

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 847

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 21, by striking out all
2 of said lines and inserting

3 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
4 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
5 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
6 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
7 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
8 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
9 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
10 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
11 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
12 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
13 elections," in voting by qualified absentee electors, further
14 providing for canvassing of official absentee ballots and
15 mail-in ballots; and, in Election Integrity Grant Program,
16 further providing for funding for elections.

17 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 24 through 27; pages 2 through 11,
18 lines 1 through 30; page 12, lines 1 through 23; by striking out
19 all of said lines on said pages and inserting

20 Section 1. Section 1308(g)(1.1) of the act of June 3, 1937
21 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
22 amended to read:

23 Section 1308. Canvassing of Official Absentee Ballots and
24 Mail-in Ballots.--* * *

25 (g) * * *

26 (1.1) The county board of elections shall meet no earlier
27 than [seven o'clock A.M. on] seven (7) days prior to election
28 day to pre-canvass all ballots received prior to the meeting. A
29 county board of elections shall provide at least forty-eight
30 hours' notice of a pre-canvass meeting by publicly posting a
31 notice of a pre-canvass meeting on its publicly accessible
32 Internet website. One authorized representative of each
33 candidate in an election and one representative from each
34 political party shall be permitted to remain in the room in
35 which the absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are pre-

1 canvassed. No person observing, attending or participating in a
2 pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of
3 any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.

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5 Section 2. Section 1602-A(j)(1) of the act, added July 11,
6 2022 (P.L.1577, No.88), is amended to read:

7 Section 1602-A. Funding for elections.

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9 (j) Grant agreement.--The grant agreement between the
10 department and the county under this section shall include the
11 following requirements for counties:

12 [(1) The county shall begin pre-canvassing at 7 a.m. on
13 election day and shall continue without interruption until
14 each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot received by 7 a.m. on
15 election day is pre-canvassed.]

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17 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.