The commission shall designate the duties  
7 to be performed by each such registrar appointed by it. The said  
8 registrars shall be appointed in the manner as hereinafter  
9 provided in subsection (c) of this section.

10 (c) In each year, at such time as shall be determined by the  
11 commission, of which at least fifteen days' notice shall be  
12 publicly given, the city chairman of the party having polled the  
13 highest vote in the city at the last preceding November election  
14 and the city chairman of the party having polled the second  
15 highest vote in the city at such election may file with the  
16 commission a written list of names of members of said party whom  
17 such chairman recommends for appointment as registrars at the  
18 said registration places. Such lists shall contain the name,  
19 address, qualifications and occupation of each person so  
20 recommended and shall be open to public inspection in the office  
21 of the commission. The commission shall appoint persons whose  
22 names appear on such list as the registrars representing such  
23 parties. If more candidates are recommended by the chairman of  
24 any such party then it is entitled to have appointed, the  
25 commission shall appoint those candidates from the names  
26 appearing on such list whom the commission finds to be qualified  
27 in accordance with the provisions of clause (b) of this section,  
28 and if there are not sufficient candidates qualified to serve  
29 recommended by any city chairman, the commission may appoint  
30 such other persons whom the commission believes qualified.

1 (d) Should any vacancy occur in the office of registrar of  
2 any registration place in any year, by reason of death,  
3 resignation, removal from the district or ward, or other cause,  
4 the commission shall fill said vacancy by appointing an elector  
5 of the district or ward, as the case may be, who is qualified  
6 according to subsection (b) of this section, and who is a  
7 registered and enrolled member of the same political party as  
8 the registrar or registrars whose office was vacated. The  
9 appointment shall be made in like manner as the annual  
10 appointments of registrars, as provided by this act.

11 (e) No registrar or inspector of registration shall exercise  
12 any power of his office, nor shall any employe assigned by the  
13 commission to act as registrar at any office of the commission  
14 so act, until he shall have taken an oath of office, which the  
15 commission shall prescribe, and shall have received from the  
16 commission a certificate of appointment, setting forth his name  
17 and address, the date of his appointment, and the length of time  
18 for which he shall have been appointed.

19 (f) Each commission may appoint [a chief clerk, at a  
20 compensation not exceeding four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per  
21 annum, who shall have authority to administer oaths, sign  
22 vouchers, and register persons who are qualified and who appear  
23 at the office of the commission, as herein provided; two (2)  
24 assistant clerks, each at a salary of not over two thousand  
25 dollars (\$2,000) per annum; a chief record clerk at a salary of  
26 not over twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400) per annum; a  
27 stenographer (who may act as clerk) at a salary of not over  
28 eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum; a chief inspector  
29 at a salary of not over twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2,200) per  
30 annum; two custodians of the records, to guard the same while

1 they are open to public inspection, each of whom shall receive  
2 not more than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum; a  
3 messenger who shall receive not more than twelve hundred dollars  
4 (\$1,200) per annum; such stenographers, as they may deem  
5 necessary, competent to take notes of testimony, at a  
6 compensation not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per diem for the  
7 time actually employed at hearings before the commission; and as  
8 many clerks, stenographers, and inspectors as they may deem  
9 necessary, from time to time, at a compensation not exceeding  
10 six dollars (\$6.00) per diem for the time actually employed.]  
11 such employes as they deem necessary to perform the functions of  
12 the office, and to register the voters of the city, and each  
13 employe shall be paid compensation as set by the commission.

14 (g) The registration commission shall have the power to  
15 remove any employe, inspector, registrar or other officer  
16 appointed or employed by it, but no registrar appointed by the  
17 commission under the provisions of clause (c) of this section  
18 shall be removed, except for cause.

19 (h) Any inspector of registration, on his own motion or on  
20 complaint of any person to him, may and when directed by the  
21 commission, shall--

22 1. Investigate all questions relating to the registration of  
23 electors in such city, and, for that purpose, shall have power  
24 to enter and inspect any house, dwelling, building, inn,  
25 lodging-house or hotel within such city, and to interrogate any  
26 inmate, householder, lodger, lessee, keeper, caretaker, owner,  
27 proprietor, or agent thereof or therein, regarding any person or  
28 persons residing or claiming to reside thereat or therein  
29 without being required to show any warrant for so doing except  
30 his certificate of appointment.

2. Inspect and copy any register of lodgers in any lodging-house, inn or hotel relating to or affecting the rights of any persons to vote or to be registered in any such city.

3. Arrest any person without warrant, except any herein privileged from such arrest, who, in the presence of the inspector of registration, violates, or attempts to violate, any of the provisions of this act, when such violation is punishable as a crime.

4. Call on any police or peace officer of such city to assist the inspector of registration in the maintenance of peace at any place of registration, or in making any arrest, or in the performance of any of his duties.

5. Distribute official registration application cards to potential electors.

(i) Twenty-five persons shall be appointed and employed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as non personal voter registration specialists. The specialists shall be supervised and assigned by the commission, and be subject to removal by the secretary. The specialists shall have as their primary duties, the promotion of non personal voter registration, and the verification of the completion, correctness, and truthfulness of the information shown on the official registration application card. The duties shall include, but are not limited to distribution of non personal registration application forms, door to door canvassing to obtain completed non personal registration application forms, and publicizing the non personal voter registration program utilizing advertising procedures and other means. The specialist shall also personally canvass at least ten percent of those persons submitting non personal registration applications during a period when the registration

1 of voters may be entered into the district register, and general  
2 register. These specialists shall have the authority and  
3 responsibility of inspectors of registration and shall receive  
4 the same compensation as paid to an inspector of registration by  
5 the city, provided that nothing in this act shall prevent the  
6 commission from temporarily assigning the specialist to other  
7 duties within the commission's office. One of the specialists  
8 shall be designated director of non personal voter registration  
9 activities, shall directly supervise the other specialists and  
10 shall be compensated at the same rate as a deputy city  
11 commissioner. The commission shall furnish necessary office  
12 space and clerical assistance required for the proper conduct  
13 and support of the total non personal voter registration  
14 activities and employees in the city.

15 (j) The Secretary of the Commonwealth, if requested by the  
16 director of non personal voter registration activities, shall  
17 appoint a counsel who shall be a member of the bar of  
18 Pennsylvania. The counsel shall advise and represent the  
19 director of non personal voter registration activities in all  
20 matters concerning voter registration in cities of the first  
21 class. The counsel may also advise and represent the commission  
22 if they so desire, and when acting as such shall have the full  
23 force and affect as if he was employed as the counsel to the  
24 commission. The counsel to the director of non personal voter  
25 registration activities shall receive compensation not to exceed  
26 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), per year, and shall be a  
27 person who is familiar with the content and operation of the  
28 Pennsylvania Election Code and other relevant statutes and case  
29 law.

30 (k) The salaries of specialists and counsel employed under

1 this section by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall be paid  
2 entirely by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3 Section 6. Removal of Registrars; Voter Registration in Each  
4 Ward.--(a) Any qualified elector of the city may appear before  
5 the commission and show wherein any person appointed as a  
6 registrar under the provisions of clauses (b) and (c) of section  
7 five of this act does not possess the qualifications requisite  
8 for the performance of the duties of his office, or has violated  
9 the provisions of this act. If, after public hearing, the  
10 commission shall find the charges brought by such elector to be  
11 true, the commission shall decline to appoint such person, or  
12 remove such registrar.

13 (b) The [commissioners] commission shall provide [a board of  
14 registrars for each ward or district place of registration so  
15 appointed not more than one-half of whom shall be of the same  
16 party. If it appears at any time that by reason of a change in  
17 political affiliation or because of error in appointment a board  
18 is not so divided, any ten registered electors of such ward or  
19 district may file a petition with the commissioners, setting  
20 forth the facts, and praying that one or more of the  
21 appointments may be revoked, and that other appointments may be  
22 made. Upon presentation of such a petition, one of the  
23 commissioners shall fix a time, not less than five days  
24 thereafter, and at least three days' notice shall be given by  
25 mail to all the registrars of such board, who are alleged to be  
26 of the same party, when a public hearing shall be given all  
27 concerned, and if the facts are then found to be as represented,  
28 the commissioners shall grant the relief prayed for] for voter  
29 registration in each ward of the city during the periods and  
30 times provided for in section 17.

1 Section 3. Section 7 of the act is amended to read:

2 Section 7. Counsel; Compensation; Duties.--The commission  
3 may employ [special] counsel at a compensation not exceeding  
4 [three thousand dollars] fifteen thousand dollars per annum.  
5 Such counsel shall advise the commission from time to time  
6 regarding its powers and duties and the rights of electors, and  
7 concerning the best methods of legal procedure for carrying out  
8 the various provisions of this act, and shall appear for and  
9 represent the commission on all appeals taken from its decisions  
10 or orders to a court of common pleas, as herein provided.

