## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

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REFERRED TO COMMITEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 11, 2013

## AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled 1 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, 2 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating 4 and defining membership of county boards of elections; 5 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 6 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, 7 8 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and 9 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to 10 elections," expanding the authority to issue proof of voter 11 identification; and making an appropriation. 12 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 14 hereby enacts as follows: 15 Section 1. Section 102(z.5) of the act of June 3, 1937 16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, added March 14, 2012 (P.L.195, No.18), is amended to read: 17 18 Section 102. Definitions .-- The following words, when used in 19 this act, shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise 20 clearly apparent from the context: 21 22 (z.5) The words "proof of identification" shall mean:

- 1 (1) In the case of an elector who has a religious objection
- 2 to being photographed, a valid-without-photo driver's license or
- 3 a valid-without-photo identification card issued by the
- 4 Department of Transportation.
- 5 (2) For an elector who appears to vote under section 1210, a
- 6 document that:
- 7 (i) shows the name of the individual to whom the document
- 8 was issued and the name substantially conforms to the name of
- 9 the individual as it appears in the district register;
- 10 (ii) shows a photograph of the individual to whom the
- 11 document was issued;
- 12 (iii) includes an expiration date and is not expired,
- 13 except:
- 14 (A) for a document issued by the Department of
- 15 Transportation which is not more than twelve (12) months past
- 16 the expiration date; or
- 17 (B) in the case of a document from an agency of the Armed
- 18 forces of the United States or their reserve components,
- 19 including the Pennsylvania National Guard, establishing that the
- 20 elector is a current member of or a veteran of the United States
- 21 Armed Forces or National Guard which does not designate a
- 22 specific date on which the document expires, but includes a
- 23 designation that the expiration date is indefinite; and
- 24 (iv) was issued by one of the following:
- 25 (A) The United States Government.
- 26 (B) The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This clause includes
- 27 <u>issuance by a district office of a member of the General</u>
- 28 <u>Assembly.</u>
- 29 (C) A municipality of this Commonwealth to an employee of
- 30 that municipality.

- 1 (D) An accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution
- 2 of higher learning.
- 3 (E) A Pennsylvania care facility.
- 4 (3) For a qualified absentee elector under section 1301:
- 5 (i) in the case of an elector who has been issued a current
- 6 and valid driver's license, the elector's driver's license
- 7 number;
- 8 (ii) in the case of an elector who has not been issued a
- 9 current and valid driver's license, the last four digits of the
- 10 elector's Social Security number;
- 11 (iii) in the case of an elector who has a religious
- 12 objection to being photographed, a copy of a document that
- 13 satisfies paragraph (1); or
- 14 (iv) in the case of an elector who has not been issued a
- 15 current and valid driver's license or Social Security number, a
- 16 copy of a document that satisfies paragraph (2).
- 17 Section 2. For the fiscal year July 1, 2013, to June 30,
- 18 2014, to carry out the amendment of section 102(z.5)(2)(iv)(B)
- 19 of the act:
- 20 (1) The sum of ?, or as much thereof as may be
- 21 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Senate.
- 22 (2) The sum of ?, or as much thereof as may be
- 23 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the House of
- 24 Representatives.
- 25 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.