
 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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," in nomination of candidates, further providing
 12 for number of signers required for nomination petitions of
 13 candidates at primaries; IN BALLOTS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR <--
 14 FORM OF BALLOTS, PRINTING BALLOTS, STUBS AND NUMBERS, FOR
 15 NUMBER OF BALLOTS TO BE PRINTED AND SPECIMEN BALLOTS AND FOR
 16 RECORD OF BALLOTS TO BE KEPT; IN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS,
 17 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FORMS, FOR SUPPLIES, PREPARATION OF
 18 THE VOTING SYSTEM AND OF POLLING PLACES, FOR ELECTION DAY
 19 PROCEDURES AND THE PROCESS OF VOTING AND FOR POST ELECTION
 20 PROCEDURES; IN PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES AND
 21 ELECTIONS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR VOTER'S CERTIFICATES, FOR
 22 MANNER OF APPLYING TO VOTE, PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE, VOTER'S
 23 CERTIFICATES, ENTRIES TO BE MADE IN DISTRICT REGISTER,
 24 NUMBERED LISTS OF VOTERS AND CHALLENGES, FOR ADMISSION OF
 25 ELECTORS WITHIN ENCLOSED SPACE, FOR BALLOTS TO BE ISSUED BY
 26 ELECTION OFFICERS ONLY, BALLOTS NOT TO BE REMOVED AND
 27 OFFICIAL BALLOTS ONLY TO BE DEPOSITED OR COUNTED AND FOR
 28 DUTIES OF ELECTION OFFICERS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS IN
 29 DISTRICTS IN WHICH BALLOTS ARE USED; IN VOTING BY QUALIFIED
 30 ABSENTEE ELECTORS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR OFFICIAL ABSENTEE
 31 VOTERS BALLOTS; IN VOTING BY QUALIFIED MAIL-IN ELECTORS,
 32 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR OFFICIAL MAIL-IN ELECTOR BALLOTS; AND,
 33 IN RETURNS OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR

1 COMPUTATION OF RETURNS BY COUNTY BOARD, CERTIFICATION AND
2 ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 912.1 of the act of June 3, 1937
6 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
7 amended October 24, 2018 (P.L.786, No. 127), is amended to read:

8 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination
9 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination
10 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition
11 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and
12 enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

13 (1) President of the United States: Two thousand.

14 (2) United States Senate: Two thousand.

15 (3) Governor: Two thousand including at least one hundred
16 from each of at least ten counties.

17 (4) Lieutenant Governor: One thousand including at least one
18 hundred from each of at least five counties.

19 (5) Treasurer: One thousand including at least one hundred
20 from each of at least five counties.

21 (6) Auditor General: One thousand including at least one
22 hundred from each of at least five counties.

23 (7) Attorney General: One thousand including at least one
24 hundred from each of at least five counties.

25 (8) Justice of the Supreme Court: One thousand including at
26 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

27 (9) Judge of the Superior Court: One thousand including at
28 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

29 (10) Judge of the Commonwealth Court: One thousand including
30 at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

31 (11) For any other office to be filled by the vote of the

1 electors of the State at large or for any other party office to
2 be elected by the electors of the State at large: One thousand
3 including at least one hundred from each of at least five
4 counties.

5 (12) Representative in Congress: One thousand.

6 (13) Senator in the General Assembly: Five hundred.

7 (14) Representative in the General Assembly: Three hundred.

8 (15) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
9 electors in counties of the first class at large: One thousand.

10 (16) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
11 electors in counties of the second class at large: Five hundred.

12 (17) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
13 electors in cities of the first class at large: One thousand.

14 (18) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
15 electors in counties of the second class A at large: Two hundred
16 fifty.

17 (19) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
18 electors in counties of the third class at large: Two hundred
19 fifty.

20 (20) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
21 electors in counties of the fourth class at large: Two hundred
22 fifty.

23 (21) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
24 electors in cities of the second class at large: Two hundred
25 fifty.

26 (22) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
27 electors in cities of the second class A at large: One hundred.

28 (23) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
29 electors in cities of the third class at large: One hundred.