11 Section 4. Sections 8 and 13 of the act, amended July 31,  
12 1941 (P.L.710, No.279), are amended to read:

13 Section 8. Appropriations; Unexpended Balances of  
14 Appropriations.--(a) The appropriating authorities of the city  
15 shall appropriate annually, and from time to time, the funds  
16 that shall be necessary for the maintenance and operation of the  
17 commission and the carrying out of the provisions of this act,  
18 therein including the payment of the compensation of the  
19 commissioners, counsel, and a sufficient number of registrars,  
20 inspectors of registration and other assistants and employes,  
21 and the fees of witnesses, as herein provided, and likewise for  
22 preparing, in accordance with the direction of the commission,  
23 securing and distributing, or receiving and preserving, all  
24 street lists, registration cards, official non personal voter  
25 registration application cards, affidavits, vouchers, notices,  
26 account books, stationery and other supplies which the  
27 commission shall consider necessary for the purpose of this act,  
28 and for all other necessary expenses.

29 (b) The appropriating authorities of the city shall provide  
30 the commission thereof with suitable and adequate main offices,

1 properly furnished, for keeping its records, holding its public  
2 sessions, and otherwise performing its duties, and such other  
3 offices which it may from time to time during the period of  
4 ninety days preceding any election deem it advisable to  
5 establish for the convenience of the electors in exercising  
6 their rights, powers and functions and performing their duties  
7 hereunder, and upon failure to do so, the commission may lease  
8 such office space for its main office as is reasonably required  
9 for the performance of the functions and duties under this act.

10 (c) Any unexpended balances of any appropriations heretofore  
11 made by the appropriating authorities of the city for the  
12 purpose of carrying out any provision of any existing  
13 registration act, or the amendments thereto, shall be  
14 transferred to and made available for the commission hereby  
15 created or constituted, for the expense of carrying out the  
16 provisions of this act, and all moneys required in addition to  
17 any original appropriation in the current year, or any other  
18 year, if it shall appear that extra sums are needed.

19 (d) The commission may accept and use in the performance of  
20 their duties funds received from the Federal Government, the  
21 Commonwealth, or any other source.

22 Section 13. Records and Documents to Be Open to Public  
23 Inspection.--The records of the commission, and all district  
24 registers, street lists, voting check lists, voters'  
25 certificates, affidavits, official non personal voter  
26 registration application cards, petitions, appeals, witness  
27 lists, accounts, contracts, reports, and other documents in its  
28 custody, except the general registers, shall be open to public  
29 inspection, except as herein provided, and may be inspected and  
30 copied by any qualified elector of the city during ordinary

1 business hours, except when they are necessarily being used by  
2 the commission or its employes having duties to perform in  
3 reference thereto, or when such inspection or copying shall  
4 unreasonably interfere with the proper and efficient performance  
5 of the duties and exercise of the functions of the commission or  
6 its employes in administering this act. Such public inspection  
7 thereof shall only be in the presence of a commissioner or an  
8 authorized employe of the commission, and shall be subject to  
9 proper regulation for safekeeping of the records and documents  
10 and subject to the further provisions of this act. The records  
11 and documents of the commission open to inspection by the public  
12 shall not be used for commercial or improper purposes.

13 Section 5. Section 17 of the act, amended July 31, 1941  
14 (P.L.710, No.279) and March 26, 1973 (P.L.9, No.3), is amended  
15 to read:

16 Section 17. Days and Hours of Registration; Places of  
17 Registration; Use of Polling Places; Payments of Rentals; Use of  
18 School Buildings; Public Notice.--

19 (a) The commission, or any commissioner, employe or clerk  
20 assigned for that purpose shall at the main office of the  
21 commission, during ordinary business hours, and during such  
22 additional hours as the commission shall from time to time  
23 prescribe, on each day, and on such days and during such hours  
24 as the commission may from time to time designate at other  
25 offices in the city which the commission shall from time to time  
26 have power to establish and discontinue, [except Sundays,  
27 holidays,] the days hereinafter provided for the registration of  
28 electors in the districts or wards, the day of each election and  
29 each primary, the thirty days next preceding each general,  
30 municipal and primary election, and the thirty days next

1 following each election and the five days next following each  
2 primary, receive personal applications from persons who claim  
3 that they are entitled to be registered as electors of the city  
4 and who appear for registration: Provided, however, That in case  
5 of a special election within a certain district (congressional,  
6 senatorial or representative), held on a day other than the day  
7 of a primary, general or municipal election, the registration of  
8 electors shall be discontinued in the wards comprising such  
9 district for the period of [thirty-five] thirty days prior to  
10 and the five days next following such special election. In each  
11 year the commission may also, when it considers it necessary for  
12 the convenience of the electors, provide one or more places of  
13 registration in each or any ward of the city, at which two or  
14 more registrars, as the commission may deem necessary, shall be  
15 present to receive personal applications from qualified electors  
16 of the city who claim that they are entitled to be registered,  
17 which registrars shall be present thereat [between the hours of  
18 seven antemeridian and one postmeridian, and between the hours  
19 of four and ten postmeridian] during the hours specified by the  
20 commission and on such days as may be selected by the  
21 commission, which shall be [not more than sixty days, and] not  
22 less than thirty days, prior to any general, municipal or  
23 primary election: Provided, further, however, That with respect  
24 to any person who shall become a citizen of the United States on  
25 a day subsequent to the sixtieth day prior to any election or  
26 primary, but at least one month prior to the day of such  
27 election or primary, the commission or any commissioner, employe  
28 or clerk assigned for that purpose shall receive personal  
29 applications from such person if he or she is otherwise  
30 qualified at the office of the registration commission until the

1 thirtieth day prior to such election or primary during ordinary  
2 business hours [except Sundays, holidays and] on the days  
3 hereinbefore provided for the registration of electors in the  
4 districts or wards.

5 (b) The commissioners in charge of elections shall cause any  
6 polling place to be open, in proper order for use, as a place of  
7 registration, on each day when such polling place may be desired  
8 by the registration commission for use as a place of  
9 registration; and the appropriating authorities of the county  
10 shall provide for the payment of all rentals for such polling  
11 places and other places of registration.

12 (c) The board of public education or school directors of  
13 each school district shall furnish suitable space, room or rooms  
14 in any public school building under its jurisdiction or control,  
15 and shall cause such space, room or rooms to be open and in  
16 proper order for use as a place of registration on each day when  
17 such room or rooms may be desired by the registration commission  
18 for use as a place of registration: Provided, That such use  
19 shall not interfere with instruction for the conduct of which  
20 such board of public education or school directors shall be  
21 responsible.

22 (d) The proper city or county authorities shall furnish  
23 suitable space, room or rooms in the city hall or any of its  
24 annexes or other municipal or county building under their  
25 jurisdiction or control, and shall cause such space, room or  
26 rooms to be open on each day when such space, room or rooms may  
27 be desired by the commission for use as a place of registration  
28 or as an office of the commission: Provided, That such use shall  
29 not interfere with the use for which such room or rooms is  
30 primarily designed.

1 (e) The commission shall in reasonable time publicly  
2 announce the address of each place of registration, each office  
3 of the commission established for the registration of electors  
4 other than its main office, and the days and hours when the  
5 place or office shall be open for the registration of electors,  
6 by posting thereat and at its main office a notice thereof and  
7 [at least five placards or notices thereof in conspicuous places  
8 in the neighborhood of such place of registration or office,  
9 and] by such other means as it shall deem advisable.

10 Section 6. Section 18 of the act is repealed.

11 Section 7. Subsection (a) of section 19 of the act, amended  
12 August 1, 1941 (P.L.702, No.277) and July 30, 1941 (P.L.710,  
13 No.279), is amended to read:

14 Section 19. Registration Cards; Preparation and  
15 Distribution.--(a) For the purpose of registering the qualified  
16 electors of the city, the commission shall prepare registration  
17 cards, serially numbered, in duplicate or triplicate, as the  
18 commission may determine, and containing spaces for entering the  
19 information required by section twenty and twenty and one-tenth  
20 of this act, and either the following affidavit or the affidavit  
21 prescribed in section twenty and one-tenth, as the case may be:

22 REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

23 State of Pennsylvania

24 ss:

25 County of

26 I hereby swear, or affirm, that I am a citizen of the United  
27 States, that on the day of the next election I shall be at least  
28 [twenty-one] eighteen years of age, and shall have resided  
29 in the State of Pennsylvania [for one year (or, having  
30 previously been a qualified elector or a native born citizen of

1 the State and having removed and returned, then six months) next  
2 preceding said election] thirty days and in the election  
3 district [two months] thirty days, that I am legally  
4 qualified to vote, that I have read (or have had read to me) the  
5 foregoing statements made in connection with my registration  
6 and that they are true and correct.

