

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 421

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE BOYLE

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 32; page 2, lines 1  
2 through 43; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and  
3 inserting

4 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
5 conduct a study of straight party voting and the impact on  
6 voters if the option is eliminated.

7 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 46 through 51; pages 3 through 97,  
8 lines 1 through 30; page 98, lines 1 through 4; by striking out  
9 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

## 10 Section 1. Study.

11 The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall study  
12 straight party voting and the impact on voters if the option to  
13 vote a straight party ticket is eliminated. In conducting the  
14 study, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall  
15 examine all of the following:

16 (1) Whether eliminating the option will cause voter  
17 confusion.

18 (2) Whether voter education on the issue of elimination  
19 of the option is warranted.

20 (3) The impact that eliminating the option will have on  
21 the length of time required to vote and whether eliminating  
22 the option will lead to longer lines at polling places.

23 (4) Other issues that the General Assembly should  
24 consider before eliminating the option to vote a straight  
25 party ticket, currently available to voters under the act of  
26 June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania  
27 Election Code.

## 28 Section 2. Report.

29 The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall prepare a  
30 report of its study and submit the report to the General  
31 Assembly within six months of the effective date of this  
32 section.

## 33 Section 3. Effective date.

34 This act shall take effect in 60 days.