

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1300

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 23, by striking out "compensation of  
2 district election officers" and inserting

3 qualifications of election officers, for compensation of  
4 district election officers and for appointment of watchers

5 Amend Bill, page 3, line 23, by inserting after "ballots"  
6 and prohibiting duress and intimidation of elections officials

7 Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

8 (z.10) The words "care facility" shall mean any of the  
9 following:

10 (1) A long-term care nursing facility as defined in section  
11 802.1 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the  
12 "Health Care Facilities Act."

13 (2) An assisted living residence or a personal care home as  
14 defined in section 1001 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,  
15 No.21), known as the "Human Services Code."

16 Amend Bill, page 8, line 25, by striking out "If the Auditor  
17 General is on the ballot" and inserting

18 For audits that occur during an election year in which the  
19 Auditor General stands for election

20 Amend Bill, page 9, line 6, by striking out "To" and  
21 inserting

22 Except if a full manual recount of an election is undertaken  
23 or an election is uncontested, to

24 Amend Bill, page 9, lines 9 through 12, by striking out all  
25 of said lines and inserting

26 (i) A statistically sound, ballot-comparison or ballot-  
27 polling, risk limiting audit of ballots for each election, as  
28 provided under section 1117-A.

29 Amend Bill, page 10, line 3, by striking out "voter"

1 registration" and inserting

2 Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE)

3 Amend Bill, page 11, line 19, by striking out "(iv)

4 Recommended" and inserting

5 (4.1) Submitting to the Department of State, within ninety  
6 (90) days after any election, recommended

7 Amend Bill, page 15, line 18, by striking out "voter fraud  
8 hotline and" and inserting

9 hotline for the reporting of any known or suspected election  
10 fraud or intimidation or duress of poll workers, judges of  
11 elections, election officials or election observers, and to

12 Amend Bill, page 15, line 23, by striking out "publish" and  
13 inserting

14 submit to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication  
15 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin

16 Amend Bill, page 17, by inserting between lines 28 and 29

17 (z.2) To develop and offer the training prescribed by the  
18 Election Law Advisory Board under section 1302-E, and to make  
19 such training available free of charge to any individual  
20 required to complete the training.

21 Amend Bill, page 18, line 1, by striking out "60" and  
22 inserting

23 75

24 Amend Bill, page 21, line 9, by striking out "45" and  
25 inserting

26 60

27 Amend Bill, page 24, line 7, by inserting after "signature."

28 Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, for  
29 elections held within one year of the effective date of this  
30 section, paper district register cards may still be utilized by  
31 any county. After the purchase of electronic poll books, paper  
32 district register cards may be retained for use in the event of  
33 an unforeseen issue in using electronic poll books at an  
34 election.

35 Amend Bill, page 26, line 8, by striking out "announced" and  
36 inserting

1 published under section 106

2 Amend Bill, page 26, by inserting between lines 13 and 14

3 Section 6.1. Section 402(a) of the act is amended to read:

4 Section 402. Qualifications of Election Officers.--(a)

5 Except as provided in subsection (b), election officers shall be  
6 qualified registered electors of the [district in which they are  
7 elected or appointed] county in which the polling place is  
8 located. An election officer shall not be required to be a  
9 qualified registered elector in the election district in which  
10 the election officer is appointed. No person shall be qualified  
11 to serve as an election officer who shall hold, or shall within  
12 two months have held, any office, appointment or employment in  
13 or under the Government of the United States or of this State or  
14 of any city or county or poor district, of any municipal board,  
15 commission or trust in any city, save only district justices,  
16 notaries public and persons in the militia service of the State;  
17 nor shall any election officer be eligible to any civil office  
18 to be voted for at a primary or election at which he shall  
19 serve, except that of an election officer.

20 \* \* \*

21 Amend Bill, page 27, by inserting between lines 3 and 4

22 Section 7.1. Section 417(b) of the act is amended to read:

23 Section 417. Appointment of Watchers.--

24 \* \* \*

25 (b) Each watcher so appointed must be a qualified registered  
26 elector of the county in which the election district for which  
27 the watcher was appointed is located and must have completed  
28 training required for poll watchers under section 1302-E(c)(7).

29 Each watcher so appointed shall be authorized to serve in the  
30 election district for which the watcher was appointed and, when  
31 the watcher is not serving in the election district for which  
32 the watcher was appointed, in any other election district in the  
33 county in which the watcher is a qualified registered elector:  
34 Provided, That only one watcher for each candidate at primaries,  
35 or for each party or political body at general, municipal or  
36 special elections, shall be present in the polling place at any  
37 one time from the time that the election officers meet prior to  
38 the opening of the polls under section 1208 until the time that  
39 the counting of votes is complete and the district register and  
40 voting check list is locked and sealed, and all watchers in the  
41 room shall remain outside the enclosed space. It shall not be a  
42 requirement that a watcher be a resident of the election  
43 district for which the watcher is appointed. After the close of  
44 the polls and while the ballots are being counted or voting  
45 machine canvassed, all the watchers shall be permitted to be in  
46 the polling place outside the enclosed space. Each watcher shall  
47 be provided with a certificate from the county board of  
48 elections, stating his name and the name of the candidate, party

1 or political body he represents. Watchers shall be required to  
2 show their certificates when requested to do so. Watchers  
3 allowed in the polling place under the provisions of this act,  
4 shall be permitted to keep a list of voters and shall be  
5 entitled to challenge any person making application to vote and  
6 to require proof of his qualifications, as provided by this act.  
7 During those intervals when voters are not present in the  
8 polling place either voting or waiting to vote, the judge of  
9 elections shall permit watchers, upon request, to inspect the  
10 voting check list and either of the two numbered lists of voters  
11 maintained by the county board: Provided, That the watcher shall  
12 not mark upon or alter these official election records. The  
13 judge of elections shall supervise or delegate the inspection of  
14 any requested documents.