30 (24) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the

1 electors in counties of the fifth class at large: One hundred.

2 (25) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
3 electors in counties of the sixth class at large: One hundred.

4 (26) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
5 electors in counties of the seventh class at large: One hundred.

6 (27) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
7 electors in counties of the eighth class at large: One hundred.

8 (28) Office of judge of any court of record other than a
9 Statewide court or a court in a county of the first or second
10 class: Two hundred fifty.

11 (29) District delegate or alternate district delegate to a
12 National party convention: Two hundred fifty.

13 (30) Member of State committee: One hundred.

14 (31) Office of district council member in a city of the
15 first class: Seven hundred fifty.

16 (31.1) Office of district council member in a city of the
17 second class: One hundred.

18 (32) Office of magisterial district judge: One hundred, but
19 only for a candidate's primary election when the candidate does
20 not already hold the office of magisterial district judge. A
21 sitting magisterial district judge elected to the office shall
22 not be required to file a nominating petition under this section
23 to run for the office of magisterial district judge but may
24 instead file a certificate of nomination for reelection
25 specifying the intent to seek reelection to the office. If a
26 sitting magisterial district judge files a certificate of
27 nomination for reelection, the sitting magisterial district
28 judge may not challenge the nominating petition of another
29 candidate for magisterial district judge.

30 (33) Office of judge of election: Ten.

1 (34) Inspector of elections: Five.

2 (35) School director: Ten.

3 (36) All other public and party offices: Ten.

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

5 SECTION 2. SECTIONS 1004 AND 1007(B) OF THE ACT, AMENDED <--

6 OCTOBER 31, 2019 (P.L.552, NO.77), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

7 SECTION 1004. FORM OF BALLOTS; PRINTING BALLOTS; [STUBS;]

8 NUMBERS.--FROM THE LISTS FURNISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE

9 COMMONWEALTH UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 915 AND 984, AND

10 FROM PETITIONS AND PAPERS FILED IN THEIR OFFICE, THE COUNTY

11 ELECTION BOARD SHALL PRINT THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY AND ELECTION

12 BALLOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT: PROVIDED,

13 HOWEVER, THAT IN NO EVENT, SHALL THE NAME OF ANY PERSON

14 CONSENTING TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION FOR ANY ONE OFFICE,

15 EXCEPT THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF A COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, THE

16 PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT OR THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL DIRECTOR IN