7       Subscribed and sworn to before me this .....  
8 day of .....  
9 .....

10 (Signature of Registrar or Person Authorized to act as  
11 Registrar)

12 .....  
13

Signature of Voter

14       Section 8. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

15       Section 19.1. Official Non Personal Voter Registration  
16 Application Cards; Preparations and Distribution.--

17       (a) For the purpose of enabling qualified electors of each  
18 city of the first class to register to vote, the Secretary of  
19 the Commonwealth shall cause to be prepared and printed at the  
20 expense of the Commonwealth, non personal voter registration  
21 application cards containing spaces for entering the information  
22 required by sections 20, 20.1 and 20.2 of this act. The form  
23 shall be a self mailer so designed as to preserve the  
24 confidentiality of the information required to be submitted by  
25 the registrant. The form shall be serially numbered on the  
26 application card itself, and on the portion which will be  
27 returned to the voter to indicate receipt by the county board of  
28 elections, and have attached to it, a numbered stub, which will  
29 be removed by the registrant, prior to sending the form to the  
30 county board of election, and which will be retained by the

1 registrant until he receives from the commission acknowledgment  
2 that the application card has been received. The form shall also  
3 be designed in order to require the applicant to affix two  
4 signatures, one signature to be affixed under the declaration of  
5 the applicant and the other signature on a removable label or  
6 other device to be affixed under the information required of the  
7 applicant. In addition, the form shall include a detachable  
8 portion on which the registrant shall print his name, present  
9 residential address, postal designation and zip code. Such  
10 portion shall include on the reverse side, printed notification  
11 to the registrant that his application form has been received  
12 and is being processed by the county registration commission.  
13 Such notification shall be sent within three days from receipt  
14 thereof, by first class non-forwardable mail, return postage  
15 guaranteed, with all postage costs to be paid by the State.

16 The form shall include such other information as the  
17 Secretary of the Commonwealth may reasonably require and shall  
18 also contain the following information:

19 (1) Notice that those currently registered do not need to  
20 reregister unless they have moved or failed to vote at least  
21 once during the immediately preceding two calendar years.

22 (2) Notice of a registrant's right to also register in  
23 person.

24 (3) Instructions on how to fill out and submit the  
25 application card and that the card must be received by the  
26 appropriate county registration commission at least thirty days  
27 prior to the ensuing primary or election at which the applicant  
28 may offer to vote.

29 (4) Notice that the registrant must be a citizen of the  
30 United States for at least one month, a resident of

Pennsylvania, the county and the election district for at least thirty days, and must be eighteen years old on or before the day following the ensuing primary or election at which the registrant offers to vote.

(5) A notice that a naturalized citizen must show the date when, place where, the court by which naturalized and the number of the naturalization certificate.

(6) Notice that political party enrollment is mandatory to vote in a primary election of a political party.

(7) Notice that the voter notification stub from the application card form will be mailed non-forwardable and advising the registrant to contact the county registration commission in the event such notification stub is not received within ten days from the date the application is sent to the county board of elections.

(8) Information designating the name of each county seat together with its post office mailing address and zip code and telephone number.

(9) Notice that registration, enrollment or transfer is not complete until the application card is processed, and accepted by the commission.

(10) A warning to the registrant that the State penalty for making a false registration or furnishing false information shall be perjury punishable by fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and/or five years imprisonment, plus loss of suffrage for ten years.

(11) Instructions to Federal or State employees who wish to retain voting residence in the county of last residence to so indicate on the application form.

(b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall supply such

1 official registration application forms to all county  
2 registration commissions, who shall supply forms when requested  
3 while keeping a record of the serial numbers of said forms to  
4 any person, and to all Federal, State, county, local  
5 governmental and school district offices, to all political  
6 parties, political bodies, candidates, organized bodies of  
7 citizens, community service organizations, leagues of women  
8 voters, postmasters of all post offices and to any civic,  
9 religious, educational, fraternal, labor, news-media, charitable  
10 or business organizations interested therein. In addition, the  
11 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall request the proper  
12 governmental agency to make an official registration application  
13 card available to all persons applying for or changing address  
14 for driver's license, library cards, senior citizen  
15 transportation passes, entry to all schools and institutions of  
16 higher education. Furthermore, the Secretary of the Commonwealth  
17 may provide technical assistance to county registration  
18 commissions upon request and shall contract with the United  
19 States Postal Service for the payment of all postage costs for  
20 the transmittal of said official registration application cards  
21 to the registration commission by the registrant and the  
22 transmittal of the notification receipt form to the registrant  
23 by the registration commission.

24       Section 9. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20 of the act,  
25 subsection (a) amended September 19, 1961 (P.L.1493, No.636),  
26 and subsection (b) amended July 31, 1941 (P.L.710, No.279), are  
27 amended to read:

28       Section 20. Manner of Registration.--(a) Every person  
29 claiming the right to be registered as an elector [must] may  
30 appear in person before the commission, a commissioner, a clerk

1 or employe of the commission acting as registrar or a registrar  
2 at the main office of the commission, or at such other office or  
3 place as the commission shall have designated, and answer the  
4 questions required to be asked in accordance with this act or  
5 may register in any other manner provided by this act.

6 [Every person claiming the right to be registered as an  
7 elector who is physically disabled so that he cannot appear in  
8 person to be registered may request, in writing, that the  
9 registration commission send a registrar to the residence of  
10 such person for the purpose of registering such person in the  
11 same manner as required by law of other persons appearing for  
12 registration. The letter requesting such registration shall be  
13 accompanied by a statement of the physician attending such  
14 person, stating that such person is physically disabled to the  
15 extent that such person is unable to appear at any of the  
16 established places for registration. Upon receipt by the  
17 registration commission of such a letter duly accompanied by the  
18 required physician's statement, the registration commission  
19 shall direct one of its registrars to go to the residence of  
20 such disabled person and register him or her, as the case may  
21 be.]

22 (b) [He] When registering in person, he shall first be sworn  
23 or affirmed to the truth of the statements which he is about to  
24 make, and informed that any wilful false statement will  
25 constitute perjury and will be punishable as such. He then shall  
26 be asked to state the facts required herein, and his answers,  
27 together with the other information herein required, shall be  
28 recorded in his presence by the registrar or by the person  
29 authorized to act as a registrar or commission, in permanent  
30 writing or typewriting, in triplicate or duplicate, as the

1 commission may determine, in the proper spaces on the  
2 registration cards, as follows:

3 \* \* \*

4 Section 10. Section 20.1 of the act, added August 1, 1941  
5 (P.L.702, No.277), and amended August 14, 1963 (P.L.900,  
6 No.432), is amended to read:

7 Section 20.1. Manner of Registration by Persons in Military  
8 Service, Persons in the Merchant Marine, Persons in Religious  
9 and Welfare Groups Officially Attached to and Serving with the  
10 Armed Forces and Civilian Federal Personnel Overseas and their  
11 Spouses and Dependents.--In addition to any other method herein  
12 provided, the following persons may also be registered in the  
13 manner hereinafter set forth under this section: (1) any person  
14 in military service, his spouse and dependents; or (2) any  
15 person in the Merchant Marine, his spouse and dependents; or (3)  
16 any person in religious and welfare groups officially attached  
17 to and serving with the Armed Forces, his spouse and dependents  
18 or (4) any person who is a civilian employe of the United States  
19 outside the territorial limits of the several states of the  
20 United States and the District of Columbia, whether or not such  
21 person is subject to the civil service laws and the  
22 Classification Act of 1949 and whether or not paid from funds  
23 appropriated by the Congress, his spouse and dependents.

24 (a) He may [make application] submit to the commission [for  
25 a registration card] an official registration application card,  
26 the form of which shall be determined and prescribed by the  
27 Secretary of the Commonwealth. The commission is hereby  
28 authorized to consider a request for an absentee ballot from any  
29 person enumerated in this section as [an application for a  
30 registration card] a request for an official registration

1 application card and to cause to be forwarded to any such  
2 person, together with his absentee ballot and balloting  
3 material, [a registration card, in duplicate] an official  
4 registration application card, to be completed and [sworn to or  
5 affirmed] the declaration signed prior to or concurrently with  
6 the time of voting the absentee ballot: Provided, however, That  
7 the envelope containing such executed [duplicate] official  
8 registration [cards shall bear a postmark no later than the day  
9 of the primary or election for which the absentee ballot is  
10 being voted and] application card shall be received at the  
11 office of the commission no later than the last date [as]  
12 provided by law for the [canvassing] return of absentee ballots.

