Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," as follows:

in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions, providing for legislative authority over elections, establishing the Bureau of Election Audits and providing for special standing in challenges to the Election Code;
in the Secretary of the Commonwealth, further providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and providing for reports on implementation of elections;
in county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards and providing for county boards of elections and satellite offices;
in district election officers, further providing for district election boards and election, for qualifications of election officers, for tie votes for judge and inspector, for clerks of election and machine inspectors, for vacancies in election boards, appointment, judge and majority inspector to be members of majority party and minority inspector to be member of minority party, for election officers to be sworn, for
oath of judge of election, for oaths of inspectors of
election, for oaths of clerks of election, for oath of
machine inspectors, for power of election officers to
administer oaths, for compensation of district election
officers and for appointment of watchers;
in election districts and polling places, further providing for
polling places to be selected by county board, for public
buildings to be used where possible and portable polling
places and for temporary polling places;
providing for registration of electors;
in ballots, further providing for form of official election
ballot and for number of ballots to be printed and specimen
ballots;
in voting machines, further providing for examination and
approval of voting machines by the Secretary of the
Commonwealth, for requirements of voting machines, for
preparation of voting machines by county election boards and
for delivery of voting machines and supplies by county
election boards to election officers;
in electronic voting systems, further providing for experimental
use of electronic voting systems and for statistical sample
and providing for requirements of accessible voting machines
and for voting system defects, disclosure, investigation and
penalties;
repealing provisions relating to voting apparatus bonds and
providing for election equipment funding;
in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections,
providing for voter's bill of rights, for senior voter's bill
of rights and for disabled voter's bill of rights and further
providing for delivery of ballots and supplies to judges of
election, for time for opening and closing polls, for opening
of polls, posting cards of instruction and notices of
penalties and voters' rights and examination of voting
machines, for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to
vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district
register, numbered lists of voters and challenges, for
assistance in voting and for deadline for receipt of valid
voter registration application;
in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for
applications for official absentee ballots, for date of
application for absentee ballot, for delivering or mailing
ballots and for voting by absentee electors, providing for
supervised voting by qualified absentee electors in certain
facilities and further providing for canvassing of official
absentee ballots and mail-in ballots;
in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for
applications for official mail-in ballots, for date of
application for mail-in ballot, for delivering or mailing
ballots and for voting by mail-in electors;
in Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board, further providing
for Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board;
providing for early voting by qualified electors;
in returns of primaries and elections, further providing for
returns to be open to public inspection and exceptions and
for computation of returns by county board, certification and
issuance of certificates of election;
in recounts and contest, providing for powers and duties of the
Attorney General relating to elections and for powers and
duties of district attorneys relating to elections;
in penalties, further providing for disobeying lawful
instructions, for perjury, for false affidavits of
candidates, for refusal to permit inspection of papers,
destruction or removal and Secretary of the Commonwealth, for
refusal to permit inspection of papers, destruction or
removal and county boards of elections, for insertion and
alteration of entries in documents, removal and refusal to
deliver, for refusal to permit overseers, watchers, attorneys
or candidates to act, for driving away watchers, attorneys,
candidates or overseers, for refusal to permit election
officers, clerks and machine inspectors to act and driving
away said persons, for refusal to administer oath and acting
without being sworn, for violation of oath of office by
election officers, for peace officers, failure to render
assistance and hindering or delaying county board members and
others, for nomination petitions and papers and offenses by
signers, for false signatures and statements in nomination
petitions and papers, for nomination petitions, certificates
and papers, destruction, fraudulent filing and suppression,
for offenses by printers of ballots, for unlawful possession
of ballots and counterfeiting ballots, for forging and
destroying ballots, for tampering with voting machines, for
destroying, defacing or removing notices, et cetera, for
police officers at polling places, for peace officer, failure
to quell disturbances at polls and hindering or delaying
election officers and others, for election officers
permitting unregistered electors to vote, challenges and
refusing to permit qualified electors to vote, for election
officers refusing to permit elector to vote in proper party
at primaries, for frauds by election officers, for prying
into ballots, for interference with primaries and elections,
fruds and conspiracy, for persons interfering in other
districts, for assault and battery at polls, for unlawful
assistance in voting, for election officers permitting
unlawful assistance, for failure to keep and return record of
assisted voters, for unlawful voting, for elector voting
ballot of wrong party at primary, for repeat voting at
elections, for removing ballots, for commissioners to take
soldiers' votes, for fraudulent voting by soldiers, for
bribery at elections, for receipts and disbursements of
primary and election expenses by persons other than
candidates and treasurers, for receipts of primary and
election expenses by unauthorized persons, for contributions
by corporations or unincorporated associations, for failure
to file expense account, for prohibiting duress and
intimidation of voters and interference with the free
exercise of the elective franchise, for failure to perform
duty, for hindering or delaying performance of duty, for
violation of any provision of act and for violations of
provisions relating to absentee and mail-in ballots and
providing for unlawful collection of ballots and for
prohibiting duress and intimidation of elections officials;
providing for reimbursements and withholding; and making an
appropriation and making a related repeal.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 102(e), (n), (p), (r), (s), (t), (z-1),
(z.4) and (z.5) of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, are amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

Section 102. Definitions.--The following words, when used in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly apparent from the context:

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(e) [The] Except as provided in section 700-A, the words "district register" shall mean the [cards] electronic poll book containing all or any part of the registry list of qualified electors of the same election district, as prepared by the registration commissions.

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(n) [The] Except as provided in section 700-A, the word "party" shall mean a political party, as defined in section 801 of this act.

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(p) [The] Except as provided in section 700-A, the words "political body" shall mean an independent body of electors, as defined in section 801 of this act.

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(r) [The] Except as provided in section 700-A, the words "primary" or "primary election" shall mean any election held for the purpose of electing party officers and nominating candidates for public offices to be voted for at an election.

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(s) [The] Except as provided in section 700-A, the words "public office" shall include every public office to which persons can be elected by a vote of the electors under the laws of this State.
Except as provided in section 700-A, the words "qualified elector" shall mean any person who shall possess all of the qualifications for voting now or hereafter prescribed by the Constitution of this Commonwealth, or who, being otherwise qualified by continued residence in his election district, shall obtain such qualifications before the next ensuing election.

Except as provided in section 700-A, the words "in military service" shall mean the uniformed services as defined in section 102 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 804 U.S. Code, Title 37, Par. 231).

Except as provided in section 700-A, the word "municipality" shall mean a city, borough, incorporated town, township or any similar general purpose unit of government which may be created by the General Assembly.