17 DISTRICTS WHERE THAT OFFICE IS ELECTIVE OR THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE

18 OF THE PEACE BE PRINTED AS A CANDIDATE FOR SUCH OFFICE UPON THE

19 OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT OF MORE THAN ONE PARTY. ALL BALLOTS FOR

20 USE IN THE SAME ELECTION DISTRICT AT ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION

21 SHALL BE ALIKE. THEY SHALL BE AT LEAST SIX INCHES LONG AND FOUR

22 INCHES WIDE, AND SHALL HAVE A MARGIN EXTENDING BEYOND ANY

23 PRINTING THEREON. THEY SHALL BE PRINTED WITH THE SAME KIND OF

24 TYPE (WHICH SHALL NOT BE SMALLER THAN THE SIZE KNOWN AS

25 "BREVIER" OR "EIGHT POINT BODY") UPON WHITE PAPER OF UNIFORM

26 QUALITY, WITHOUT ANY IMPRESSION OR MARK TO DISTINGUISH ONE FROM

27 ANOTHER, AND WITH SUFFICIENT THICKNESS TO PREVENT THE PRINTED

28 MATTER FROM SHOWING THROUGH. [EACH BALLOT SHALL BE ATTACHED TO A

29 STUB, AND ALL] ALL THE BALLOTS FOR THE SAME ELECTION DISTRICT

30 SHALL BE BOUND TOGETHER IN BOOKS OF FIFTY, IN SUCH MANNER THAT

1 EACH BALLOT MAY BE DETACHED [FROM ITS STUB] AND REMOVED
2 SEPARATELY. THE BALLOTS FOR EACH PARTY TO BE USED AT A PRIMARY
3 SHALL BE BOUND SEPARATELY. [THE STUBS OF THE BALLOTS SHALL BE
4 CONSECUTIVELY NUMBERED, AND IN THE CASE OF PRIMARY BALLOTS, THE
5 NUMBER SHALL BE PRECEDED BY AN INITIAL OR ABBREVIATION
6 DESIGNATING THE PARTY NAME. THE NUMBER AND INITIAL OR
7 ABBREVIATION WHICH APPEARS UPON THE STUB SHALL ALSO BE PRINTED
8 IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE BACK OF THE BALLOT,
9 SEPARATED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE BALLOT BY A DIAGONAL
10 PERFORATED LINE SO PREPARED THAT THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF
11 THE BACK OF THE BALLOT CONTAINING THE NUMBER MAY BE DETACHED
12 FROM THE BALLOT BEFORE IT IS DEPOSITED IN THE BALLOT BOX AND
13 BESIDE THAT CORNER SHALL ALSO BE PRINTED, "REMOVE NUMBERED STUB
14 IMMEDIATELY BEFORE DEPOSITING YOUR BALLOT IN BALLOT BOX."]

15 SECTION 1007. NUMBER OF BALLOTS TO BE PRINTED; SPECIMEN
16 BALLOTS.--* * *

17 (B) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EACH COUNTY SHALL ALSO, IN ADDITION
18 TO THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS REQUIRED TO BE PRINTED FOR GENERAL
19 DISTRIBUTION, MAINTAIN A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF SUCH BALLOTS AT
20 THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THE USE OF ABSENTEE ELECTORS
21 OR MAIL-IN ELECTORS AND FOR THE USE OF ANY DISTRICT, THE BALLOTS
22 FOR WHICH MAY BE LOST, DESTROYED OR STOLEN. THEY SHALL ALSO
23 CAUSE TO BE PRINTED ON TINTED PAPER, AND WITHOUT THE FACSIMILE
24 ENDORSEMENTS[,] OR PERMANENT BINDING [OR STUBS], COPIES OF THE
25 FORM OF BALLOTS PROVIDED FOR EACH POLLING PLACE AT EACH PRIMARY
26 OR ELECTION THEREIN, WHICH SHALL BE CALLED SPECIMEN BALLOTS, AND
27 WHICH SHALL BE OF THE SAME SIZE AND FORM AS THE OFFICIAL
28 BALLOTS, AND AT EACH ELECTION THEY SHALL DELIVER TO THE ELECTION
29 OFFICERS, IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS TO BE USED AT SUCH
30 ELECTION, A SUITABLE SUPPLY OF SPECIMEN BALLOTS FOR THE USE OF

1 THE ELECTORS. AT EACH PRIMARY, A SUITABLE SUPPLY OF SPECIMEN
2 BALLOTS OF EACH PARTY SHALL BE FURNISHED.

3 SECTION 3. SECTIONS 1011 AND 1109-A(F) OF THE ACT ARE
4 AMENDED TO READ:

5 SECTION 1011. RECORD OF BALLOTS TO BE KEPT.--THE COUNTY
6 BOARD SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL BALLOTS
7 PRINTED AND FURNISHED TO EACH ELECTION DISTRICT AT EACH PRIMARY
8 AND ELECTION, AND OF THE NUMBER OF [STUBS,] UNUSED BALLOTS AND
9 CANCELLED BALLOTS SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED THEREFROM, AND ALSO OF
10 THE DISPOSITION OF THE ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL BALLOTS PROVIDED, AS
11 REQUIRED BY SECTION 1007 OF THIS ACT.

12 SECTION 1109-A. FORMS.--* * *

13 (F) BALLOT CARDS, OR THE PORTION THEREOF ON WHICH THE VOTER
14 REGISTERS HIS VOTE, SHALL BE OF A SIZE, DESIGN AND STOCK
15 SUITABLE FOR PROCESSING BY THE AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT
16 USED IN THE VOTING SYSTEM. [EACH BALLOT CARD SHALL HAVE AN
17 ATTACHED SERIALLY NUMBERED PERFORATED STUB, WHICH SHALL BE
18 REMOVED BY AN ELECTION OFFICER BEFORE THE BALLOT CARD IS
19 DEPOSITED IN THE DISTRICT AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT OR IN A
20 SECURE BALLOT BOX. THE NAME OF THE COUNTY, AND A FACSIMILE OF
21 THE SIGNATURE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL BE
22 PRINTED ON THE BALLOT CARD STUB.]

