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WIGGINS, FEBRUARY 2, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 2, 1988

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 the election of city
21 commissioners.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115,
25 No.40), known as The First Class City Permanent Registration
26 Act, amended July 1, 1976 (P.L.476, No.122), is amended to read:

27 Section 3. Registration Commission; Membership, Bipartisan;

1 Term of Office; Vacancies; Removal; Compensation; Chairman;
2 Secretary; Action by Vote of Majority of Members; Record of
3 Proceedings; Annual Report.--

4 (a) There shall be a registration commission in and for each
5 city of the first class, which commission shall have
6 jurisdiction over the registration of electors of such city
7 under the provisions of this act.

8 (b) The registration commission shall consist of the three
9 elected city commissioners of a city of the first class, who
10 shall be elected for a term of four years, in the year that the
11 mayor is elected and a vacancy in the office shall be filled in
12 the manner provided by city ordinance, in the same manner that a
13 vacancy in the office of city commissioner is filled.

14 (e) The registration commissioner shall receive the salary
15 set for the city commissioner by city ordinance, and shall
16 receive no additional salary for service as the registration
17 commissioner.

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

21 (h) Each commission shall keep a record, in permanent form,
22 of all its proceedings, and shall make an annual written report
23 to the city.

24 (i) If a commissioner files for reelection, the commissioner
25 shall appoint, one month before the election, a deputy
26 commissioner to perform the election duties normally performed
27 by the commissioner.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.