13 (b) The official registration application card shall require  
14 the statement of, and shall provide sufficient space for the  
15 following information: (1) The surname of the applicant, (2) his  
16 Christian name or names, (3) his civilian occupation, if any,  
17 (4) the street or road and number, if any, of his home residence  
18 and the date of leaving same, provided that in the event that  
19 there is no street address, the applicant must list the nearest  
20 cross street or road, (5) if his residence was a portion only of  
21 a house, the location or number of the room or rooms, apartment,  
22 flat or floor which he occupied, (6) the date his residence  
23 began at the place which is his home residence, (7) his home  
24 residence address when he last registered and the year of such  
25 registration, including any former registration under any other  
26 surname, (8) the sex of the applicant, (9) the color of the  
27 applicant, (10) the state or territory of the United States or  
28 the foreign country where he was born, (11) the date when, place  
29 where, and the court by which naturalized, and the number of the  
30 naturalization certificate, (12) if not naturalized personally,

1 the name of father, mother or husband through whom naturalized,  
2 (13) whether he is unable by reason of illiteracy to read the  
3 names on the ballot or voting machine labels, (14) whether he  
4 has a physical disability which will render him unable to see or  
5 mark the ballot or operate the voting machine or to enter the  
6 voting compartment or voting machine booth without assistance,  
7 and, if so, his declaration of that fact and his statement of  
8 the exact nature of such disability, (15) the designation of the  
9 political party of the elector for the purpose of voting at  
10 primaries, (16) the [affidavit] declaration of registration, as  
11 hereinafter prescribed, which shall be signed by the elector,  
12 [attested by the signature of any person authorized to  
13 administer oaths,] (17) the height of the applicant in feet and  
14 inches, (18) the color of his hair, (19) the color of his eyes,  
15 (20) the date of his birth, (20.1) the designation by the  
16 applicant that the official registration application card is  
17 intended by the applicant for use as new registration, change of  
18 address, change of name, or change of political party  
19 affiliation. Each registration card for registration by persons  
20 registering under this section shall also have (21) a sufficient  
21 number of spaces thereon for the insertion by the commission,  
22 but not by the applicant, of the ward and election district, if  
23 any, in which the applicant resided on the date of leaving home  
24 residence and to which he may from time to time remove after  
25 returning to his home residence, together with his street  
26 address in each such ward and district and the other data  
27 required to be given upon such removal, (22) the date of each  
28 election and primary at which the applicant votes after  
29 registration, the number and letter, if any, of the stub of the  
30 ballot issued to him, or his number in the order of admission to

1 the voting machines, and (23) the signature or initials of the  
2 election officer, commissioner, registrar or clerk, who enters  
3 the record of voting on the card[: Provided, however, That the  
4 applicant may state (24) his social security number].

5 Immediately following the spaces for inserting the required  
6 information, the applicant shall affix his signature exactly as  
7 it appears in clauses (1) and (2).

8 (c) In addition, the foregoing registration card shall  
9 contain the following affidavit:

10 REGISTRATION [AFFIDAVIT] DECLARATION

11 I hereby [swear or affirm] declare that I am a citizen of  
12 the United States, that on the day of the next ensuing primary  
13 or election I shall be at least [twenty-one] eighteen years of  
14 age, and shall have resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 [for one year (or having previously been a qualified elector or  
16 a native born citizen of the Commonwealth and having removed and  
17 returned, then six months)] and in the election district [sixty]  
18 thirty days, that I [have read (or have had read to me)]  
19 affirm that the [foregoing statements made in connection with  
20 my registration and that they are] information provided herein is  
21 true and correct, [and] that I am legally qualified to vote and  
22 that I fully understand that this application will be accepted  
23 for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit, and if it  
24 contains a material false statement, shall be subject to the  
25 same penalties for perjury as if I had been duly sworn.

26 .....

27 Printed name of applicant.

28 .....

29 Signature of applicant for registration.

30 [Sworn to and subscribed before me this

1 ..... day of ....., 19...

2 .....

3 Signature of any person authorized to  
4 administer oaths.]

5 PENALTY FOR FALSIFYING DECLARATION

6 If any person shall sign an official registration application  
7 card knowing any statement declared therein to be false, he  
8 shall be guilty of perjury, and upon conviction, shall be  
9 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars  
10 (\$1,000), or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding five years,  
11 or both, at the discretion of the court. In addition, sentence  
12 shall include loss of the right of suffrage absolutely for a  
13 term of ten years.

14 (d) [Upon written application by any person who may register  
15 under the provisions of this section to the registration  
16 commission having jurisdiction in the city in which the  
17 applicant resided on the date of leaving his home residence, a  
18 registration card, in the form herein prescribed, in duplicate,  
19 shall be mailed to the applicant at the address given in such  
20 application. Such person shall thereupon supply the information  
21 required on the registration card, in duplicate, and shall take  
22 the affidavit thereto, in duplicate, in the presence of any  
23 person authorized to administer oaths, and shall mail the same,  
24 in duplicate, to the registration commission from which it was  
25 procured.] Any person registering to vote under this section who  
26 is unable to sign his official registration application card  
27 shall make his mark and acknowledge same before an officer  
28 qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds.

29 (e) Registration in the manner prescribed for by persons  
30 registering under this section may be made at any time:

1 (f) The status of any person qualified to register under  
2 this section with respect to residence shall remain as the same  
3 home residence from which he is qualified to register: Provided,  
4 however, That if at the time of leaving such home address any  
5 person shall not have resided in Pennsylvania or in a particular  
6 election district thereof for a sufficient time to have been  
7 entitled to be registered, but by continued residence would have  
8 become so entitled, he shall be entitled to be registered at  
9 such time as he would have been so entitled had he not left such  
10 home address and had continued to reside where he then resided.

11 (g) [Registration] Official registration application cards  
12 returned by persons qualified to register under this section to  
13 any registration commission shall be examined by a member of the  
14 commission or any clerk or registrar upon being received. The  
15 right of such person to be registered shall [not] be subject to  
16 challenge for any reason [other than] for which a personal  
17 registration may be challenged and for the failure to have  
18 mailed the commission a properly completed official registration  
19 application card. If the commission finds the official  
20 registration application card not properly completed it shall  
21 reject it in the manner hereinafter provided.

22 Section 11. Section 20.1 of the act, added July 31, 1941  
23 (P.L.710, No.279), and amended June 28, 1947 (P.L.1030, No.438),  
24 is renumbered and amended to read:

25 Section [20.1] 20.1A. (a) When the non personal registration  
26 of an elector has been fully processed and accepted, the  
27 commission shall transmit to such registered elector by first  
28 class non forwardable mail a wallet sized voter's identification  
29 card setting forth the same information required in subsection  
30 (b).

1       **(b)** When the personal registration of an elector [registered  
2 thereafter] has been completed, the registrar, commissioner,  
3 employe or clerk shall deliver to such registered elector a  
4 [written or printed statement signed by such registrar,  
5 commissioner, employe or clerk,] a wallet sized voter's  
6 identification card setting forth the name and address of the  
7 elector, his ward and district, the fact of registration,  
8 designation of party enrollment, the date thereof, the serial  
9 number of the elector's registration card, space wherein the  
10 elector shall affix his signature or mark, and such other  
11 information as the commission may deem advisable. Each such  
12 statement shall contain a warning to the effect that the said  
13 statement relates only to the time of the issuance thereof and  
14 is not of itself evidence or proof of the elector's  
15 qualifications to vote at any election or primary. Upon request  
16 made at the office of the commission by any registered elector  
17 who has been registered prior thereto, the commission, if  
18 satisfied that such elector is a qualified elector of the  
19 district in which he is registered, shall mail or deliver such a  
20 statement of his registration to such elector.

21       Section 12. Section 20.2 of the act, added August 14, 1963  
22 (P.L.900, No.432), is amended to read:

23       Section 20.2. Manner of [Absentee] Registration by Certain  
24 [Ill or Disabled] Electors.--Any elector [who is unable to  
25 appear in person to register because of illness or physical  
26 disability] may, in addition to any other method herein  
27 provided, also be registered in the [following] manner set forth  
28 in this section:

29       (a) He may [make application] submit, either by mail, in  
30 person or by authorized representative, to the commission [for a

1 registration card] an official registration application card,  
2 the form of which shall be determined and prescribed by the  
3 Secretary of the Commonwealth.