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24 SECTION 4. SECTION 1110-A OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
25 SUBSECTION TO READ:

26 SECTION 1110-A. SUPPLIES; PREPARATION OF THE VOTING SYSTEM
27 AND OF POLLING PLACES.--* * *

28 (B.1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL FURNISH SUPPLIES
29 TO EACH ELECTION DISTRICT WHICH SHALL ENABLE THE VOTER TO INSERT
30 THE BALLOT INTO THE DISTRICT AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT IN

1 SECRET. THE SUPPLIES SHALL BE IN THE FORM AND ACCORDING TO THE
2 SPECIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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4 SECTION 5. SECTIONS 1112-A(B) (6), 1113-A(A), 1203, 1210(A.3)
5 (3) AND (4), 1214(B), 1219, 1221 AND 1303(A) OF THE ACT ARE
6 AMENDED TO READ:

7 SECTION 1112-A. ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES AND THE PROCESS OF
8 VOTING.--* * *

9 (B) IN AN ELECTION DISTRICT WHICH USES AN ELECTRONIC VOTING
10 SYSTEM WHICH UTILIZES PAPER BALLOTS OR BALLOT CARDS TO REGISTER
11 THE VOTES, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE APPLICABLE FOR THE
12 CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AT THE ELECTION DISTRICT:

13 * * *

14 (6) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF HIS VOTE, THE VOTER SHALL
15 LEAVE THE VOTING BOOTH AND RETURN THE BALLOT TO THE ELECTION
16 OFFICER BY A MEANS DESIGNED TO INSURE ITS SECRECY[; UPON REMOVAL
17 OF THE STUB OF THE BALLOT BY THE ELECTION OFFICER,] AS
18 PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH; THE VOTER SHALL
19 INSERT THE BALLOT INTO THE DISTRICT AUTOMATIC TABULATING
20 EQUIPMENT OR, IN THE EVENT DISTRICT TABULATION IS NOT PROVIDED
21 FOR BY THE VOTING SYSTEM OR SUCH DISTRICT TABULATION EQUIPMENT
22 IS INOPERATIVE FOR ANY REASON, INTO A SECURE BALLOT BOX. [NO
23 BALLOT CARD FROM WHICH THE STUB HAS BEEN DETACHED SHALL BE
24 ACCEPTED BY THE ELECTION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT OR
25 BALLOT BOX, BUT IT SHALL BE MARKED "SPOILED" AND SHALL BE PLACED
26 IN THE ENVELOPE MARKED "SPOILED BALLOTS."]

27 SECTION 1113-A. POST ELECTION PROCEDURES.-- (A) AS SOON AS
28 THE POLLS HAVE BEEN CLOSED AND THE LAST ELECTOR HAS VOTED IN
29 DISTRICTS HAVING AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM WHICH EMPLOYS PAPER
30 BALLOTS OR BALLOT CARDS, AND DISTRICT TABULATION IS PROVIDED