The words "proof of identification" shall mean:

(1) In the case of an elector who has a religious objection to being photographed, a valid-without-photo driver's license or a valid-without-photo identification card issued by the Department of Transportation.

(2) For an elector who appears to vote under section 1210, a document that:

(i) shows the name of the individual to whom the document was issued and the name substantially conforms to the name of the individual as it appears in the district register;

(ii) shows a photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued;

(iii) includes an expiration date and is not expired,
(A) for a document issued by the Department of Transportation which is not more than twelve (12) months past the expiration date; or

(B) in the case of a document from an agency of the Armed forces of the United States or their reserve components, including the Pennsylvania National Guard, establishing that the elector is a current member of or a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard which does not designate a specific date on which the document expires, but includes a designation that the expiration date is indefinite; and

(iv) was issued by one of the following:

(A) The United States Government.

(B) The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(C) A municipality of this Commonwealth to an employee of that municipality.

(D) An accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning.

(E) A Pennsylvania care facility.

(3) For a qualified absentee elector under section 1301 or a qualified mail-in elector under section 1301-D:

(i) in the case of an elector who has been issued a current and valid driver's license, the elector's driver's license number;

(ii) in the case of an elector who has not been issued a current and valid driver's license, the last four digits of the elector's Social Security number;

(iii) in the case of an elector who has a religious objection to being photographed, a copy of a document that satisfies paragraph (1); or

(iv) in the case of an elector who has not been issued a
current and valid driver's license or Social Security number, a copy of a document that satisfies paragraph (2).

(1) In the case of any elector, at least one of the following:

(i) the elector's driver's license;

(ii) in the case of an elector who has a religious objection to being photographed, a copy of a valid-without-photo driver's license or a valid-without-photo identification card issued by the Department of Transportation;

(iii) the elector's voter registration card with scannable identification number and a copy of the elector's signature, as issued by a county under section 302;

(iv) a document from an agency of the armed forces of the United States or their reserve components, including the Pennsylvania National Guard, establishing that the elector is a current member of or a veteran of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard which does not designate a specific date on which the document expires, but includes a designation that that expiration date is indefinite;

(v) a document issued by the secretary under section 201(n);

(vi) an affidavit provided to an elector by elections officers, on which the elector shall affirm his or her identity, including his or her signature and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number. The affidavit shall include disclosure of the penalties under section 1802; or

(vii) a document that shows the name and photograph of the individual to whom the document was issued, includes an expiration date and is not expired and is issued by one of the following:

(A) The United States Government.
(B) The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(C) A municipality of this Commonwealth to an employee of that municipality.

(D) An accredited public or private institution of higher learning located in this Commonwealth.

(E) A care facility located in this Commonwealth.

(2) (Reserved).

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(z.7) The words "ballot comparison risk-limiting audit" shall mean a statistical audit that compares the interpretation of individual ballots according to the voting system to a human interpretation of the same individual ballots.

(z.8) The words "risk limit" shall mean the maximum chance that an audit will not progress to a full hand recount if the voting system record is incorrect.

(z.9) The words "ballot-polling risk-limiting audit" shall mean a statistical audit that selects ballots at random and interprets the ballots by hand until there is strong evidence that the recorded outcome in an election is correct, or until all the votes have been counted by hand.

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

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

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

Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
I, section 5 of the Constitution of the United States and Article VII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania vest authority for prescribing election law in the General Assembly.

Section 108. Bureau of Election Audits.—(a) The Bureau of Election Audits is established in the Department of the Auditor General. The Bureau of Election Audits shall have subpoena power to request from the department or a county any documents, records, papers, data, ballots, election materials or testimony necessary for the efficient completion of the audits required under this section.

(b) The Auditor General shall conduct independent election audits in accordance with generally accepted governmental audit standards (GAGAS) and appropriate Service Organization Control standards and shall ensure that the audit methodology will verify the accuracy of the election and the accuracy of election equipment used.

(c) For audits that occur during an election year in which the Auditor General stands for election, the Auditor General shall appoint an independent special auditor who shall be a licensed certified public accountant and shall have experience in completing election audits to oversee the operation of the Bureau of Election Audits.

(d) The Bureau of Election Audits shall ensure continuous improvement of the election audits required under this section to ensure the accuracy of election results and compliance with Federal and State laws.

(e) The duties of the Bureau of Election Audits shall include:

(1) Except if a full manual recount of an election is undertaken or an election is uncontested, to conduct result-
confirming audits of each election in this Commonwealth, completed by the third Friday following the election. The audits shall include:

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

(ii) An audit of election machine logs.

(iii) An audit of the returned absentee and mail-in ballots in each county, including a comparison of retained envelopes on which the executed declarations appear, for mail-in and absentee ballots, secrecy envelopes and the total number of absentee and mail-in ballots canvassed.

(iv) An audit comparing each canvassed and retained paper ballot in each county with the number of votes recorded.

(v) An audit of the pre-election testing of election equipment conducted by each county.

(vi) Any other audit deemed necessary by the Bureau of Election Audits to ensure public trust in the outcome of each election.

(2) To conduct performance audits of the operations of elections systems and processes at least once every five years. The audits shall include:

(i) An audit of each county election office in the Commonwealth.

(ii) An audit of the Department of State's election equipment certification process.

(iii) An audit of the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) system, including an audit of the accuracy of the list of registered electors.

(iv) An audit of the Department of State's administration of 20210HB1800PN2431
elections.

(v) Any other audit deemed necessary by the Bureau of Election Audits to ensure public trust in the election administration in this Commonwealth.

(3) To publicly post audit methodologies for each of the audits required under this section, including on the Auditor General's publicly accessible Internet website and the Department of State's publicly accessible Internet website.

(4) To publicly post the results of each audit required under this section, including on the Auditor General's publicly accessible Internet website, the Department of State's publicly accessible Internet website and each county's publicly accessible Internet website.

(5) To monitor corrective action plans developed by entities audited under this section, ensuring that the corrective action plan addresses deficiencies identified by an audit and that the plan is successfully executed to remediate deficiencies.

(6) If a full manual recount of an election is undertaken, the Bureau of Election audits shall not be required to perform the audit required under paragraph (1)(i).

(f) The duties of the county board of elections shall include:

(1) Cooperating with the Bureau of Election Audits to enable efficient conduct of audits required under subsection (d).

(2) Cooperating with the Bureau of Election Audits to post the results of audits conducted in that county as required under subsection (e)(4).

