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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 11, 2000

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 requiring prothonotaries and registers of wills to report  
6 name changes; and making an editorial change.

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

9 Section 1. Section 905 of the act of June 30, 1995 (P.L.170,  
10 No.25), known as the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, is  
11 amended to read:

12 Section 905. Department of Health.

13 (a) Deaths to be reported.--The Department of Health shall,  
14 within 60 days of receiving notice of the death of an individual  
15 18 years of age or older, send the name and address of residence  
16 of that individual to the commission on a form prescribed by the  
17 department.

18 (b) Cancellation of registration.--The registration

commission shall cancel the registration of a registered elector reported dead by the Department of Health under this section.

[The Department of Health shall, within 60 days of receiving notice of the death of an individual 18 years of age or older, send the name and address of residence of that individual to the commission on a form prescribed by the department.] An individual incorrectly reported deceased by the Department of Health may appear in person before a commissioner, registrar or clerk at the office of the commission and prove identity. The commission, upon such proof, shall correct its records.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 905.1. Prothonotary and register of wills.

(a) Judicial name changes to be reported.--A prothonotary shall, within 60 days of:

(1) the entry of an order of court approving a change of name of an individual who is 18 years of age or older under 54 Pa.C.S. § 702 (relating to change by order of court); or

(2) the filing of a written notice of the resumption of a prior surname by an individual who is 18 years of age or older under 54 Pa.C.S. § 704 (relating to divorced person may resume prior name),

send the name and address of residence of that individual to the commission on a form prescribed by the department.

(b) Marriage license name changes to be reported.--A register of wills shall:

(1) for an applicant to a marriage license whose surname is to be changed by virtue of the marriage and who is 18 years of age or older; and

(2) within 60 days of receiving the return of marriage for that individual under 23 Pa.C.S. § 1504 (relating to

1     returns of marriages),  
2     send the name and address of residence of that individual to the  
3     commission on a form prescribed by the department.

4     (c) Name change on voter registration.--The registration  
5     commission shall change the name of a registered elector  
6     reported by a prothonotary or register of wills under this  
7     section. An individual incorrectly reported with a name change  
8     by a prothonotary or register of wills may appear in person  
9     before a commissioner, registrar or clerk at the office of the  
10    commission and prove identity. The commission, upon such proof,  
11    shall correct its records.

12    Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.