1 FOR, THE NUMBER OF SUCH BALLOTS ISSUED TO ELECTORS (AT PRIMARY
2 ELECTIONS, THE NUMBER ISSUED TO THE ELECTORS OF EACH PARTY) [, AS
3 SHOWN BY THE STUBS,] AND THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS (AT PRIMARIES THE
4 NUMBER OF BALLOTS OF EACH PARTY), IF ANY, SPOILED AND RETURNED
5 BY VOTERS AND CANCELLED, SHALL BE ANNOUNCED TO ALL PRESENT IN
6 THE POLLING PLACE AND ENTERED ON THE GENERAL RETURNS OF VOTES
7 CAST AT SUCH PRIMARY OR ELECTION. THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICERS
8 SHALL THEN COMPARE THE NUMBER OF NAMES MARKED AS VOTING IN THE
9 DISTRICT REGISTER, "VOTING CHECK LIST" AND NUMBERED LISTS OF
10 VOTERS, SHALL ANNOUNCE THE RESULT, AND SHALL ENTER ON THE
11 GENERAL RETURNS THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS WHO HAVE VOTED, AS SHOWN
12 BY THE "VOTER'S CHECK LIST." ANY DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST SHALL
13 BE RECONCILED WHERE POSSIBLE, AND WHERE RECONCILIATION IS NOT
14 POSSIBLE SUCH DIFFERENCES SHALL BE NOTED ON THE GENERAL RETURNS.
15 THE DISTRICT REGISTER, THE "VOTING CHECK [LIST, "] LIST" AND THE
16 NUMBERED LISTS OF VOTERS [AND THE STUBS OF ALL BALLOTS USED],
17 TOGETHER WITH ALL UNUSED BALLOTS, AND ALL SPOILED AND CANCELLED
18 BALLOTS, AND ALL REJECTED VOTERS CERTIFICATES SHALL THEN BE
19 PLACED IN SEPARATE PACKAGES, CONTAINERS OR ENVELOPES AND SEALED
20 BEFORE THE TABULATION OF ANY BALLOTS.

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22 SECTION 1203. VOTER'S CERTIFICATES.--AT EACH PRIMARY AND
23 ELECTION EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL PREPARE A SUITABLE NUMBER OF
24 VOTER'S CERTIFICATES WHICH SHALL BE IN FORM APPROVED BY THE
25 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

26 VOTER'S CERTIFICATE
27 (PRIMARY) (ELECTION) 19....
28 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM QUALIFIED TO VOTE AT THIS
29 (PRIMARY) (ELECTION)
30 SIGNATURE

1 ADDRESS
2PA.
3 APPROVED.....

4 NUMBER [OF STUB OF BALLOT ISSUED OR NUMBER] OF ADMISSION TO
5 VOTING MACHINES (AND PARTY, AT PRIMARY).....

6 THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE SHALL BE SO PREPARED AS TO BE CAPABLE
7 OF BEING INSERTED BY THE ELECTION OFFICERS IN A SUITABLE FILE OR
8 BINDER TO BE FURNISHED BY THE COUNTY BOARD. ONE SUCH FILE OR
9 BINDER SHALL BE FURNISHED BY THE COUNTY BOARD FOR EACH ELECTION
10 DISTRICT FOR EACH PRIMARY AND ELECTION, AND SHALL HAVE PRINTED
11 OR WRITTEN THEREON THE WORDS "VOTING CHECK LIST," TOGETHER WITH
12 THE NUMBER OF THE DISTRICT AND WARD, IF ANY, AND THE DATE OF THE
13 PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

14 SECTION 1210. MANNER OF APPLYING TO VOTE; PERSONS ENTITLED
15 TO VOTE; VOTER'S CERTIFICATES; ENTRIES TO BE MADE IN DISTRICT
16 REGISTER; NUMBERED LISTS OF VOTERS; CHALLENGES.--* * *

17 (A.3) * * *

18 (3) WHEN AN ELECTOR HAS BEEN FOUND ENTITLED TO VOTE, THE
19 ELECTION OFFICER WHO EXAMINED HIS VOTER'S CERTIFICATE AND
20 COMPARED HIS SIGNATURE SHALL SIGN HIS NAME OR INITIALS ON THE
21 VOTER'S CERTIFICATE, SHALL, IF THE ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE IS NOT
22 READILY LEGIBLE, PRINT SUCH ELECTOR'S NAME OVER HIS SIGNATURE,
23 AND [THE NUMBER OF THE STUB OF THE BALLOT ISSUED TO HIM OR] HIS
24 NUMBER IN THE ORDER OF ADMISSION TO THE VOTING MACHINES, AND AT
25 PRIMARIES A LETTER OR ABBREVIATION DESIGNATING THE PARTY IN
26 WHOSE PRIMARY HE VOTES SHALL ALSO BE ENTERED BY ONE OF THE
27 ELECTION OFFICERS OR CLERKS.