4 (b) The official registration application card shall require  
5 the statement of, and shall provide sufficient space for the  
6 following information: (1) The surname of the applicant, (2) his  
7 Christian name or names, (3) his occupation, if any, (4) the  
8 street or road and number of his residence providing that in the  
9 event there is no street address, the applicant must list the  
10 nearest cross street or road, (5) if his residence is a portion  
11 only of a house, the location or number of the room or rooms,  
12 apartment, flat or floor which he occupies, (6) the date his  
13 residence began at the place at which he resides, (7) his  
14 residence address when he last registered and the year of such  
15 registration, including any former registration under any other  
16 surname, (8) the sex of the applicant, (9) the color of the  
17 applicant, (10) the state or territory of the United States or  
18 the foreign country where he was born, (11) the date when, place  
19 where, and the court by which naturalized, and the number of the  
20 naturalization certificate, (12) if not naturalized personally  
21 the name of father, mother or husband through whom naturalized,  
22 (13) whether he is unable by reason of illiteracy to read the  
23 names on the ballot or on voting machine labels, (14) whether he  
24 has a physical disability which will render him unable to see or  
25 mark the ballot or operate the voting machine or to enter the  
26 voting compartment or voting machine booth without assistance  
27 and, if so, his declaration of that fact and his statement of  
28 the exact nature of such disability, (15) the designation of the  
29 political party of the elector for the purpose of voting at  
30 primaries, (16) the [affidavit] declaration of registration as

1 hereinafter prescribed which shall be signed by the elector  
2 [attested by the signature of any person authorized to  
3 administer oaths or affirmations], (17) the height of the  
4 applicant in feet and inches, (18) the color of his hair, (19)  
5 the color of his eyes, (20) the date of his birth, (20.1) the  
6 designation by the applicant that the official registration  
7 application card is intended by the applicant for use as  
8 registration change of address, change of name, or change of  
9 political party affiliation. Each official registration  
10 application card for electors registering in the manner  
11 prescribed by this section shall also have a sufficient number  
12 of spaces thereon for the insertion of (21) the ward and  
13 election district, if any, in which the applicant resides and to  
14 which he may, from time to time, remove together with his street  
15 address in each such ward and district and the other data  
16 required to be given upon such removal, (22) the date of each  
17 election and primary at which the applicant votes after  
18 registration, the number and letter, if any, of the stub of the  
19 ballot issued to him or his number in the order of admission to  
20 the voting machines, and (23) the signature or initials of the  
21 election officer, commissioner, registrar or clerk, who enters  
22 the record of voting on the card[: Provided, however, That the  
23 applicant may state (24) his social security number].  
24 Immediately following the spaces for inserting the required  
25 information, the applicant shall affix his signature exactly as  
26 it appears in clauses (1) and (2).

27 (c) In addition, the foregoing official registration  
28 application card shall contain the following [affidavit]  
29 registration declaration and penalty for falsifying such  
30 declaration:

## REGISTRATION [AFFIDAVIT] DECLARATION

I hereby [swear or affirm] declare that I am a citizen of the United States, that on the day of the next ensuing primary or election I shall be at least [twenty-one] eighteen years of age, and shall have resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania [for one year (or having previously been a qualified elector or a native born citizen of the Commonwealth and having removed and returned, then six months)], and in the election district [sixty] thirty days, [that I am now legally entitled to register under this section by virtue of being ill or disabled,] that I am legally qualified to vote, that I [have read (or have had read to me) the foregoing statements made in connection with my registration, and that they are] affirm that the information provided herein is true and correct and that I fully understand that this application will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit, and if it contains a material false statement, shall be subject to the same penalties for perjury as if I had been duly sworn

Date of Signature

Printed name of applicant

Signature of applicant for registration.

[Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
..... day of .....,  
19....

Signature of any person authorized to  
administer oaths or affirmations.]

1                    PENALTY FOR FALSIFYING DECLARATION

2   If any person shall sign an official registration application  
3   card knowing any statement declared therein to be false, he  
4   shall be guilty of perjury, and upon conviction, shall be  
5   sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars  
6   (\$1,000), or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding five years,  
7   or both, at the discretion of the court. In addition, sentence  
8   shall include loss of the right of suffrage absolutely for a  
9   term of ten years.

10        (d) [Upon written application by an elector in the manner  
11   prescribed by this section to the registration commission having  
12   jurisdiction in the city in which the applicant resides, a  
13   registration card in the form herein prescribed, in duplicate,  
14   shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the applicant at the  
15   address given in such application. Such elector shall thereupon  
16   supply the information required on the registration card, in  
17   duplicate, and shall take the affidavit thereto, in duplicate,  
18   in the presence of any person authorized to administer oaths or  
19   affirmations and shall have delivered or mail the same, in  
20   duplicate, to the registration commission from which it was  
21   procured.] Any person registering under this section who is  
22   unable to sign his official registration application card shall  
23   make his mark and acknowledged before an official who is  
24   qualified to take acknowledgment of deeds.

25        (e) Registration in the manner prescribed by this section  
26   may be made at any time. If any registration card is received by  
27   any registration commission from any elector so registering any  
28   time when registration by personal appearance in the manner  
29   provided in section 20 of this act could not be made under the  
30   provisions of section 17 of this act, such application shall be

1 retained by the commission until the beginning of the next  
2 period during which such registration by personal appearance  
3 could be made and at such time the applicant, if otherwise  
4 entitled, shall be duly registered.

5 (f) [Registration] Official registration application cards  
6 returned by electors [registering in the manner prescribed by]  
7 qualified to register under this section to any registration  
8 commission shall be examined by a member of the commission or  
9 any clerk or registrar [at a time and place when personal  
10 registrations are] upon being received [and such member of the  
11 commission, clerk or registrar shall announce in the hearing of  
12 all present the name and address of the elector who has thus  
13 offered to register]. The right of such elector to be registered  
14 shall be subject to challenge in like manner and for the same  
15 causes as set forth in section 22 of this act and for failure to  
16 have mailed the commission a properly completed official  
17 registration application card. If the commission finds the  
18 registration card not properly completed, it shall reject it in  
19 the manner hereinafter provided.

20 Section 13. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

21 Section 20.3. Approval of Official Registration Application  
22 Cards.--(a) The commission, upon receipt of an official  
23 registration application card, shall make an entry of the date  
24 received on each application and on the corresponding  
25 notification of receipt stub. In the event the applicant does  
26 not reside within the city, but resides elsewhere in  
27 Pennsylvania, the commission shall forthwith forward such  
28 application card to the proper county registration commission.  
29 In all other cases, the commission shall forthwith detach the  
30 notification stub as provided for in subsection (a) of section

1 19.1 of this act, and send the same to the applicant by first  
2 class non-forwardable mail, return postage guaranteed, with such  
3 postage costs to be paid by the State.

4 (b) If the official registration application card shall  
5 contain the required information indicating that the applicant  
6 is legally qualified to register as stated in his application,  
7 the commission shall transfer all information on such  
8 application card to a registration card, serially numbered in  
9 duplicate as provided in section 17 of this act, provided that  
10 the official registration application card may serve as the  
11 registration card of the applicant in the general file. The  
12 commission shall detach the signature portion from the  
13 application form and affix it in the proper space on the  
14 original registration card to be inserted in the district  
15 register.

16 (c) If the official registration application card is one for  
17 transfer of registration and party enrollment and shall contain  
18 the required information, and the applicant is legally qualified  
19 to transfer his registration or change his party enrollment as  
20 stated in his application, the commission shall thereupon make  
21 such transfer.

22 (d) If the official registration application card is one for  
23 change of party enrollment and shall contain the required  
24 information, the party enrollment of such applicant shall be  
25 effective no later than the next primary.

26 (e) If the official registration application card is not in  
27 compliance with this act the commission shall mark "REJECTED" on  
28 the application form together with the reason for rejection and  
29 return same to the applicant by first class non-forwardable  
30 mail, return postage guaranteed.

1     (f) Upon the return by the post office of an applicant's  
2 notification stub which the post office is unable to deliver at  
3 the given address, the commission shall cause an investigation  
4 to be made. In the event the commission finds the applicant is  
5 not qualified from such an address, the commission shall reject  
6 the application and notify the applicant by first class mail of  
7 such action.

