

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 934

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE CONKLIN

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "and,"

2 Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting after "challenges"

3 ; and providing for advance voting and for advisory
4 committee

5 Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 15 and 16

6 Section 4. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

7 ARTICLE XIII-D

8 ADVANCE VOTING

9 Section 1301-D. Advance voting.

10 (a) Establishment.--The county board of each county shall
11 provide for advance voting to begin no earlier than ten business
12 days prior to the dates of elections and primaries established
13 in accordance with Article VI and to end no later than 8 p.m.
14 Eastern Standard Time on the day immediately before the election
15 or primary.

16 (b) Conduct.--Each county board shall allow individuals to
17 vote in the election in the same manner as voting is allowed on
18 the date of the election or primary.

19 (c) Days and hours.--

20 (1) The county board of each county shall designate the
21 days and hours that advance voting sites shall be open,
22 provided that all sites throughout the county shall have
23 uniform days and hours, shall be open no fewer than eight
24 hours each weekday, shall be open a minimum of an aggregate
25 eight hours each weekend if weekend voting is approved by the
26 county board under paragraph (2) and shall not open prior to
27 7 a.m. Eastern Standard Time or close before 7 p.m. Eastern
28 Standard Time. A qualified elector in line at the closing of
29 an advance voting site shall be permitted to vote.

30 (2) A county board may approve conduct of advance voting
31 during the period of advance voting provided in subsection
32 (a) on Saturdays, Sundays, or both. The weekend advance
33 voting shall be conducted during the hours as provided in
34 this subsection.

35 (d) Places.--Advance voting shall occur at the main office
36 of the county board and in locations as may be designated by the

1 county board. The designations shall occur at a public meeting
2 of the county board.

3 Section 1302-D. Voting checklists and records.

4 (a) Compilation.--Voting checklists shall be compiled in
5 accordance with section 1212.

6 (b) Division.--The voting checklists shall be divided by
7 date.

8 (c) Records.--Separate records shall be maintained for each
9 day of advance voting.

10 Section 1303-D. Staffing of polling places.

11 (a) Duty of county board.--Each county board shall designate
12 sufficient individuals to staff advance voting sites.

13 (b) Staff duties.--The individuals staffing advance voting
14 sites shall execute the responsibilities of:

15 (1) Judges of elections.

16 (2) Inspectors of elections.

17 (3) Clerks.

18 (4) Machine operators.

19 (c) Requirement.--Every individual staffing any advance
20 voting site shall be a member or full-time employee of the
21 county board or an employee of the county to whom the county
22 board has provided training equivalent to that given a full-time
23 employee of the county board and has demonstrated to the
24 satisfaction of the county board an understanding of and ability
25 to execute the responsibilities.

26 (d) Alternate advance voting site staffers.--A county board
27 may designate alternate advance voting site staffers provided
28 that all alternate advance voting site staffers meet all
29 requirements provided by this subsection.

30 Section 1304-D. Advance voting plan.

31 (a) Duty of county board.--Each county board shall prepare
32 and unanimously approve an advance voting plan no later than 30
33 days prior to an election.

34 (b) Contents.--The advance voting plan shall include, but is
35 not limited to:

36 (1) The names, hours and locations of advance voting
37 sites.

38 (2) The names of individuals who shall staff the
39 respective advance voting sites, including alternative
40 advance voting site staff.

41 (3) The protocol to preserve the security and integrity
42 of voting machines, provisional ballots, voting checklists
43 and all other equipment, records and supplies necessary for
44 the conduct and successful completion of advance voting.

45 (c) Petition.--If a county board of elections has considered
46 one or more proposed advance voting plans and has been unable to
47 reach unanimity in favor of an advance voting plan, a member of
48 that county board may petition the Commonwealth Court to adopt a
49 plan for it. If petitioned, the Commonwealth Court may also
50 receive and consider alternative petitions from another member
51 or members of that county board. The Commonwealth Court may

1 adopt an advance voting plan for that county.

2 (d) Returns.--The canvass of returns for ballots cast under
3 this article shall be substantially the same as votes cast by
4 qualified electors in election districts.

5 (e) Results.--The results or tabulation of votes cast during
6 the period of advance voting shall not be made before the close
7 of the polls on election day.

8 (f) Reporting.--Advance voting results shall be reported in
9 the same manner as votes cast on election day.

10 Section 1305-D. Advance voting implementation advisory
11 committee.

12 (a) Establishment.--There is established an advisory
13 committee to be known as the Advance Voting Implementation
14 Advisory Committee.

15 (b) Members.--The advisory committee shall be comprised of
16 the following persons:

17 (1) The Secretary of the Commonwealth or his designee
18 who shall act as chairperson.

19 (2) One county commissioner, as appointed by the
20 Chairman of the County Commissioners Association of
21 Pennsylvania, from each of the following:

22 (i) A county of the first class.

23 (ii) A county of the second class.

24 (iii) A county of the second class A.

25 (iv) A county of the third class.

26 (v) A county of the fourth class.

27 (vi) A county of the fifth class.

28 (vii) A county of the sixth class.

29 (viii) A county of the seventh class.

30 (ix) A county of the eighth class.

31 (3) Four county elections directors as appointed by the
32 Commissioner of the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and
33 Legislation.

34 (4) Two members from the Senate, one appointed by the
35 Majority Leader of the Senate and one appointed by the
36 Minority Leader of the Senate.

37 (5) Two members from the House of Representatives, one
38 appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of
39 Representatives and one appointed by the Minority Leader of
40 the House of Representatives.

41 (6) Two county sheriffs, one appointed by the President
42 Pro Tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of
43 the House of Representatives.

44 (7) The President of the League of Women Voters of
45 Pennsylvania or his designee.

46 (c) Roles and responsibilities.--The advisory committee
47 shall recommend to the Department of State regarding the
48 formulation of technical, administrative and operational
49 standards for use in implementing, executing and overseeing
50 advance voting.

51 (d) Reimbursement.--The advisory committee members shall

1 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their
2 necessary travel and other reasonable expenses in connection
3 with attendance at meetings called by the chairperson.

4 (e) Advisory committee subcommittees.--The chairperson may
5 create, within the committee membership, subcommittees to study
6 and address specific technical and program areas.

7 (f) Advisory committee report of recommendations.--No later
8 than 90 days after this section becomes effective, the advisory
9 committee shall submit a report of its recommendations to:

10 (1) The Secretary of the Commonwealth.

11 (2) The General Assembly.

12 (3) The Governor.

13 (g) Publication.--The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
14 make available for inspection the report of recommendations on
15 its public Internet website upon receiving the report.

16 Amend Bill, page 9, line 17, by striking out "4" and
17 inserting

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19 Amend Bill, page 9, line 19, by striking out "5" and
20 inserting

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22 Amend Bill, page 9, lines 19 and 20, by striking out "JULY 1,
23 2011, OR " in line 19 and all of line 20 and inserting
24 as follows:

25 (1) The addition of section 1305-D of the act shall take
26 effect immediately.

27 (2) The amendment or addition of sections 102, 206 and
28 1210(a), (a.1), (a.2), (a.3) and (a.4)(1) and (5) of the act
29 shall take effect July 1, 2011, or immediately, whichever is
30 later.

31 (3) This section shall take effect immediately.

32 (4) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 180
33 days.