

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2970 Session of  
1992

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MELIO, MERRY, DURHAM, GANNON AND ANDERSON, SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

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," providing for the records of the registration  
21 commission in the case of an elector whose name is changed by  
22 marriage.

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

25 Section 1. Section 4(b) of the act of March 30, 1937

1 (P.L.115, No.40), known as The First Class City Permanent  
2 Registration Act, amended July 1, 1976 (P.L.476, No.122), is  
3 amended to read:

4 Section 4. Powers of Commissions; Regulations; Enforcement;  
5 Correction of Errors or Irregularities; Cancellation of  
6 Registration; Powers of Commissioners.--

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8 (b) The commission shall have power to correct, direct or  
9 permit the correction of any error or any irregularity in  
10 registration, to change or permit the change on the registration  
11 affidavits and its records of the name of any registered elector  
12 changed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by  
13 reason of [her marriage or] divorce, and to cancel the  
14 registration of any person whom it may find to be improperly  
15 registered, and to cancel the party enrollment of any registered  
16 elector whom it may find to be improperly enrolled as a member  
17 of a party, subject only to the provisions of this act, and  
18 provided that notice in writing shall be given to, or left at  
19 the address of, each person whose registration or enrollment is  
20 cancelled. Whenever a registered elector's name is changed by  
21 marriage, the commission shall not alter the initial  
22 registration and the records of the commission shall reflect the  
23 elector's former name together with an appropriate notation of  
24 the elector's name by marriage. Notice in writing of the  
25 cancellation of the registration or party enrollment of any  
26 elector, as well as notice of the serving of any paper upon or  
27 left at the address of any elector with respect to his right to  
28 be registered or enrolled as a member of the party designated by  
29 him and an official application registration card, shall be sent  
30 promptly to the city chairman of the party of which such person

1 was or may be registered as a member, if such party has  
2 headquarters within the city known to the commission.

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4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.