

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 421

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE HANBIDGE

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by inserting after "USED,"
2 for assistance in voting,

3 Amend Bill, page 19, line 22, by inserting after "(F),"
4 1218,

5 Amend Bill, page 43, by inserting between lines 28 and 29

6 Section 1218. Assistance in Voting.--

7 (a) [No] Except as provided under subsection (a.1), no voter
8 shall be permitted to receive any assistance in voting at any
9 [primary or] election, unless there is recorded upon his
10 registration card his declaration that, by reason of blindness,
11 disability, or inability to read or write, he is unable to read
12 the names on the ballot or on the voting machine labels, or that
13 he has a physical disability which renders him unable to see or
14 mark the ballot or operate the voting machine, or to enter the
15 voting compartment or voting machine booth without assistance,
16 the exact nature of such condition being recorded on such
17 registration card[, and unless the election officers are
18 satisfied that he still suffers from the same condition].

19 (a.1) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this act or any
20 other law or regulation to the contrary, a voter who, due to
21 blindness, disease or other disability, is physically unable to
22 enter a polling place where ballots or an electronic voting
23 system are used at any election may vote without leaving a motor
24 vehicle.

25 (2) The following apply:

26 (i) The regular voting procedures may be modified by the
27 election officer to the extent necessary to conduct voting under
28 this subsection.

29 (ii) If the exact nature of the voter's disability or
30 condition is not recorded on the voter's registration card, the
31 voter may provide evidence of a disability or condition in
32 accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary of the
33 Commonwealth.

34 (iii) At least two election officers who are members of
35 different major political parties shall assist the voter by
36 providing the necessary ballots at the polling place entrance or

1 curb, as the case may be.

2 (iv) After the voter is accepted for voting, the voter shall
3 mark the ballot and give it to the election officers who shall
4 deposit it in the ballot box. The voter may request additional
5 assistance as provided under subsection (a).

6 (v) On the voter's request, a person accompanying the voter
7 shall be permitted to select the voter's ballot and deposit the
8 ballot in the ballot box or enter the voting compartment or
9 voting machine booth in accordance with subsection (b).

10 (b) Any elector who is entitled to receive assistance in
11 voting under the provisions of this section shall be permitted
12 by the judge of election to select a person of the elector's
13 choice to enter the voting compartment or voting machine booth
14 with him to assist him in voting, such assistance to be rendered
15 inside the voting compartment or voting machine booth except
16 that the judge of election, a candidate for election, the
17 elector's employer or an agent of the employer or an officer or
18 agent of the elector's union shall not be eligible to assist the
19 elector.

20 (c) In every case of assistance under the provisions of this
21 section, the judge of election shall forthwith enter in writing
22 in a book to be furnished by the county board of elections, to
23 be known as the record of assisted voters--(1) the voter's name;
24 (2) a statement of the facts which entitle him to receive
25 assistance; and (3) the name of the person furnishing the
26 assistance. The record of assisted voters shall be returned by
27 the judge of election to the county board of elections with the
28 other papers, as hereinafter provided, and said county board
29 shall permit the same to be examined only upon the written order
30 of a judge of the court of common pleas: Provided, however, That
31 such record shall be subject to subpoena to the same extent to
32 which other election records may be subpoenaed: And provided
33 further, That the county election board shall permit any
34 registration commission to examine any records of assisted
35 voters without a court order, in order that the registration
36 commission may ascertain whether electors, who have declared, at
37 the time of registration, their need for assistance, actually
38 did receive assistance when voting at any election.

39 Amend Bill, page 98, by inserting between lines 2 and 3

40 (2) The amendment of section 1218 of the act shall take
41 effect in 60 days.

42 Amend Bill, page 98, line 3, by striking out "(2)" and
43 inserting

44 (3)