

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2295 Session of  
1993

INTRODUCED BY SERAFINI, HERMAN, FLICK, CAWLEY AND TRELLO,  
NOVEMBER 24, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 24, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled  
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,  
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,  
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating  
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;  
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;  
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,  
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and  
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to  
11 elections," providing for special absentee ballots.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known  
15 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding a  
16 section to read:

17 Section 1309.1. Special Absentee Ballots.--

18 (a) The Department of State shall devise and promulgate, in  
19 the manner provided by law for the promulgation of regulations,  
20 a special absentee ballot for qualified electors whose location  
21 or circumstances of employment prevent them from access to  
22 normal mail delivery for extended periods of time. These ballots

1 shall be valid for use for a period of ninety (90) days prior to  
2 the day of any general, municipal or primary election.

3 (b) These ballots shall be substantially similar in form to  
4 the absentee ballots described in this article, and shall be  
5 canvassed in like manner. Application for these ballots shall be  
6 made to the Department of State on a form devised by the  
7 Department of State, similar to those described in this article.

8 (c) The Department of State shall adopt the regulations  
9 necessary to carry out this section.

10 Section 2. This act shall apply to the 1994 primary election  
11 and to each primary, general and municipal election thereafter.

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.