8     (g) The commission shall undertake such street canvasses by  
9 inspectors to verify residence of those registered and to  
10 determine if there are unregistered eligible voters residing at  
11 these addresses. When the inspectors find or believe that there  
12 are unregistered voters at a residency or voters who have  
13 changed addresses they shall leave sufficient official  
14 registration application cards for all potentially eligible  
15 voters who are unregistered or need to change their  
16 registrations. There must be at least one inspector for each  
17 twenty thousand (20,000) registered voters as of the last  
18 election: Provided, That each registration specialist employed  
19 under section 5 (i) may be considered an inspector for purposes  
20 of this section.

21     (h) If the registration commission suspects that for any  
22 reason the applicant is not entitled to registration, change of  
23 party affiliation, change of address or change of name, the  
24 commission may cause an investigation to be made in reference  
25 thereto. If the commission shall find that the applicant is not  
26 qualified to register, change party affiliation, change address  
27 or change name, the application shall be rejected and the  
28 applicant notified of such rejection with the reason therefor,  
29 provided that such rejection must be made no later than ten (10)  
30 days before the ensuing primary or election succeeding the

1 filing of the official registration application card.

2 Section 14. Section 23 of the act, amended June 7, 1961  
3 (P.L.273, No.159), is amended to read:

4 Section 23. Naturalized Applicants; Applicants Whose  
5 Fathers, Mothers or Husbands Were Naturalized.--All persons  
6 claiming the right to vote by reason of naturalization shall  
7 [produce the proper naturalization papers, or a certified copy  
8 thereof, before they shall be registered] declare the date when,  
9 place where and court by which they were naturalized and the  
10 number of the naturalization certificate: Provided, That any  
11 person claiming citizenship by reason of the naturalization of  
12 his father or mother [may be registered either by the production  
13 of his father's or mother's original papers, or a certified copy  
14 thereof, or by making affidavit as to the court in which, and  
15 time when,] during his minority shall declare the date when,  
16 place where, and the court by which his father or mother was  
17 naturalized, and the date of his birth, indicating that he, the  
18 applicant, then acquired citizenship and that he is unable to  
19 produce his father's or mother's naturalization papers or a  
20 certified copy thereof, stating the reason: And provided  
21 further, That any woman claiming citizenship by reason of her  
22 marriage prior to September twenty-second, one thousand nine  
23 hundred and twenty-two, may be registered either (a) by the  
24 production of her husband's original naturalization papers or a  
25 certified copy thereof, or by making affidavit that her husband  
26 was naturalized prior to their marriage stating therein the date  
27 and place of their marriage, the time when, and the court in  
28 which such naturalization was effected, and that she is unable  
29 to produce his original naturalization papers or a certified  
30 copy thereof, stating the reason therefor, or (b) by the

1 production of evidence that her husband was a native born  
2 citizen of the United States or by making affidavit of such fact  
3 stating therein the place and date of her husband's birth and  
4 the date and place of their marriage. Each such affidavit shall  
5 be filed with the registration affidavit of the person whose  
6 registration it affects, and shall be returned therewith to the  
7 office of the registration commission.

8 A person who has previously been registered in any city of  
9 the first class and moves to another address in the same city  
10 may be reregistered notwithstanding his inability to produce  
11 documentary proof of citizenship, if such proof was submitted in  
12 connection with his prior registration and the fact thereof was  
13 noted on his registration record: And further provided, That  
14 such person has voted within three years of the date of such  
15 reregistration.

16 Section 15. Section 24 of the act, amended August 1, 1941  
17 (P.L.702, No.277), is amended to read:

18 Section 24. Incomplete or Rejected Application to Be  
19 Recorded.--The registrar, clerk or commissioner shall record on  
20 registration cards the surname, Christian name or names, and  
21 street and number of residence of each person who applies for  
22 registration, whether or not the application is accepted.  
23 Whenever the applicant is rejected after a portion of the record  
24 has been filled in, the registration card or cards shall be  
25 marked "Applicant Rejected," and the registrar, clerk or  
26 commissioner shall note thereon the reason for the rejection and  
27 shall sign his name thereto. The registrar, clerk or  
28 commissioner shall forthwith personally notify the applicant if  
29 his application for registration is rejected: Provided, however,  
30 That if [the] an official registration application card was

1 received by mail [from a person in military service] or from the  
2 personal representative of the elector, notice of rejection  
3 shall be by mail. All such cards shall be returned to the  
4 commission and shall be preserved for a period of two years.

5 Section 16. Section 26 of the act amended July 31, 1941  
6 (P.L.710, No.279), is amended to read:

7 Section 26. General Register.--A copy of the registration  
8 affidavits for the entire city shall be placed in cabinets in  
9 exact alphabetical order and indexed as to name, and shall be  
10 kept at the office of the commission in a place and in such  
11 manner as to be properly safeguarded. These affidavits shall  
12 constitute the general register of such city, and shall not be  
13 removed from the office of the commission, nor open to public  
14 inspection, except upon order of the court of common pleas of  
15 the county wherein such city is located, upon sufficient cause  
16 having been shown. The official registration application card of  
17 an elector who has registered by using a non personal voter  
18 registration application card may qualify as a duplicate  
19 registration card.

20 Section 17. Section 27 of the act, amended July 31, 1941  
21 (P.L.710, No.279), is amended to read:

22 Section 27. District Registers; [Triplicate] Registration  
23 Cards.--

24 (a) The original registration affidavits shall be filed by  
25 election districts, and within each election district, in exact  
26 alphabetical order, or in the order in which their residences  
27 appear upon the streets of the election district and in exact  
28 alphabetical order for each residence, as the commission may  
29 determine, and shall be visibly indexed as to name and voting  
30 record. The affidavits so filed for each election district shall

1 constitute the district register for such district. The district  
2 register shall be kept at the office of the commission, except  
3 as herein provided and shall be open to public inspection,  
4 subject to reasonable safeguards, rules and regulations and to  
5 the provisions of this act.

6 (b) The commission shall safely retain all [triplicate]  
7 registration affidavits or cards now in its custody, and such as  
8 it may under the provisions of this act hereafter require to be  
9 used in the registration of electors, for the same period of  
10 time as the commission is required to retain all other  
11 registration affidavits or cards and in such order or manner as  
12 it may by regulation direct. Any such [triplicate] registration  
13 affidavit or card may be substituted for a lost, destroyed or  
14 mislaid original or duplicate affidavit or card of the same  
15 elector on order of the commission endorsed thereon and signed  
16 by a commissioner, and such [triplicate] affidavit or card when  
17 so substituted shall be deemed and considered for all purposes  
18 as though it shall be the original or duplicate affidavit or  
19 card, as the case may be.

20 (c) All official registration application cards shall be  
21 deemed original registration affidavits for the purposes of this  
22 section.

23 Section 18. Sections 28 and 29 of the act, amended June 3,  
24 1943 (P.L.855, No.359), are amended to read:

25 Section 28. Removal Notices.--The commission shall provide  
26 forms of removal notices, which it shall cause to be made  
27 available for the convenient use of registered electors. These  
28 notices shall be printed upon cards suitable for mailing,  
29 addressed to the office of the registration commission and shall  
30 contain spaces wherein the elector shall write--(1) the street

1 and number of his present residence and the specific location  
2 thereof, including the number of the room, apartment, flat or  
3 floor in his residence, if a portion only of a house; (2) the  
4 street and number of the address from which he was last  
5 registered; (3) the date of his removal to his present address;  
6 (4) the serial number of his registration card; (5) space  
7 wherein the elector shall sign his name and insert the date of  
8 signing; (6) space wherein two registered electors of the  
9 district to which he has removed shall sign their names and  
10 addresses, certifying to the truth of the statement on said  
11 notice as to his present place of residence. The removal notice  
12 shall contain a statement that the elector may, by filling out  
13 properly and signing a removal notice, having it witnessed as  
14 aforesaid and returning it to the office of the commission, have  
15 his change of residence entered on the registers. Each removal  
16 notice shall contain a warning to the elector that the notice  
17 will not be accepted unless the signature thereon can be  
18 identified by the commission with the elector's signature in the  
19 general and district register, and that if he notifies the  
20 commission of a change of his residence address knowing or  
21 having reason to know that he is not entitled to have his  
22 residence address changed, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
23 and subject to the penalties as provided by this act. Each  
24 removal notice, to be effective, must be received either through  
25 the mail or by delivery at the office of the commission,  
26 postmarked or delivered, as the case may be, not later than [the  
27 tenth day] thirty days prior to any primary or election, and  
28 must have been signed by the elector within ten days prior to  
29 the date of mailing or delivery. Warning of these provisions  
30 shall also appear on each removal notice form. An official

1 registration application card of any elector who has registered  
2 by mail may qualify as a removal notice.