15 \* \* \*

16 Amend Bill, page 31, line 19, by striking out the period  
17 after "election" and inserting

18 shall be eligible to register as provided in this act.

19 Amend Bill, page 36, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "within  
20 a reasonable time, publicly announce" and inserting

21 at least 30 days prior to each establishment's opening,  
22 publish under section 106,

23 Amend Bill, page 47, lines 21 through 23, by striking out  
24 "and you must not have been confined in a penal" in line 21, all  
25 of line 22 and "years" in line 23

26 Amend Bill, page 50, by inserting between lines 27 and 28

27 (1.1) Data required on the voter registration  
28 application shall not be more nor less than the minimum data  
29 elements permissible for Federal voter registration.

30 Amend Bill, page 64, line 30, by striking out "made a claim  
31 for protection" and inserting

32 an active protection from abuse order

33 Amend Bill, page 65, line 1, by inserting after "abuse)"

34 entered against another party

35 Amend Bill, page 65, line 4, by inserting after "made."

36 The secretary shall ensure that the accommodation under this  
37 section shall end when the protection from abuse order expires.

38 Amend Bill, page 68, line 12, by inserting after

1 "Commonwealth."

2 The report under this subsection shall be a public record  
3 under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the  
4 Right-to-Know Law.

5 Amend Bill, page 68, line 23, by striking out "1107-A" and  
6 inserting

7 1123-A

8 Amend Bill, page 69, lines 25 through 29, by striking out "It  
9 shall retain ballots cast in the order in which the" in line 25,  
10 all of lines 26 through 28 and "(z.2)" in line 29

11 Amend Bill, page 69, line 30, by striking out ", (z) and  
12 (z.1)" and inserting

13 and (z)

14 Amend Bill, page 70, line 1, by inserting after "2024."

15 No machines purchased by a county prior to 2024 shall be  
16 decertified on the basis of noncompliance with subsection (u),  
17 (v), (w), (x), (y) or (z).

18 Amend Bill, page 70, line 7, by striking out "25" and  
19 inserting

20 35

21 Amend Bill, page 73, line 4, by inserting after

22 "unsatisfactory."

23 The written statement under this subsection shall be a  
24 public record under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3),  
25 known as the Right-to-Know Law.

26 Amend Bill, page 73, line 27, by striking out the period  
27 after "used" and inserting

28 and shall be public records under the Right-to-Know Law.

29 Amend Bill, page 74, lines 28 through 30; page 75, lines 1  
30 through 3; by striking out ", except" in line 28, all of lines  
31 29 and 30 on page 74 and all of lines 1 through 3 on page 75 and  
32 inserting

33 for mail-in and absentee ballots and for ballots cast on

1 voting machines, the audit shall be a ballot-polling, risk-  
2 limiting audit, conducted with a risk limit of one (1) per  
3 centum.

4 Amend Bill, page 83, by inserting between lines 18 and 19  
5 (10) Any other rights as provided by Federal, State or local  
6 law.

7 Amend Bill, page 83, by inserting between lines 28 and 29  
8 (4) Any other rights as provided by Federal, State or local  
9 law.

10 Amend Bill, page 85, by inserting between lines 3 and 4  
11 (7) Any other rights as provided by Federal, State or local  
12 law.

13 Amend Bill, page 89, line 12, by striking out "second" and  
14 inserting  
15 third

16 Amend Bill, page 92, line 14, by striking out the comma after  
17 "location" where it occurs the first time

18 Amend Bill, page 92, line 14, by striking out the comma after  
19 "location" where it occurs the second time

20 Amend Bill, page 92, line 16, by inserting after "census."  
21 The county board of election office may serve as a ballot  
22 return location.

23 Amend Bill, page 92, line 19, by inserting after  
24 "Commonwealth."

25 If two such inspectors of elections are unavailable to  
26 appear at a ballot return location on any particular day, a  
27 county shall not operate the ballot return location.

28 Amend Bill, page 93, line 8, by striking out "publicly  
29 announced" and inserting  
30 published under section 106

31 Amend Bill, page 93, by inserting between lines 20 and 21  
32 (K) No reimbursement shall be provided by the department or  
33 the State Treasury for the costs that a county incurs in  
34 operating ballot return locations.