(3) Holding a public meeting between the third Saturday after an election and the fourth Thursday after an election, at which the board shall make publicly available to the residents...
of the county the results of audits conducted under subsection (d).

(4) Submitting to the Department of State, along with the certified results of the election, a report with the results of the audits conducted under subsection (e)(3). The report shall include the following:

(i) The overall accuracy of election results as confirmed by the audits under subsection (e)(3).

(ii) A description of any problem or discrepancies encountered in the administration of the election.

(iii) The identified causes of any problems or discrepancies.

(4.1) Submitting to the Department of State, within ninety (90) days after any election, recommended corrective actions with respect to avoiding or mitigating any problems or discrepancies in future elections.

(5) Developing a corrective action plan to address any findings of error or deficiency within an audit conducted under this section.

(g) The duties of the Department of State shall include:

(1) Cooperating with the Bureau of Election Audits to enable efficient conduct of each audit required under subsection (e).

(2) Cooperating with the Bureau of Election Audits to post the methodologies and results of audits conducted in this Commonwealth as required under subsection (e)(3) and (4).

(3) To develop a corrective action plan to address any findings of error or deficiency within an audit conducted under this section.

Section 109. Special Standing in Challenges to the Election Code.--(a) In a judicial proceeding in which all or part of
this act is alleged to be unconstitutional, either or both chambers of the General Assembly, subject to subsection (b), shall have special standing to intervene as a party in the action and to defend the act.

(b) The following shall apply:

(1) Special standing to intervene as a party under subsection (a) for the Senate shall require an action of the Senate Subcommittee on Management Operation as provided under section 2.1 of the act of January 10, 1968 (1967 P.L.925, No.417), referred to as the Legislative Officers and Employes Law.

(2) Special standing to intervene as a party under subsection (a) for the House of Representatives shall require a majority vote by the House of Representatives.

(c) Intervention by either or both chambers of the General Assembly under this section shall not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity, legislative privilege or other privilege or immunity.

(d) This section shall not make either or both chambers of the General Assembly a necessary or indispensable party to an action. A party to an action may not name either or both chambers of the General Assembly as a party or move to join either or both chambers of the General Assembly as a party based on this section.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the standing of either or both chambers or an individual member of the General Assembly in a judicial proceeding in which the subject matter relates to specific powers unique to a legislator's functions under the Constitution of Pennsylvania being diminished or impaired.
Section 3. Section 201 of the act is amended to read:

Section 201. Powers and Duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.--The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall exercise in the manner provided by this act all powers granted to him by this act, and shall perform all the duties imposed upon him by this act, which shall include the following:

(a) To determine, in accordance with the provisions of this act, the forms of nomination petitions and papers, expense accounts and all other forms and records, the form of which he is required to determine under the provisions of this act.

(b) To examine and reexamine voting machines, and to approve or disapprove them for use in this State, in accordance with the provisions of this act. The secretary shall not approve any voting machine for any election, Federal or State, in this Commonwealth, that does not comply with the requirements of section 301 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-252, 42 U.S.C. § 15481).

(c) To certify to county boards of elections for primaries and elections the names of the candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, presidential electors, United States senators, representatives in Congress and all State offices, including senators, representatives, and judges of all courts of record, and delegates and alternate delegates to National Conventions, and members of State committees, and the form and wording of constitutional amendments or other questions to be submitted to the electors of the State at large.

(d) To receive and determine, as hereinafter provided, the sufficiency of nomination petitions, certificates and papers of candidates for President of the United States, presidential electors, United States senators, representatives in Congress
and all State offices, including senators, representatives and
judges of all courts of record, and delegates and alternate
delegates to National Conventions and members of State
committees.
(e) To receive such reports from county boards of elections
as are required by this act, and to demand such additional
reports on special matters as he may deem necessary.
(e.1) To receive from county boards of elections information
on voting system errors or difficulties or other election data
pursuant to regulation.
(f) To receive from county boards of elections the returns
of primaries and elections, to canvass and compute the votes
cast for candidates and upon questions as required by the
provisions of this act; to proclaim the results of such
primaries and elections, within three days after receipt of
returns from all counties and to issue certificates of election
to the successful candidates at such elections, except in cases
where that duty is imposed by law on another officer or board.

[(f.1) To develop a voluntary professional certification and
poll worker training program for county election officials in
consultation with county boards of elections.]
(f.2) To order a county board to conduct a recount or
recanvass of an election under section 1404 for a public office
which appears on the ballot in every election district in this
Commonwealth or for a ballot question which appears on the
ballot in every election district in this Commonwealth.
(g) To perform only such other duties relating to elections
as may be prescribed by law. authorized by this act or by 25
Pa.C.S. (relating to elections).
(h) To establish a system for the remedy of complaints
regarding the administration of the provisions of Title III of
the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-252, 42 U.S.C.
§ 15481 et seq.).

(i) To obtain and maintain uniformity in the interpretation
and implementation of election laws.

(j) To provide uniform standards for the proper, accurate
and uniform implementation of voter registration laws and
records.

(k) To actively seek out and collect the data and statistics
necessary to knowledgeably scrutinize the effectiveness of
election laws.

(l) To provide technical assistance to election directors.

(m) To maintain a hotline for the reporting of any known or
suspected election fraud or intimidation or duress of poll
workers, judges of elections, election officials or election
observers, and to provide election fraud education to the
public.

(n) To provide to any registered elector upon request, and
free of charge, a durable photo identification card which may be
used for the purposes of voting.

(o) To submit to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin by December 31 of each
odd-numbered year the official instructions and procedures
manual prescribed by the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory
Board.

(p) To receive any private donations intended to contribute
to election administration or voter education in this
Commonwealth, and to distribute the funds, or any public funds
used for the purposes of voter education, equally across this
Commonwealth based upon the most recent census estimate of
citizen voting age population. A distribution of private funds must be approved by the Election Law Advisory Board.

(g) To maintain a publicly accessible Internet website using a .gov domain name, on which the secretary shall post information required by this act. The website shall additionally adhere to generally accepted accessibility standards, including compatibility with screen reading software.

(r) To retain and make publicly available any communications relating to election administration and sent between the department and at least three county election directors.

(s) To develop a uniform application for registered electors to update their signature of record or to provide a medical doctor's assessment of signature inconsistency due to a medical condition.

(t) To cooperate with an independent prosecutor appointed by the Attorney General for each election cycle to review election complaints received by the secretary and the county boards of elections.

(u) To publish on the department's publicly accessible Internet website the list of registered electors in each county and Statewide, at least five days prior to an election.

