

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 659 Session of
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BISHOP, BATTISTO, GIGLIOTTI, RITTER, LAUGHLIN, ITKIN AND
PRESTON, MARCH 6, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 6, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
11 elections," further providing for the rules for determining
12 residence.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 704 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
16 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by
17 adding subsections to read:

18 Section 704. Rules for Determining Residence.--In
19 determining the residence of a person desiring to register or
20 vote, the following rules shall be followed so far as they may
21 be applicable:

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2 (i) If a person has established a relationship with a
3 shelter, to which the person expects to return, in the same
4 relationship, and the shelter accepts first class nonforwardable
5 mail for the person, the shelter shall be considered his or her
6 place of residence. The term "shelter" as used in this
7 subsection shall include only public and private nonprofit
8 shelters which operate residential programs for the homeless,
9 which accepts first-class nonforwardable mail for the homeless
10 and which agree that homeless individuals may establish
11 relationships with that shelter which make that shelter the
12 primary residential address for that individual.

13 (j) If a person chooses a general location, e.g. a park
14 bench or a street corner for his or her place of residence, and
15 the person neither owns, rents nor has access to a more specific
16 home or residence, he or she shall be considered to have a
17 residence if a specific location is given and a post office box
18 or proper mailing address is given that the person can use for
19 delivery of the voter identification card.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.