28 (4) AS EACH VOTER IS FOUND TO BE QUALIFIED AND VOTES, THE
29 ELECTION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DISTRICT REGISTER SHALL WRITE
30 OR STAMP THE DATE OF THE ELECTION OR PRIMARY, [THE NUMBER OF THE

1 STUB OF THE BALLOT ISSUED TO HIM OR] HIS NUMBER IN THE ORDER OF
2 ADMISSION TO THE VOTING MACHINES, AND AT PRIMARIES A LETTER OR
3 ABBREVIATION DESIGNATING THE PARTY IN WHOSE PRIMARY HE VOTES,
4 AND SHALL SIGN HIS NAME OR INITIALS IN THE PROPER SPACE ON THE
5 REGISTRATION CARD OF SUCH VOTER CONTAINED IN THE DISTRICT
6 REGISTER.

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8 SECTION 1214. ADMISSION OF ELECTORS WITHIN ENCLOSED SPACE.--

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10 (B) AS SOON AS AN ELECTOR HAS BEEN ADMITTED WITHIN THE
11 ENCLOSED SPACE, THE ELECTION OFFICER HAVING CHARGE OF THE
12 BALLOTS IN DISTRICTS IN WHICH BALLOTS ARE USED, SHALL DETACH A
13 BALLOT [FROM THE STUB] AND GIVE IT TO THE ELECTOR, FIRST FOLDING
14 IT SO THAT THE WORDS AND FIGURES PRINTED ON THE BACK SHALL BE
15 THE ONLY WORDS AND FIGURES VISIBLE, AND NO BALLOTS SHALL BE
16 DEPOSITED IN THE BALLOT BOX UNLESS FOLDED IN THE SAME MANNER.
17 NOT MORE THAN ONE BALLOT SHALL BE DETACHED [FROM ITS STUB] IN
18 ANY BOOK OF BALLOTS AT ANY ONE TIME. NOT MORE THAN ONE BALLOT
19 SHALL BE GIVEN TO AN ELECTOR, BUT IF AN ELECTOR INADVERTENTLY
20 SPOILS A BALLOT, HE MAY OBTAIN ANOTHER UPON RETURNING THE
21 SPOILED ONE. THE BALLOTS THUS RETURNED SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY
22 CANCELLED AND AT THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS SHALL BE ENCLOSED IN AN
23 ENVELOPE, SEALED AND RETURNED TO THE COUNTY BOARD.

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25 SECTION 1219. BALLOTS TO BE ISSUED BY ELECTION OFFICERS
26 ONLY; BALLOTS NOT TO BE REMOVED; OFFICIAL BALLOTS ONLY TO BE
27 DEPOSITED OR COUNTED.--NO OFFICIAL BALLOT SHALL BE TAKEN [OR
28 DETACHED FROM ITS STUB IN] FROM ANY BOOK OF BALLOTS, EXCEPT BY
29 AN ELECTION OFFICER OR CLERK WHEN A PERSON DESIRING TO VOTE HAS
30 BEEN FOUND TO BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR ENTITLED TO VOTE. NOT MORE

1 THAN ONE BALLOT SHALL BE REMOVED AT ANY ONE TIME OR GIVEN TO AN
2 ELECTOR, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A SPOILED BALLOT AS PROVIDED BY
3 THIS ACT. NO PERSON OTHER THAN THE ELECTION OFFICERS SHALL TAKE
4 OR REMOVE ANY BALLOT FROM THE POLLING PLACE. NO BALLOT WITHOUT
5 THE OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT SHALL, EXCEPT AS HEREIN OTHERWISE
6 PROVIDED, BE DEPOSITED IN THE BALLOT BOX, AND NO OTHER BALLOTS
7 SHALL BE COUNTED. IF ANY BALLOT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN OBTAINED
8 OTHERWISE THAN FROM THE COUNTY BOARD AS PROVIDED BY THIS ACT,
9 THE SAME SHALL NOT BE COUNTED, AND THE JUDGE OF ELECTION SHALL
10 TRANSMIT SUCH BALLOT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WITHOUT DELAY,
11 TOGETHER WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE REGARDING THE
12 SAME.