(v) To reimburse counties for the cost of annual training required under section 1302-E.

(w) To create and publish, prior to the proclamation of results in a primary or election, a combined record of the registered electors in this Commonwealth as of the date of the primary or election, together with the record of participation in the primary or election by each registered elector, submitted by counties under section 1404(c). The record shall be published on the department's publicly accessible Internet website, made
available upon request to any elector and retained for a period of five years. A physical copy of the record required under this subsection must be created, dated and retained for a period of five years.

(x) In addition to the requirements of 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 15 (relating to changes in record), to seek a record of all deaths among residents of this Commonwealth, and each month to compare the records with the list of electors in the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors, and for any elector found to be deceased, to notify the elector's county of residence.

(y) In addition to the requirements of 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 15, to fully participate in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and to utilize all available information received through that system and through the National Change of Address system to ensure the accuracy of the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors and the continued eligibility of all registered electors in this Commonwealth.

(z) To receive from counties a monthly report of any newly registered elector who was previously registered in another state and to notify the chief elections administrator in that state of the elector's registration in this Commonwealth.

(z.1) To create and maintain a tracking system for each qualified mail-in or absentee elector to track the status of an application for a mail-in or absentee ballot, the date on which an elector's ballot is prepared, the date on which an elector's ballot is mailed, the date on which an elector's ballot is received and the date on which an elector's ballot is pre-canvassed or canvassed.

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

Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 209. Reports on Implementation of Elections.--(a)

No later than 75 days after an election, the Bureau of Commissions, elections and legislation of the Department of State shall issue a report to the chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives. A copy of the report shall also be made available on the Department of State's publicly accessible Internet website.

(b) The report under subsection (a) shall include only the following information relating to the administration of the election by the Department of State, a county board of elections or a registration commission established under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1203(a) (relating to commissions):

(1) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of applications for an absentee ballot which were received by the county board of elections.

(2) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of applications for a mail-in ballot which were received by the county board of elections.

(3) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of applications for an absentee ballot which were approved by the county board of elections.

(4) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of applications for a mail-in ballot which were approved by the county board of elections.

(5) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the
number of absentee ballots which were voted by qualified electors.

(6) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of mail-in ballots which were voted by qualified electors.

(7) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of provisional ballots cast under section 1210(a.4).

(8) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of qualified electors voting by a provisional ballot under section 1306(b)(2).

(9) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of qualified electors voting by provisional ballot under section 1306-D(b)(2).

(10) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of provisional ballots under paragraph (7) which were canvassed.

(11) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of provisional ballots under paragraph (8) which were canvassed.

(12) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of provisional ballots under paragraph (9) which were canvassed.

(13) (Reserved).

(14) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the number of polling places in school buildings.

(15) For each county, the date, starting time and ending time that the county board of elections met to pre-canvass absentee ballots and mail-in ballots under section 1308(g)(1.1).

(16) For each county, the date, starting time and ending time that the county board of elections met to canvass absentee
ballots and mail-in ballots under section 1308(g)(2).

(17) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the
number of absentee ballots which were challenged under section
1302.2(c).

(18) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the
number of mail-in ballots which were challenged under section
1302.2-D(a)(2).

(19) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the
number of absentee ballots subject to challenges under paragraph
(17) which were not canvassed.

(20) For each county and the sum for this Commonwealth, the
number of mail-in ballots subject to challenges under paragraph
(18) which were not canvassed.

(21) The number of incidents known to the Department of
State, county boards of elections or registration commissions
relating to each of the following categories:

(i) An absentee ballot or mail-in ballot which was sent to
the wrong individual or wrong address.

(ii) An absentee ballot or mail-in ballot which was voted by
an individual other than the individual who applied for the
absentee ballot or mail-in ballot.

(iii) An absentee ballot or mail-in ballot which was
returned to the county board of elections by a means other than
permitted by law.

(22) To the extent consistent with Federal and State law, a
review of any action taken by the Department of State, county
board of elections or registration commissions in response to an
incident under paragraph (21), including determinations made on
the incident, legal actions filed and referrals to law
enforcement.
(23) A review of issues or incidents encountered with an electronic voting system that received the approval of the Secretary of the Commonwealth under section 1105-A, including technical issues encountered at polling places.

(c) The Department of State shall develop a process to collect data required to be included in the report under subsection (b) from each county board of elections which conducts an election and each registration commission under 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to voter registration) in a county which conducts an election, as applicable. A county board of elections or registration commission under this subsection shall comply with the process for submission of data under this subsection no later than 60 days after an election.

Section 5. Section 302(f), (k) and (m) of the act are amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

Section 302. Powers and Duties of County Boards.--The county boards of elections, within their respective counties, shall exercise, in the manner provided by this act, all powers granted to them by this act, and shall perform all the duties imposed upon them by this act, which shall include the following:

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(f) [To make and issue such rules, regulations and instructions, not inconsistent with law, as they may deem necessary for the guidance of voting machine custodians, elections officers and electors.] To follow and obey rules, regulations and instructions as are included for each election in the manual of operations published under section 201.

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(k) To receive from district election officers the returns
of all primaries and elections, to canvass and compute the same, and to certify, no later than the [third Monday] fourth Friday following the primary or election, the results thereof to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as may be provided by law, and to such other authorities as may be provided by law. The certification shall include the number of votes received in each election district by each candidate for the General Assembly and a complete record of each registered elector in the county on the date of the election, including which registered electors are recorded as participating in that election and the article of this act under which each elector voted.

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(m) To prepare and submit, within twenty days after the last day to register to vote in each primary, municipal and general election, a report to the Secretary of the Commonwealth in the form prescribed by him, which shall contain a statement of the total number of electors registered in each election district, together with a breakdown of registration by each political party or other designation. Copies of said statement shall be furnished, upon request, to the county chairman of each political party and political body and shall be posted to the county board of election's publicly accessible Internet website. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall forthwith submit such information to the Legislative Data Processing Center and shall publicly report the total number of registered electors for each political party or other designation in each county not later than five days prior to the primary, municipal or general election.

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(g) To maintain a publicly accessible Internet website using 20210HB1800PN2431
a .gov domain name. The website shall additionally adhere to
generally accepted accessibility standards, including
compatibility with screen reading software.

(r) To decline to accept any private donation or
collection for the purposes of operating elections, employing
staff or selecting and equipping a polling place or for use in
voter education, unless received from the secretary under a
distribution provided for in section 201(h).

