

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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LYNCH AND STEELMAN, MARCH 10, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 30, 1995 (P.L.170, No.25), entitled "An  
2 act providing for voter registration, for registration  
3 commissions, for remedies and for absentee ballots; imposing  
4 penalties; making appropriations; and making repeals,"  
5 further providing for open records and documents.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 307 of the act of June 30, 1995 (P.L.170,  
9 No.25), known as the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, is  
10 amended to read:

11 Section 307. Open records and documents.

12 (a) Scope.--The following documents under this act are open  
13 to public inspection except as otherwise provided in this  
14 section:

15 (1) Records of a registration commission and of district  
16 registers.

17 (2) Street lists.

18 (3) Official voter registration applications.

- 1           (4) Petitions and appeals.
- 2           (5) Witness lists.
- 3           (6) Accounts and contracts.
- 4           (7) Reports.

5       (b) Use.--Open material under subsection (a) may be  
6 inspected during ordinary business hours subject to the  
7 efficient operation of the commission. Public inspection shall  
8 only be in the presence of a commissioner or authorized  
9 commission employee and shall be subject to proper regulation  
10 for safekeeping of the material and subject to this act. Upon  
11 request, a photocopy of the record or computer-generated data  
12 record shall be provided at cost. [The] Notwithstanding the  
13 provisions of any other law, the material may not be used for  
14 commercial [or], improper or other nonelection purposes.

15       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.