13 SECTION 1221. DUTIES OF ELECTION OFFICERS AFTER THE CLOSE OF
14 THE POLLS IN DISTRICTS IN WHICH BALLOTS ARE USED.--AFTER THE
15 POLLS ARE CLOSED AND THE LAST ELECTOR HAS VOTED IN DISTRICTS IN
16 WHICH BALLOTS ARE USED, THE ELECTION OFFICERS, CLERKS AND
17 OVERSEERS, IF ANY, SHALL REMAIN WITHIN THE ENCLOSED SPACE.
18 BEFORE THE BALLOT BOX IS OPENED, THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS ISSUED TO
19 ELECTORS (AT PRIMARIES THE NUMBER ISSUED TO THE ELECTORS OF EACH
20 PARTY) [, AS SHOWN BY THE STUBS,] AND THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS (AT
21 PRIMARIES THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS OF EACH PARTY), IF ANY, SPOILED
22 AND RETURNED BY VOTERS AND CANCELLED, SHALL BE ANNOUNCED TO ALL
23 PRESENT IN THE VOTING ROOM, AND ENTERED ON THE GENERAL RETURNS
24 OF VOTES CAST AT SUCH PRIMARY OR ELECTION. THE ELECTION OFFICERS
25 SHALL THEN COMPARE THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS VOTING [AS SHOWN BY
26 THE STUBS] WITH THE NUMBER OF NAMES MARKED AS VOTING IN THE
27 DISTRICT REGISTER, "VOTING CHECK LIST," AND NUMBERED LISTS OF
28 VOTERS, SHALL ANNOUNCE THE RESULT, AND SHALL ENTER ON THE
29 GENERAL RETURNS THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS WHO HAVE VOTED, AS SHOWN
30 BY THE "VOTER'S CHECK LIST." IF ANY DIFFERENCES EXIST, THEY

1 SHALL BE RECONCILED, IF POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE THEY SHALL BE NOTED
2 ON THE GENERAL RETURNS. THE DISTRICT REGISTER, THE "VOTING CHECK
3 [LIST, "] LIST" AND THE NUMBERED LISTS OF VOTERS [AND THE STUBS
4 OF ALL BALLOTS USED], TOGETHER WITH ALL UNUSED BALLOTS, AND ALL
5 SPOILED AND CANCELLED BALLOTS, AND ALL REJECTED VOTER'S
6 CERTIFICATES SHALL THEN BE PLACED IN SEPARATE PACKAGES,
7 CONTAINERS OR ENVELOPES, AND SEALED, BEFORE THE BALLOT BOX IS
8 OPENED.

9 SECTION 1303. OFFICIAL ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS.--(A) IN
10 DISTRICTS IN WHICH BALLOTS ARE USED, THE BALLOTS FOR USE BY SUCH
11 ABSENTEE ELECTORS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE THE
12 OFFICIAL BALLOTS PRINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 1002 AND
13 1003: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WHEN
14 DETACHING THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR ABSENTEE ELECTORS SHALL BE
15 REQUIRED TO [INDICATE ON THE STUB OF EACH BALLOT SO DETACHED]
16 TRACK THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT TO WHICH [THAT PRECISE] A BALLOT
17 IS BEING SENT. THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL ALSO BE
18 REQUIRED TO [REMOVE THE NUMBERED STUB FROM EACH SUCH BALLOT AND
19 SHALL THEREUPON] PRINT, STAMP OR ENDORSE IN RED COLOR UPON SUCH
20 OFFICIAL BALLOTS THE WORDS, OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT. SUCH
21 BALLOTS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY SUCH BOARDS AS HEREINAFTER
22 PROVIDED.