(s) To provide to each registered elector in a county,
within one year of the effective date of this subsection and
upon new or updated registration after the effective date of
this subsection, or at the request of an elector, a durable
voter registration card, including a scannable identification
code and a likeness of a registered elector's signature. A
county board of elections shall investigate the circumstances of
any registration card returned as undeliverable by the United
States Postal Service. The investigation shall include
contacting the applicant, further attempts to have his or her
registration card delivered and the correction or
reconsideration of his or her registration status and registered
address, if they are found to be incorrect.

(t) To capture and store signatures submitted by an elector
for use in matching an elector's signature under the
requirements of this act.

(u) To implement the minimum voter education standards
established under section 1302-E and to conduct additional
nonpartisan education efforts as necessary to ensure that
electors have a working knowledge of the voting process.

(v) To report to the election law advisory board, by
December 31 of each general election year, a detailed
description of the voter education programs implemented and any other information that may be useful in evaluating the effectiveness of voter education.

(w) To purchase electronic poll books for use as the district register in each election district within one year after the effective date of this subsection. The electronic poll books must provide an elector with the ability to scan his or her driver's license or his or her voter registration card in order to have his or her eligibility to vote verified, and must have a means for an elector to electronically record his or her signature. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, for elections held within one year of the effective date of this section, paper district register cards may still be utilized by any county. After the purchase of electronic poll books, paper district register cards may be retained for use in the event of an unforeseen issue in using electronic poll books at an election.

(x) To provide each election district with at least one accessible voting machine approved by the secretary under this act.

(y) To publish at each polling place the voter bill of rights, senior voter bill of rights and disabled voter bill of rights established by this act.

(z) To provide copies of the voter bill of rights, senior voter bill of rights and disabled voter bill of rights during the process of supervised voting established by this act.

(z.1) To review any polling place where voters waited longer than 30 minutes to cast a ballot and to identify and enact plans to alleviate any such waiting time for future elections.

(z.2) For counties with a population of fewer than 100,000
at the time of the most recent Federal decennial census, to collaborate with other counties to share resources or property required for the administration of voting by absentee and mail-in electors. The collaboration is not required and participation in any resource sharing shall be at the discretion of each county board.

(z.3) In addition to the requirements of 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 15, to seek a record of all deaths among residents of the county and each month to compare the records with the list of registered electors in the county. A registered elector whose first and last name, date of birth and last four digits of the elector's Social Security number are found on a death record shall be subject to immediate removal from the SURE system. The local commission shall notify the elector by mail of its action.

(z.4) To enter into an agreement with the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania to receive a record of any county resident who claims ineligibility for service as a juror under 42 Pa.C.S. § 4502 (relating to qualifications of jurors) and to investigate the registration status of any registered elector who claimed ineligibility to serve as a juror on the basis of a lack of citizenship.

(z.5) To cooperate with the department to any degree necessary in the creation of the system required under section 201(z.1).

(z.6) To cooperate with the election integrity officer appointed in the county under section 1779, and to include the election integrity officer in all correspondence related to the conduct of the election.

(z.7) AS FOLLOWS:

(I) TO PRE-CANVASS OR CANVASS ALL MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE
BALLOTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY BY NO LATER THAN NINE O' 
CLOCK P. M. ON ELECTION DAY.

(II) TO CANVASS ALL MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED ON 
ELECTION DAY AND PRIOR TO EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M. BY NO LATER THAN 
TWO O'CLOCK A. M. ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.

(III) TO COMPUTE ALL RETURNS FROM EACH PRECINCT, WITH THE 
EXCEPTION OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS, AND ALL CANVASSED MAIL-IN OR 
ABSENTEE BALLOTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BALLOTS SET ASIDE FOR A 
DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACT, BY NO LATER THAN SIX 
O'CLOCK A. M. ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.

(IV) A COUNTY MAY RECEIVE NO REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER THIS ACT 
FOR AN ELECTION IN WHICH THE DEADLINES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION 
ARE NOT MET.

(V) BALLOTS RETURNED BY QUALIFIED ABSENTEE MILITARY OR 
OVERSEAS ELECTORS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE DEADLINES IN THIS 
SUBSECTION.

Section 6. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 313. County Boards of Elections and Satellite 
Offices.--In addition to the permanent offices operated by any 
county board of elections, the board may, as necessary, 
establish additional satellite election offices if the satellite 
election office established under this section complies with the 
requirements under this section. The following shall apply:

(a) A satellite election office must meet the requirements 
for and be subject to the same restrictions as a polling place 
under this act.

(b) A satellite election office must offer the same services 
and capabilities as the permanent offices maintained by the 
county board of elections.

(c) A satellite election office must be operated by paid
staff of the county board of elections.

(d) A board establishing satellite election offices must ensure that the location of the offices are geographically distributed across the county.

(e) A satellite election office must be established within a permanent building. For purposes of this section, a permanent building is any existing structure not temporarily erected for use as a satellite election office.

(f) The location and hours of operation of a satellite election office shall be published under section 106 at least 30 days prior to its establishment.

(g) After the establishment of in-person early voting under Article XIII-F, a satellite election office may only be established at the same premises as early voting locations in a county.

Section 7. Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412.2, 417(b), 526, 527 and 528 of the act are amended to read:

Section 401. District Election Boards; Election.--(a) All primaries and elections shall be conducted in each election district by a district election board consisting of a judge of election, a majority inspector of election and a minority inspector of election, assisted by two clerks and machine inspectors [in certain cases, as hereinafter provided] as provided in this act. The judge and inspectors of election of each election district shall be elected [by the electors thereof] at the municipal election[.] and shall hold office for a term of four years from the first Monday of January next succeeding [their] the election. Each elector may vote for one individual as judge and for one individual as
The individual receiving the highest number of votes for judge shall be declared elected judge of election, the individual receiving the highest number of votes for inspector shall be declared elected majority inspector of election, and the individual receiving the second highest number of votes for inspector shall be declared elected minority inspector of election.

(b) The county board shall fill all vacancies in conjunction with the county parties. All vacancies must be filled two months prior to a general election and one month prior to special elections, midterm elections and primaries.

(c) The county board shall submit a status report to the Department of State at the beginning of each month notifying the department of the number of vacancies.

(d) The county board and county parties shall be provided money to advertise the vacancies and recruit new election day workers. Advertising may include television, radio and social media.

(e) Each county board shall place information about county board vacancies on the board’s publicly accessible Internet websites and shall produce public service announcements to recruit workers.

(f) The county board and parties shall meet each month for progress updates.

