THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS, SCHLOSSBERG, RAVENSTAHL, V. BROWN, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN AND DeLISSIO, APRIL 12, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 12, 2017

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for
- qualifications to register.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 1301 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 1301. Qualifications to register.
- 9 (a) Eligibility. -- [An] Except as provided in subsection (d),
- 10 an individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the day of
- 11 the next election, who has been a citizen of the United States
- 12 for at least one month prior to the next election and who has
- 13 resided in this Commonwealth and the election district where the
- 14 individual offers to vote for at least 30 days prior to the next
- 15 ensuing election and has not been confined in a penal
- 16 institution for a conviction of a felony within the last five
- 17 years shall be eliqible to register as provided in this chapter.
- 18 (b) Effect. -- No individual shall be permitted to vote at any

- 1 election unless the individual is registered under this
- 2 subsection, except as provided by law or by order of a court of
- 3 common pleas. No person registered under subsection (d) shall be
- 4 permitted to vote until that person attains 18 years of age. No
- 5 registered elector shall be required to register again for any
- 6 election while the elector continues to reside at the same
- 7 address.
- 8 (c) Removal of residence. -- Except as otherwise provided by
- 9 this part, a registered elector who removes residence from one
- 10 place to another outside the elector's last election district
- 11 shall not be entitled to vote in the election district of the
- 12 elector's last residence except pursuant to the provisions of
- 13 this section and sections 1501(b) (relating to removal notices),
- 14 1502 (relating to transfer of registration) and 1902 (relating
- 15 to procedure for voting following failure to return notification
- 16 card).
- 17 <u>(d) Preregistration.--A person who is otherwise qualified to</u>
- 18 register and is at least 16 years of age but will not be 18
- 19 years of age by the date of the next election may preregister
- 20 upon satisfactory proof of age. At such time as the person
- 21 reaches 18 years of age prior to the date of the next election,
- 22 the SURE system shall automatically register the person so that
- 23 the person may vote in that election.
- 24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.