3       Section 29. Recording Change of Residence.--(a) Upon receipt  
4 of a removal notice properly filled out, and executed on the  
5 form prescribed by the commission within the time and in the  
6 manner provided by this act, containing the required information  
7 and setting forth a removal of residence to another location in  
8 the same district, the commission shall cause the signature  
9 thereon to be compared with the signature on the registration  
10 affidavit of the elector from whom the removal notice purports  
11 to come, and, if the signature shall appear authentic, shall  
12 enter the change of residence in the registers. In any case, the  
13 commission shall advise the elector promptly in writing of its  
14 action.

15       (c) If the commission shall doubt that the request is  
16 authentic, it shall, without entering the change of residence,  
17 promptly notify the elector that it will be necessary for him to  
18 apply in person at any office of the commission to have the  
19 change of residence entered in the registers.

20       (d) [No elector who is unable to write his name shall be  
21 permitted to apply for the recording of his change of residence  
22 by use of a written removal notice, but each such elector must  
23 apply in person at any office of the commission, or any place of  
24 registration, on one of the days and at such time as prescribed  
25 for the registration of electors, establish his identity, and  
26 state, under oath or affirmation, to which he shall affix his  
27 mark in the presence of a registrar, clerk or commissioner, who  
28 shall affix his own signature thereto as a witness, the  
29 information required of registered electors in a removal  
30 notice.] Any [other] elector may also appear in person at any

1 office of the commission or any place of registration on any of  
2 the said days and apply for the recording of his change of  
3 residence within the same district, in which case the signatures  
4 of two registered electors of the district shall not be  
5 required, if such elector shall establish his identity, and,  
6 after stating under oath or affirmation the information required  
7 in a removal notice, shall sign the same in the presence of a  
8 registrar, clerk or commissioner, who shall affix his own  
9 signature thereto as a witness.

10 (e) Immediately upon the receipt of a removal notice by the  
11 commission, it shall note thereon the date of receipt and number  
12 the same in the order of its receipt, and shall forthwith mail  
13 to the elector an acknowledgment of the receipt of such notice,  
14 stating the date of receipt and the number assigned to it and  
15 that the elector will be advised by the commission of the action  
16 taken thereon. Each acknowledgment so mailed shall contain on  
17 the outside a request to the postmaster to return it to the  
18 commission within five days if it cannot be delivered to the  
19 addressee at the address given thereon and not to forward the  
20 same to any other address. In the event that any such removal  
21 notice shall be filed or application made for the recording of  
22 his change of residence as provided in clause (d) of this  
23 section by an elector at any place of registration or at any  
24 office of the commission, a similar acknowledgment shall be  
25 delivered to him by the registrar, clerk or employes receiving  
26 the same, signed by him: Provided, however, That such removal  
27 notices and applications shall be numbered by the registrar,  
28 clerk or employe in the order of their receipt at the respective  
29 registration places or offices. The commission may cause blank  
30 forms of acknowledgments to be physically attached to the

1 removal notices and applications and may require the elector to  
2 insert his name and new address thereon before filing the same.

3 Section 19. Section 30 of the act, amended July 31, 1941  
4 (P.L.710, No.279), August 14, 1963 (P.L.900, No.432), and March  
5 26, 1973 (P.L.9, No.3), is amended to read:

6 Section 30. Change of Party Enrollment; Notice Change of  
7 Enrollment of Political Party; Cancellation of Party Enrollment;  
8 Persons Suffering Disability After Registration to Have Fact  
9 Recorded; Cancellation.--(a) The commission shall provide change  
10 of party enrollment notices, which it shall cause to be  
11 available for the convenient use of registered electors. Those  
12 notices shall be printed upon cards and shall contain spaces  
13 wherein shall be recorded under oath--(1) the street and number  
14 of the elector's residence; (2) his ward and election district;  
15 (3) the political party in which he is enrolled; (4) the  
16 political party in which he desires to be enrolled; (5) the  
17 signature of the elector; (6) the serial number of his  
18 registration card. Any person who is duly registered and is a  
19 member of any of the categories enumerated in sections 20.1 and  
20 20.2 herein who desires to change his party enrollment shall be  
21 permitted to do so by addressing to the commission a signed  
22 written application under oath taken and subscribed to before  
23 any person authorized to administer oaths or by submitting an  
24 official registration application card designated as a change of  
25 party enrollment. The application [shall] may be sent by the  
26 applicant[, if outside the continental limits of the United  
27 States by registered mail, return receipt required, otherwise by  
28 certified mail, return receipt required, and shall also contain  
29 a statement that such person is at the time of making the  
30 application absent from his residence or is ill or disabled.] by

1 mail, or by any other means. If, upon examination, the signature  
2 appears authentic and the application conforms to the provisions  
3 of this section, the enrollment shall be changed in accordance  
4 with the application. In the event a registered elector changes  
5 his party enrollment between any primary and the following  
6 November or municipal election, such party enrollment change  
7 shall become effective no later than the next ensuing primary.

8 (b) At any time except the thirty days next preceding the  
9 primary election and except the thirty days next following an  
10 election, any person who desires to change his party enrollment,  
11 or who, although registered, has not hitherto enrolled as member  
12 of a party, shall appear at any office of the commission or  
13 before the registrars in his ward or district, and sign the  
14 change of party enrollment notice, or shall submit an official  
15 registration application card designated as a change of party  
16 enrollment containing the information required by subsection (a)  
17 of this section, stating the designation of the political party  
18 in which he desires to be enrolled: Provided, however, That no  
19 registered elector shall be permitted to change his party  
20 enrollment between any primary and the following general or  
21 municipal election, nor more than once between any November  
22 election and the following primary election. The commission  
23 shall cause the signature thereon to be compared with the  
24 signature on the general and district registers, and, if the  
25 signatures appear authentic, shall enter the change of  
26 enrollment of political party in the registers, unless such  
27 elector is prohibited from changing his party enrollment as  
28 aforesaid. In the event a registered elector changes his party  
29 enrollment between any primary and the following November or  
30 municipal election, such party enrollment change shall become

1 effective no later than the next ensuing primary.

2 (c) Any elector who is unable to write his name shall, in  
3 addition, establish his identity, and shall affix his mark, in  
4 lieu of his signature, in the presence of a registrar, clerk or  
5 commissioner, who shall affix his own signature thereto as a  
6 witness to the information required in the change of party  
7 enrollment notice.

8 (d) At any time not later than the thirtieth day preceding  
9 any primary, any qualified elector of the city, including any  
10 watcher, may petition the commission to cancel the party  
11 enrollment of any registered elector of such city who has  
12 previously enrolled as a member of a party for the purpose of  
13 voting at primary elections, setting forth, under oath, that he  
14 believes that such elector is not a member of the party with  
15 which he has been enrolled, and also setting forth that due  
16 notice of the time and place when said petition would be  
17 presented had been given to the person so registered, at least  
18 forty-eight hours prior to presentation of the same, by  
19 delivering a copy of the said petition to him personally or by  
20 leaving it with an adult member of the family with which he  
21 resides. If, at or before the hearing of any such petition, the  
22 elector against whom the petition is filed files an affidavit  
23 with the commission in which he swears or affirms that, at the  
24 last election at which he voted, he voted for a majority of the  
25 candidates of the party as a member of which he desires to be  
26 enrolled, all of the candidates of a party for presidential  
27 elector being counted as two candidates, the petition shall be  
28 refused, otherwise, the party enrollment of such elector shall  
29 be forthwith cancelled.

30 (e) Any elector who has, since the time of registration,

1 suffered a physical disability which renders him unable to see  
2 or mark the ballot or prepare the voting machine, or to enter  
3 the voting compartment or voting machine booth, without  
4 assistance shall, at least seven days prior to the next  
5 succeeding primary or election, personally make application,  
6 under oath, to the commission or registrars to have such fact  
7 entered on his registration affidavit, together with the exact  
8 nature of his physical disability, which entry shall be made  
9 accordingly.

10 (f) When the commission shall ascertain that any elector who  
11 has declared his need for assistance is no longer illiterate, or  
12 no longer suffers from the disability stated by him, it shall  
13 cancel on his registration affidavit the entry relating to  
14 illiteracy or physical disability which authorized him to have  
15 assistance, and shall forthwith notify such elector by mail of  
16 this action.

17 Section 20. Section 32 of the act is amended by adding a  
18 clause to read:

19 Section 32. Mail Check-up of Register.--\* \* \*

20 (e) For new registrants or for persons changing their  
21 registration and using the official registration application  
22 card, the notification stub may serve as the mail check-up of  
23 register.