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24 SECTION 6. SECTION 1303-D(A.1) OF THE ACT, AMENDED OCTOBER
25 31, 2019 (P.L.552, NO.77), IS AMENDED TO READ:

26 SECTION 1303-D. OFFICIAL MAIL-IN ELECTOR BALLOTS.

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28 (A.1) DUTIES OF COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS.--THE COUNTY
29 BOARD OF ELECTIONS, WHEN DETACHING THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR
30 MAIL-IN VOTERS, SHALL BE REQUIRED TO [INDICATE ON THE STUB OF

1 EACH DETACHED BALLOT] TRACK THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT TO WHICH
2 [THAT PRECISE] A BALLOT IS BEING SENT. THE COUNTY BOARD OF
3 ELECTIONS SHALL ALSO [REMOVE THE NUMBERED STUB FROM EACH BALLOT
4 AND SHALL] PRINT, STAMP OR ENDORSE IN RED COLOR ON THE OFFICIAL
5 BALLOTS THE WORDS, "OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT." THE BALLOTS SHALL
6 BE DISTRIBUTED BY A BOARD AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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8 SECTION 7. SECTION 1404(C) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

9 SECTION 1404. COMPUTATION OF RETURNS BY COUNTY BOARD;

10 CERTIFICATION; ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.--

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12 (C) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL FIRST PUBLICLY ACCOUNT FOR ALL
13 EXTRA OFFICIAL BALLOTS PRINTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION
14 1007 OF THIS ACT. THE GENERAL RETURNS MADE BY THE ELECTION
15 OFFICERS FROM THE VARIOUS ELECTION DISTRICTS SHALL THEN BE READ
16 ONE AFTER ANOTHER IN THE USUAL ORDER, SLOWLY AND AUDIBLY, BY ONE
17 OF THE CLERKS WHO SHALL, IN EACH CASE OF A RETURN FROM A
18 DISTRICT IN WHICH BALLOTS WERE USED, READ THEREFROM THE NUMBER
19 OF BALLOTS (IN THE CASE OF PRIMARIES THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS OF
20 EACH PARTY) ISSUED, SPOILED AND CANCELLED, AND CAST,
21 RESPECTIVELY, WHEREUPON THE CLERK HAVING CHARGE OF THE RECORDS
22 OF THE COUNTY BOARD SHOWING THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS FURNISHED FOR
23 EACH ELECTION DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF EXTRA OFFICIAL
24 BALLOTS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1007 OF THIS ACT AS SO FURNISHED,
25 AND THE NUMBER OF [STUBS AND] UNUSED BALLOTS AND SPOILED AND
26 CANCELLED BALLOTS RETURNED, SHALL PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THE NUMBER
27 OF THE SAME RESPECTIVELY, AND UNLESS IT APPEARS BY SAID NUMBER
28 OR CALCULATIONS THEREFROM THAT SAID RECORDS, AND THE SAID
29 GENERAL RETURN CORRESPOND, NO FURTHER RETURNS SHALL BE READ FROM
30 THE LATTER UNTIL ALL DISCREPANCIES ARE EXPLAINED TO THE

1 SATISFACTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD. IN THE CASE OF DISTRICTS IN
2 WHICH VOTING MACHINES ARE USED, THERE SHALL BE READ FROM THE
3 GENERAL RETURN THE IDENTIFYING NUMBER OR OTHER DESIGNATION OF
4 EACH VOTING MACHINE USED, THE NUMBERS REGISTERED ON THE
5 PROTECTIVE COUNTER OR DEVICE ON EACH MACHINE PRIOR TO THE
6 OPENING OF THE POLLS AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLOSE OF THE SAME,
7 WHEREUPON THE CLERK HAVING CHARGE OF THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY
8 BOARD SHOWING THE NUMBER REGISTERED ON THE PROTECTIVE COUNTER OR
9 DEVICE OF EACH VOTING MACHINE PRIOR TO DELIVERY AT THE POLLING
10 PLACE, SHALL PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THE NUMBERS SO REGISTERED, AND
11 UNLESS IT APPEARS THAT THE SAID RECORDS, AND THE SAID GENERAL
12 RETURN CORRESPOND, NO FURTHER RETURNS SHALL BE READ FROM THE
13 LATTER UNTIL ANY AND ALL DISCREPANCIES ARE EXPLAINED TO THE
14 SATISFACTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.

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16 SECTION 8. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.