

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2407

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE RABB

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by inserting after "ballots"
2 and for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in
3 ballots

4 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 17 through 20, by striking out all
5 of said lines and inserting

6 Section 1. Sections 1303(e), 1308(g)(1) and (2) and 1303-
7 D(e) of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the
8 Pennsylvania Election Code, amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41,
9 No.12), are amended to read:

10 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

11 Section 1308. Canvassing of Official Absentee Ballots and
12 Mail-in Ballots.--* * *

13 (g) (1) (i) An absentee ballot cast by any absentee
14 elector as defined in section 1301(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f),
15 (g) and (h) shall be canvassed in accordance with this
16 subsection if the ballot is cast, submitted and received in
17 accordance with the provisions of 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 35 (relating to
18 uniform military and overseas voters).

19 (ii) An absentee ballot cast by any absentee elector as
20 defined in section 1301(i), (j), (k), (l), (m) and (n), an
21 absentee ballot under section 1302(a.3) or a mail-in ballot cast
22 by a mail-in elector shall be canvassed in accordance with this
23 subsection if the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is received
24 in the office of the county board of elections no later than
25 eight o'clock P.M. on the day of the primary or election.

26 (iii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the
27 contrary, during a disaster emergency and for sixty (60) days
28 following the termination or conclusion of a disaster emergency,
29 an absentee ballot cast by any absentee elector, an absentee
30 ballot under section 1302.1(a.3) or a mail-in ballot cast by a
31 mail-in elector shall be canvassed in accordance with this
32 subsection if the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is received
33 in the office of the county board of elections no later than
34 five o'clock P.M. on the seventh day following the primary or
35 election. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term

1 "disaster emergency" shall have the same meaning as provided
2 under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7102 (relating to definitions) and declared
3 pursuant to the provisions of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to
4 general authority of Governor).

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6 (2) The county board of elections shall meet no earlier than
7 the close of polls on the day of the election and no later than
8 the third day following the election to begin canvassing
9 absentee ballots and mail-in ballots not included in the pre-
10 canvass meeting. The meeting under this paragraph shall continue
11 until all absentee ballots and mail-in ballots received prior to
12 the close of the polls have been canvassed. The county board of
13 elections shall not record or publish any votes reflected on the
14 ballots prior to the close of the polls. The canvass process
15 shall continue through the eighth day following the election for
16 valid military-overseas ballots timely received under 25 Pa.C.S.
17 § 3511 (relating to receipt of voted ballot) and for absentee
18 ballots and mail-in ballots timely received under paragraph (1)
19 (iii). A county board of elections shall provide at least forty-
20 eight hours' notice of a canvass meeting by publicly posting a
21 notice on its publicly accessible Internet website. One
22 authorized representative of each candidate in an election and
23 one representative from each political party shall be permitted
24 to remain in the room in which the absentee ballots and mail-in
25 ballots are canvassed.

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