Section 402. Qualifications of Election Officers.-- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), election officers shall be qualified registered electors of the district in which they are elected or appointed. No person shall be qualified to run or serve as an election officer who shall
hold, or shall within two months have held,] holds or in the
previous two months has held any office, appointment or
employment in or under the Government of the United States or of
this [State] Commonwealth or of any city or county or poor
district, of any municipal board, commission or trust in any
city, [save only district justices] except magisterial district
judges, notaries public and persons in the militia service of
the [State; nor shall any] Commonwealth. An election officer
shall not be eligible to any civil office [to be] voted for at a
primary or election at which [he shall serve] the election
officer serves, except that of an election officer.

(b) The county board may appoint students, notwithstanding
[their] the student's eligibility to vote to serve as a clerk
or machine inspector [pursuant to the following]. The following
shall apply:

(1) The county board may not appoint [no] more than two
students per precinct.

(2) [The] A judge of elections shall have direct supervision
of the student.

(3) The county board may compensate the student.

(4) The county board shall comply with all applicable
Federal and State laws.

(5) The student must at the time of the election for which
the student shall serve:

(i) be at least [seventeen (17)] 17 years of age;

(ii) be a United States citizen and a resident of the county
in which [he] the student was appointed to serve;

(iii) be enrolled in a secondary educational institution
with an exemplary academic record as determined by the
educational institution;
(iv) be approved by the principal or director of the secondary educational institution; and
(v) have obtained the consent of [their] the student's parent or guardian.

(6) The student may not serve as a judge of election or [majority or minority] inspector.

Section 403. Tie Votes for Judge and Inspector.--If at any municipal election in any district there [shall be] is a tie vote for the office of judge of election, the majority inspector of election [elected at said election] shall decide the tie vote. If at any municipal election in any district there is a tie vote for inspectors, the two candidates who receive the same number of votes shall determine by lot which of [them] the candidate's shall be the majority inspector [, and the other candidate shall be the minority inspector, and in case of a tie vote also for judge of election at said election, the tie shall be decided by the person so determined to be majority inspector. The county board shall be notified immediately upon the determination of any such tie vote.]

Section 404. Clerks of Election, Machine Inspectors.--[Prior to the opening of the polls at each primary and election in districts in which voting machines are not used, each] Each inspector shall appoint one clerk to serve at [such] a primary or election. [One clerk shall be appointed by the minority inspector in each district in which a voting machine or machines are used, and in each district in which more than one voting machine is used, the] The county board of elections shall, prior to each primary [and] or general election, appoint for [each additional voting machine to be used in such] every two voting machines in each district, one qualified registered elector of
the county to serve as machine inspector [therein for such primary or election]. The qualifications of clerks and machine inspectors shall be the same as [herein] those provided for election officers.

Section 405. Vacancies in Election Boards; Appointment; Judge and Majority Inspector to Be Members of Majority Party; Minority Inspector to Be Member of Minority Party.--(a) Vacancies in election boards existing by reason of the disqualification, removal, resignation or death of an election officer, or from any other cause, occurring prior to the fifth day before any primary or election, shall[,] in all cases[,] be filled by appointment[, by the court of the proper county of competent persons, qualified in accordance with the provisions of this act, who ] by the county board of elections, in consultation with the county parties and the appointed individual shall serve for the unexpired term of the [person] individual whose place [he] the appointed individual is appointed to fill[; Provided, however, That any]. A district election officer who, after [his] election or appointment, changes [his] political affiliation, [shall not thereby become] is not disqualified to serve on [said] the election board, and [shall not thereby] may not be subject to removal. In making [such] appointments, the [court] county board shall receive and consider any petitions filed by qualified electors of the district affected[, and shall make no] and may not make an appointment to fill any vacancy unless notice of the time at which [they will make such appointment shall have been posted on the polling place of such district, and in the immediate vicinity thereof, at least five days prior thereto,] the board will make the appointment was posted in the district polling.
place at least five days prior to the appointment. In the appointment of inspectors in any election district, both shall not be of the same political party at the time of [said appointment, but one shall be of the party having the largest number of votes and the other shall be of the party having the second largest number of votes in [said] the district at the last preceding November election, as [nearly as the judge or judges can ascertain the fact] determined by the county board. The judge of election shall, in all cases of appointment, be of the political party having the majority of votes in [said] the district at the last preceding November election, as [nearly as the judge or judges can ascertain the fact. Immediately upon the entry of an order of court filling any vacancy on an election board, the clerk of said court shall forthwith transmit a certified copy of said order to the county board, giving the name and address of said appointee] determined by the county board. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, in counties which have adopted home rule charters or optional plans and which appoint the members of the county election board under section 301(b), vacancies in the county board of elections shall be filled consistent with the provisions for appointment of county election board members under [that] section 301.

(a.1) Vacancies in county boards existing by reason of the disqualification, removal, resignation or death of a clerk or machine inspector appointed [pursuant to] under section 404 or a vacancy of a clerk or machine inspector from any other cause occurring prior to the day of any primary or election may be filled by a student [pursuant to] under section 402(b).

(b) The first election board for any new district shall be selected, by the court of the proper county, of competent
persons] individuals, qualified in accordance with the provisions of this act, who shall serve until the next municipal election at which all election officials are elected under the provisions of section 401.

(c) Vacancies in election boards occurring at any time during the five days immediately preceding any primary or election or on the day of the primary or election may be filled by appointment by the county board [of elections] from a pool of competent [persons] individuals who are qualified registered electors of the county and who have been trained by the county to perform the duties of election officers [which are required by] required under this act. [Any person] An individual appointed to fill a vacancy in accordance with this subsection shall serve as a member of the election board on the day of the primary or election only. Any election board position filled in accordance with this subsection shall be deemed vacant on the day immediately following the primary or election and subsequently shall be filled in accordance with subsection (a).

Section 406. Election Officers to Be Sworn.--All judges, inspectors, clerks of election and machine inspectors shall, before entering upon [their] duties at any primary or election, be duly sworn in the presence of each other and of the watchers and overseers, if any. The judge shall first be sworn by the minority inspector or by a magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace, and the inspectors, clerks and machine inspectors shall then be sworn by the judge. Each of them shall forthwith sign in duplicate the oath taken by him upon forms to be furnished by the county board, and the same shall be attested by the officer who administered the oath.

