

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 2145** Session of
1988

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WIGGINS, FEBRUARY 1, 1988

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 13, 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:~~

1 ~~Section 3.—Registration Commission; Membership, Bipartisan;~~
2 ~~Term of Office; Vacancies; Removal; Compensation; Chairman;~~
3 ~~Secretary; Action by Vote of Majority of Members; Record of~~
4 ~~Proceedings; Annual Report.—~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 SECTION 1. SECTION 5(A) OF THE ACT OF MARCH 30, 1937
30 (P.L.115, NO.40), KNOWN AS THE FIRST CLASS CITY PERMANENT

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1 REGISTRATION ACT, AMENDED JULY 1, 1976 (P.L.476, NO.122), IS
2 AMENDED TO READ:

3 SECTION 5. EMPLOYES, REGISTRARS, INSPECTORS OF REGISTRATION;
4 DUTIES; APPOINTMENT.--

5 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE POWER TO APPOINT SUCH
6 ASSISTANTS, CLERKS AND EMPLOYES (INCLUDING INSPECTORS) AS, FROM
7 TIME TO TIME, IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS
8 OF THIS ACT. THE COMMISSION SHALL ALSO HAVE POWER TO ASSIGN SUCH
9 OF ITS ASSISTANTS, EMPLOYES OR CLERKS TO ACT AS REGISTRARS, WHO
10 SHALL NOT RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION THEREFOR, AT ITS
11 OFFICE OR OFFICES AS IT MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, DEEM NECESSARY,
12 AND WHEN SO ACTING, SUCH ASSISTANTS, EMPLOYES OR CLERKS SHALL
13 HAVE AND MAY EXERCISE THE POWERS, AND SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES
14 AND OBLIGATIONS CONFERRED BY, OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW
15 UPON REGISTRARS. WHENEVER A MEMBER OF THE REGISTRATION
16 COMMISSION IS A CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION, THAT COMMISSIONER
17 SHALL APPOINT A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TO SERVE IN HIS STEAD.

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19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.