24 Section 21. Section 33 of the act is amended by adding a  
25 subsection to read:

26 Section 33. Canvass of Registered Voters.--\* \* \*

27 (f) Non personal voter registration specialists will conduct  
28 a personal canvass of a substantial number of persons who  
29 registered to vote by submitting a non personal voter  
30 registration application card, but in no event less than ten per

1 cent of those so registered during a period when personal  
2 registrations are being accepted, to verify the authenticity of  
3 the information sworn to on the official registration  
4 application cards and to complete any otherwise incomplete  
5 application cards.

6 Section 22. Section 37 of the act, subsection (c) added July  
7 31, 1941 (P.L.710, No.279), is amended to read:

8 Section 37. Delivery of District Registers to Commissioners  
9 in Charge of Elections.--(a) Not later than noon of the Friday  
10 preceding an election or primary, the commission shall deliver  
11 to the commissioners in charge of the election or primary the  
12 district registers for that district, accurately corrected to  
13 date, together with other election materials for use on election  
14 day, in the manner in which such commissioners now are or  
15 hereafter may be required to deliver the same: Provided,  
16 however, That the registration commission shall not deliver to  
17 the commissioners in charge of elections the registration card,  
18 for use at the polls on election day, for any person who has  
19 removed from one election district to another within [two  
20 months] thirty days of any general, municipal, primary or  
21 special election.

22 (b) District registers, when so delivered to the  
23 commissioners in charge of elections, shall be contained in  
24 suitable binders so constructed and locked that the name,  
25 address, voting record, and other data on each card may be  
26 visible, and that entries may be made on each card, but that the  
27 cards cannot be removed by the election officers. Said binders  
28 shall be enclosed within a case or container and shall be locked  
29 and sealed by the commission before delivery to the  
30 commissioners in charge of elections.

1        Said binders shall have printed or written thereon the words  
2        "District Register of Voters" and the number of the district and  
3        ward.

4        (c) In the event that any of said district registers when so  
5        delivered shall contain the names of registered electors not  
6        contained in the street list posted in the district as required  
7        by section thirty-four (b), or shall omit names of registered  
8        electors contained in said street list, then the said registers  
9        shall be accompanied by a list showing such names as were added  
10       and such names as were omitted with a brief explanation or key  
11       showing the cause for such addition or omission. Such list shall  
12       remain in the polling place on election day open to public  
13       inspection. One copy of such list shall be posted at the office  
14       of the commission at the time of the delivery of the binders and  
15       shall remain posted until after the next succeeding election,  
16       and one copy of such list shall be furnished to the chairman of  
17       the city committee of each party entitled to a ballot at the  
18       preceding primary.

19       Section 23. Section 40 of the act, amended May 23, 1945  
20       (P.L.898, No.361), is amended to read:

21       Section 40. Cancellation of Registration upon Failure to  
22       Vote Within Certain Periods; Request for Reinstatement;  
23       Correction of Errors of the Commission in Cancellation of  
24       Registrations.--[Within three months after the first day of  
25       January of] During each year, the commission shall cause all of  
26       the district registers to be examined, and in the case of each  
27       registered elector who is not recorded as having voted at any  
28       election or primary during the two calendar years immediately  
29       preceding, the commission shall send to such elector by mail, at  
30       his address appearing upon his registration affidavit, a notice,

1 setting forth that the records of the commission indicate that  
2 he has not voted during the two immediately preceding calendar  
3 years, and that his registration will be cancelled [at the  
4 expiration of ten days from the date of mailing such notice] if  
5 he does not vote in the next primary or election or unless he  
6 shall, within [that period] ten days of the next primary or  
7 election, file with the commission, [either personally or by  
8 mail,] a written request for reinstatement of his registration,  
9 signed by him, setting forth his place of residence. A list of  
10 the persons to whom such notices shall have been mailed shall be  
11 sent promptly to the city chairman of the political party of  
12 which the electors were registered as members. At the expiration  
13 of the time specified in the notice, the commission shall cause  
14 the registration of such elector to be cancelled unless he has  
15 filed with the commission a signed request for reinstatement of  
16 his registration as above provided. The official registration  
17 application card of an elector who has registered may qualify as  
18 a reinstatement of his registration or a removal notice. The  
19 cancellation of the registration of any such elector for failure  
20 to vote during the two immediately preceding calendar years  
21 shall not affect the right of any such elector to subsequently  
22 register [by personal application] in the manner provided by  
23 this act.

24 Whenever the registration of an elector has been cancelled  
25 through error, such elector may petition the commission for the  
26 reinstatement of his registration not later than the tenth day  
27 preceding any primary or election, and after a hearing on said  
28 application, if error on the part of the commission is proved,  
29 the commission shall reinstate the registration of such elector.

30 Section 24. Section 44 of the act, repealed as to witness

1 fees by act of July 21, 1941 (P.L.425, No.173), is amended to  
2 read:

3 Section 44. Subpoenas and Witness Fees.--(a) Any person  
4 filing any petition of any kind aforesaid with the commission,  
5 or opposing same, shall have the privilege of having subpoenas  
6 issued by the commission to compel the attendance of witnesses  
7 upon condition that all witnesses so subpoenaed shall be paid  
8 [two dollars and fifty cents] twenty dollars per day as witness  
9 fees, in the manner herein provided.

10 (b) The commission, on its own motion, may subpoena  
11 witnesses, including registrars, each of whom shall also be  
12 entitled to daily witness fees, [at the rate aforesaid] to be  
13 paid out of any money to be provided for the purpose to the  
14 commission by the appropriating authority of the county in the  
15 same manner as other necessary expenses of such commission are  
16 to be provided for.

17 (c) All subpoenas shall be in substantially the same form  
18 and shall have the same force and effect as subpoenas now issued  
19 by a court of common pleas. The commission shall have the  
20 benefit of the process of said courts, if necessary, to enforce  
21 any subpoena issued by such commission.

22 (d) No subpoena shall be issued for the benefit of any  
23 person, other than the commission, until he shall have paid the  
24 commission a fee of twenty-five cents for issuing the same, and  
25 deposited with said commission one day's witness fees for each  
26 witness to be summoned thereby, whose names shall be given to  
27 the commission and entered by it in such subpoena, and no such  
28 subpoena shall be of any virtue to require the further  
29 attendance of any witness after the day mentioned therein unless  
30 the hearing be postponed or continued by the commission, and

1 unless, before four o'clock postmeridian of said day, the person  
2 for whose benefit it be issued shall have deposited with the  
3 said commission an additional day's witness fees for each  
4 witness whose further attendance is desired. As soon as  
5 convenient after any hearing is concluded (or postponed or  
6 continued) on any day, the commission shall disburse the fees  
7 deposited with it by any person aforesaid among these witnesses  
8 who have appeared in response to subpoenas issued as aforesaid,  
9 and shall return to the person who deposited the same any fees  
10 deposited for others who did not attend, and shall also pay like  
11 fees to any summoned by the commission as aforesaid, taking  
12 their receipts therefor, as long as there are sufficient funds  
13 available for such payments.

14 (e) The commission shall pay over to the city treasurer all  
15 fees received for subpoenas. The accounts of such commission  
16 respecting disbursements of witness fees out of appropriation  
17 made to such commission by the appropriating authority of the  
18 city shall be subject to audit from time to time by the city  
19 controller.

20 Section 25. Subsection (d) of section 45 of the act is  
21 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to  
22 read:

23 Section 45. Crimes and Penalties.--\* \* \*

24 (d) Any person who applies for registration, or who notifies  
25 the commission of a change of his residence address, knowing, or  
26 having reason to know, that he is not entitled to be registered,  
27 or have his residence address changed, or any person who  
28 declares as his residence a place or address which he knows or  
29 has reason to know is not his legal residence, or who falsely  
30 personates another in an application for registration, or who

1 knowingly offers false naturalization [papers] information to  
2 establish his claim to be registered, shall be guilty of a  
3 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to  
4 pay a fine not exceeding one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, or to  
5 undergo an imprisonment [of not more than three (3) years] not  
6 exceeding five (5) years, or both. In addition, sentence shall  
7 include the loss of the right of suffrage absolutely for a term  
8 of ten (10) years.

9 \* \* \*

10 (q) Any wilful false statement made by a registrant in  
11 information set forth by such registrant on the official  
12 registration application card shall be perjury, and any  
13 registrant convicted thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine  
14 not exceeding one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, and to undergo  
15 an imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years, or both. In  
16 addition, sentence shall include the loss of the right of  
17 suffrage absolutely for a term of ten (10) years.

18 (r) It shall be a misdemeanor for an elector's  
19 representative under section 20 to deliberately misinstruct or  
20 falsify or alter party designation or to fail to deliver a  
21 completed and signed registration application.

22 Section 26. This act shall take effect December 31, 1975.