Section 407. Oath of Judge of Election.--The following shall
be the oath of each judge of election:

"I (John Doe) do swear (or affirm) that I will as judge duly attend the ensuing election (or primary) during the continuance thereof, and in cooperation with the inspectors, faithfully carry on the same; that I will not give my consent to the admission of any person to vote, except such as I firmly believe to be registered and entitled to vote at such election (or primary), according to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, and that I will use my best endeavors to prevent any fraud, deceit or abuse in carrying on the same, and that I will make a true and perfect return of the said election (or primary), and will at all times impartially and faithfully perform my duty respecting the same, to the best of my judgment and ability; and that I am not directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager on the result of this election (or primary)."

Section 408. Oaths of Inspectors of Election.--The following shall be the form of the oath to be taken by each inspector:

"I (John Doe) do swear (or affirm) that I will as an inspector duly attend the ensuing election (or primary) during the continuance thereof, and that I will not admit any person to vote, except such as I shall firmly believe to be registered and entitled to vote at such election (or primary), according to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, that I will not vexatiously delay or refuse to permit any person to vote whom I shall believe to be entitled to vote as aforesaid, that I will make a true and perfect return of the said election (or primary), and that I will in all things truly, impartially and faithfully perform my duties therein, to the best of my judgment and ability; and that I am not directly or
indirectly interested in any bet or wager on the result of this
election (or primary)."

Section 409. Oaths of Clerks of Election.--The following
shall be the form of the oath to be taken by each clerk:
"I (John Doe) do swear (or affirm) that I will as a clerk
attend the ensuing election (or primary) during the continuance
thereof, that I will carefully and truly record the number of
votes that shall be given for each candidate at the election (or
primary) as often as his name shall be read to me by the judge
or inspectors thereof, and in all things truly and faithfully
perform my duty respecting the same to the best of my judgment
and ability; and that I am not directly or indirectly interested
in any bet or wager on the result of this election (or
primary)."

Section 410. Oath of Machine Inspectors.--The following
shall be the form of the oath to be taken by each machine
inspector:
"I (John Doe) do swear (or affirm) that I will as a machine
inspector attend the ensuing election (or primary) during the
continuance thereof, that I will in all things truly and
faithfully perform my duty respecting the same to the best of my
judgment and ability; and that I am not directly or indirectly
interested in any bet or wager on the result of this election
(or primary)."

Section 411. Power of Election Officers to Administer
Oaths.--The judge and inspectors of election shall each have the
power to administer oaths to any person claiming the right to
vote, or to his witnesses, or in any matter or thing required to
be done or inquired into by them under this act. [sign a written
oath of office which the judges shall transmit to the county]
board of elections after the polling place closes. The
Department of State shall promulgate the text of the written
oath for all judges, inspectors, clerks and machine operators.

Section 412.2. Compensation of District Election Officers.--
(a) In all counties regardless of class, judges of election,
inspectors of election, clerks and machine operators shall be
paid compensation as fixed by the county board of elections for
each election, which amount shall be at least \$75 and not
more than \$200.

(a.1) An election officer shall receive additional
compensation, as fixed by the county board of elections, for
participating in election training.

(a.2) A judge of election shall receive additional
compensation, as fixed by the county board of elections, for
picking up and returning election materials.

(b) If a county board of elections authorizes that the
duties of a clerk of elections or machine operator may be
performed by two individuals who each perform the duties for
one-half of an election day, each individual shall be
compensated at one-half of the rate authorized for a single
individual who performs the duties for the entire election day.

(c) The county board of elections may establish different
per diem rates within minimum and maximum rates provided for
under subsection (a) based on the number of votes cast for the
following groups:

(1) 150 votes or fewer.
(2) 151 to 300 votes.
(3) 301 to 500 votes.
(4) 501 to 750 votes.
(5) 751 votes and over.
For transmitting returns of elections and the ballot box or boxes, all judges of election shall be entitled to receive the additional sum of $20.

(e) The county board of elections may require the minority inspector of election to accompany the judge of election in transmitting the returns of elections, in which case the minority inspector of election shall be entitled to receive the additional sum of $20.

(f) The individual furnishing transportation to the judge of election and the minority inspector in transmitting returns and ballot boxes shall be entitled to [a minimum of 35¢] the standard mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service for the current year per circular mile from the polling place to the county court house. The name of the individual shall appear on the voucher of the judge of election and only one individual may receive mileage compensation.

(h) When a primary and special election or a special election and a general or municipal election take place on the same date, the elections shall be construed as one election for the purpose of receiving compensation.

(i) Compensation and other payments received by election officials under this section shall not be deemed income classified and categorized under section 303 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the "Tax Reform Code of 1971."

(j) The department shall reimburse counties for half the cost of payments made under subsections (a) and (f).

Section 417. Appointment of Watchers.—

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

Each watcher so appointed shall be authorized to serve in the election district for which the watcher was appointed and, when the watcher is not serving in the election district for which the watcher was appointed, in any other election district in the county in which the watcher is a qualified registered elector:

Provided, That only one watcher for each candidate at primaries, or for each party or political body at general, municipal or special elections, shall be present in the polling place at any one time from the time that the election officers meet prior to the opening of the polls under section 1208 until the time that the counting of votes is complete and the district register and voting check list is locked and sealed, and all watchers in the room shall remain outside the enclosed space. It shall not be a requirement that a watcher be a resident of the election district for which the watcher is appointed. After the close of the polls and while the ballots are being counted or voting machine canvassed, all the watchers shall be permitted to be in the polling place outside the enclosed space. Each watcher shall be provided with a certificate from the county board of elections, stating his name and the name of the candidate, party or political body he represents. Watchers shall be required to show their certificates when requested to do so. Watchers allowed in the polling place under the provisions of this act, shall be permitted to keep a list of voters and shall be entitled to challenge any person making application to vote and to require proof of his qualifications, as provided by this act.

During those intervals when voters are not present in the polling place either voting or waiting to vote, the judge of
elections shall permit watchers, upon request, to inspect the
voting check list and either of the two numbered lists of voters
maintained by the county board: Provided, That the watcher shall
not mark upon or alter these official election records. The
judge of elections shall supervise or delegate the inspection of
any requested documents.

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Section 526. Polling Places to Be Selected by County
Board.--(a) The county board of elections shall select and fix
the polling place within each new election district and may, at
any time [for any reason that may seem proper to it,], but not
less than 14 days before an election, either on [its own] board
motion or on petition of [ten] 10 qualified registered electors
of an election district, change the polling place within any
election district. Except in case of an emergency or unavoidable
event occurring within [twenty] 14 days of a primary or
election, which renders any polling place unavailable for use at
[such] a primary or election, the county board shall not change
any polling place until at least five days after notice of the
proposed change shall have been posted on the existing polling
place and in the immediate vicinity [thereof] of the polling
place, and until at least five days after written notice of the
proposed change shall have been given to the occupant or owner
of [said] the polling place, or [their] the owner's agent.