1 Amend Bill, page 95, line 3, by striking out "A" and  
2 inserting

3 Supervised voting teams shall not be required to be employed  
4 by a county and may be volunteers from each party, except that a

5 Amend Bill, page 96, lines 19 through 21, by striking out ",  
6 including at nine" in line 19, all of line 20 and "first  
7 Saturday" in line 21

8 Amend Bill, page 96, line 23, by striking out "nine" where it  
9 occurs the first time and inserting

10 seven

11 Amend Bill, page 96, line 23, by striking out "nine" where it  
12 occurs the second time and inserting

13 eleven

14 Amend Bill, page 97, line 22, by inserting a bracket before  
15 "no"

16 Amend Bill, page 97, line 22, by inserting after "than"

17 ] immediately upon

18 Amend Bill, page 97, line 23, by inserting a bracket before  
19 "and"

20 Amend Bill, page 97, line 24, by striking out "eight o'clock  
21 A.M. on"

22 Amend Bill, page 97, line 24, by striking out the bracket  
23 before "third"

24 Amend Bill, page 97, line 24, by striking out the bracket  
25 after "third"

26 Amend Bill, page 97, line 24, by inserting a bracket after  
27 "election"

28 Amend Bill, page 102, line 30, by inserting after "address,"

1 or the mailing address associated with his or her voter  
2 registration record,

3 Amend Bill, page 103, line 30, by inserting a bracket before  
4 "and"

5 Amend Bill, page 104, line 1, by inserting a bracket after  
6 "status"

7 Amend Bill, page 104, line 23, by striking out "second" and  
8 inserting  
9 third

10 Amend Bill, page 107, line 4, by inserting after "census."

11 A county board of election office may serve as a  
12 ballot return location.

13 Amend Bill, page 107, line 8, by inserting after  
14 "Commonwealth."

15 If two such inspectors of elections are  
16 unavailable to appear at a ballot return location on  
17 any particular day, a county shall not operate the  
18 ballot return location.

19 Amend Bill, page 108, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

20 (J) No reimbursement shall be provided by the  
21 department or the State Treasury for the costs that a  
22 county incurs in operating ballot return locations.

23 Amend Bill, page 109, lines 9 and 10, by striking out "After  
24 consultation with each county board of elections" and inserting

25 To establish a working group with directors of elections  
26 from a minimum of 10 counties, and together

27 Amend Bill, page 110, line 8, by inserting after "workers"  
28 , election observers

29 Amend Bill, page 110, line 9, by inserting after "elections."

30 Training to fulfill the requirements must be conducted  
31 by the department and must be made available on all business  
32 days.

33 Amend Bill, page 111, line 7, by striking out "may" and  
34 inserting

1           shall

2       Amend Bill, page 111, line 9, by inserting after "operate"

3           at least

4       Amend Bill, page 111, line 10, by inserting after "center"

5           , with an additional early voting center

6       Amend Bill, page 111, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "with

7 a minimum" in line 11 and all of line 12 and inserting

8           except that no county shall be required to operate more  
9 than five early voting centers.

10       Amend Bill, page 111, line 13, by striking out "may" and

11 inserting

12           shall

13       Amend Bill, page 111, line 17, by inserting after

14 "operation."

15           The notice under this paragraph shall be published under  
16 section 106.

17       Amend Bill, page 111, line 18, by inserting after "a"

18           permanent

19       Amend Bill, page 111, line 20, by striking out "city hall,

20 permanent"

21       Amend Bill, page 111, line 21, by inserting after "facility,"

22           public or private school, college or university  
23 building,

24       Amend Bill, page 111, line 22, by striking out "permanent"

25       Amend Bill, page 113, line 11, by striking out "1404(c) and

26 (f)" and inserting

27       1404(f)

28       Amend Bill, page 113, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "are

29 amended to read" and inserting

30       is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection  
31 to read

32       Amend Bill, page 113, lines 16 through 30; page 114, lines 1

1 through 19; by striking out all of lines 16 through 30 on page  
2 113, all of lines 1 through 18 and "(c)" in line 19 on page 114  
3 and inserting

4 (c.1)

5 Amend Bill, page 118, line 17, by inserting after

6 "Elections.--"

7 (a)

8 Amend Bill, page 118, by inserting after line 30

9 (b) The report under this section shall be a public record  
10 under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the  
11 Right-to-Know Law.

12 Amend Bill, page 134, lines 9 and 10, by striking out "twenty  
13 thousand (\$20,000)" and inserting

14 thirty thousand (\$30,000)

15 Amend Bill, page 146, line 9, by striking out "a section" and  
16 inserting

17 sections

18 Amend Bill, page 146, by inserting between lines 16 and 17

19 Section 1856. Prohibiting Duress and Intimidation of  
20 Elections Officials.--Any person who directly or indirectly uses  
21 or threatens to use any force, violence or restraint, or  
22 inflicts or threatens to inflict any injury, damage, harm or  
23 loss, or in any other manner practices intimidation or coercion  
24 upon or against any election official, administrator, judge of  
25 elections or poll worker in the course of their duties in  
26 administering an election shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of  
27 the second degree. Any person convicted of a violation of this  
28 section shall be fined ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, sentenced  
29 to undergo an imprisonment of not more than four (4) years, or  
30 both, in the discretion of the court.