(b) Except in case of emergency or unavoidable event,
occuring within [twenty] 14 days of a primary or election,
which renders any polling place unavailable for use, if a
petition [be] is presented to the county board on or before the
day set for hearing of the petition for change of polling place,
signed by a majority of the registered electors of the district,
objecting to the proposed change, [said] the change shall not be ordered.

(c) The county board of elections shall publicly announce and post on the board's publicly accessible Internet website, not less than [twenty] 14 days prior to the primary election, special election, municipal election or general election, by posting at [its] the board's office in a conspicuous place, a list of the places at which the election is to be held in the various election districts of the county. The list shall be available for public inspection at the office of the county board of elections. The posting on the Internet website shall include the name and contact information of all election officers in the county.

Section 527. Public Buildings to Be Used Where Possible; Portable Polling Places.--(a) In selecting polling places, the county board of elections shall, [wherever] if possible and practicable, select schoolhouses, municipal buildings or rooms, or other public buildings for that purpose. Any board of public education or school directors, or county or the municipal authorities shall, upon request of the county board, make arrangements for the use of school property, or of county or municipal property for polling places. In selecting polling places, the county board of elections shall make every effort to select polling places that provide all electors with an environment that is free from intimidation and [violence] accessible to all electors.

[In the event no available] If a public building as contemplated under this section is not situated within the boundaries of any election district, the county board of elections may, not less than [twenty] 20 days prior to any
election, designate as the polling place for such the election
district any such public building situated in another election
district within the same or immediately adjacent ward, or, if
there are no wards, then within the same borough or township as
the case may be, provided such other building is located in an
election district which is immediately adjacent to the boundary
of the election district for which it is to be the polling place
and is directly accessible therefrom by public street or
thoroughfare.] building that is located in the election district
and is accessible to all electors. If no building is available
in the election district, a polling place may be identified in a
public building within an adjacent election district. If no
public building can be identified, a building location in the
adjacent election district accessible to all electors may be
used. Two or more polling places may be located in the same
public building under this section. A polling place may be
selected and designated [hereunder less than twenty] less than
20 days prior to any election, with the approval of a court of
competent jurisdiction.

[(b) In the event no available public building as
contemplated under subsection (a) is situated within the
boundaries of a borough which constitutes a single election
district, the county board of elections may, not less than ten
days prior to any election, designate as the polling place for
such election district a municipal building owned by that
borough and located in an adjoining second class township:
Provided, That the municipal building which is to serve as the
polling place is located in an election district immediately
adjacent to the boundary of such borough and is directly
accessible from the borough by public street or thoroughfare.
Such municipal building may be designated as the polling place for an election less than ten days prior to that election, with the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) The board, in its discretion, may procure and provide portable or movable polling places of adequate size and facilities for any or all election districts if no public building or other usable building is available for use.

Section 528. Temporary Polling Places.--If, in any election district, no proper polling place can be obtained, the county board of elections shall cause to be constructed for the district, a temporary room of adequate size to be used as a polling place. Moveable polling places and temporary polling places may be used if no public building or other usable building is available for use.

Section 8. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE VII-A
REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

SUBARTICLE A
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Section 700-A. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Applicant." An individual who applies to be registered to vote as provided for under this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to voter registration).


"Commissioner." A member of a commission.

"County." A county of this Commonwealth. The term includes a
county within which is located a city of the first class or with
which a city of the first class is coextensive.
  "Department." The Department of State of the Commonwealth.
  "District." An election district or precinct of a
municipality.
  "District register." The list of registered electors
prepared by the commission under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1402 (relating to
district registers).
  "Election." A general, special, municipal or primary
election.
  "General election." The election which the Constitution of
Pennsylvania requires to be held in even-numbered years.
  "General register." The list of registered electors prepared
by the commission under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1401 (relating to general
register).
  "In military service." Serving in the uniformed services as
defined in section 102 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949
/Public Law 81-350, 63 Stat. 801) or serving in the Pennsylvania
National Guard.
  "Members of the United States merchant marine." Any of the
following:
  (1) Individuals employed as officers or members of crews
of vessels documented under the law of the United States or
of vessels owned by the United States or of vessels of
foreign-flag registry under charter to or control of the
United States. This paragraph does not include individuals in
military service.
  (2) Individuals enrolled with the United States for
employment or for training for employment or maintained by
the United States for emergency relief service as officers or
members of crews of vessels referred to in paragraph (1). The
term does not include individuals in military service or
individuals employed or enrolled for employment or for
training for employment or maintained for emergency relief on
the Great Lakes or the inland waterways.
"Military elector." Any of the following:
(1) An individual in military service and the
individual's spouse and dependents.
(2) An individual in the merchant marine and the
individual's spouse and dependents.
(3) An individual in a religious or welfare group
officially attached to and serving with the armed forces of
the United States and the individual's spouse and dependents.
(4) An individual who is a civilian employee of the
United States outside the territorial limits of the United
States, whether or not the individual is subject to the civil
service laws and whether or not the individual is paid from
funds appropriated by Congress, and the individual's spouse
and dependents.
"Municipal election." The election which the Constitution of
Pennsylvania requires to be held in odd-numbered years.
"Municipality." A city, borough, town or township.
"Party." Any of the following:
(1) A party or political body, one of whose candidates
at the general election immediately preceding the primary:
   (i) polled, in each of at least 10 counties, at
   least 2% of the largest entire vote cast in the county
   for any elected candidate; and
   (ii) polled a total vote in this Commonwealth equal
to at least 2% of the largest entire vote cast in this
Commonwealth for any elected candidate.

(2) A party or political body, one of whose candidates at either the general or municipal election preceding the primary polled at least 5% of the largest entire vote cast for any elected candidate in any county.

"Political body." A political body not recognized as a political party which has filed proper nomination papers as required by law.

"Primary election." An election for the nomination of candidates.

"Public office." Any Federal, State or political subdivision, office or position of employment requiring the individual elected or appointed to render public service for a fixed fee or compensation. The term does not include the office of notary public or commissioner of deeds.

"Qualified elector." An applicant who possesses all of the qualifications for voting prescribed by the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the laws of this Commonwealth or who, being otherwise qualified by continued residence in the election district, obtains such qualifications before the next ensuing election. The term does not include a military elector.

"Registrant" or "registered elector." A qualified elector who is registered to vote in accordance with this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV.

"Registration card." A registration record containing all information required on the registration application, including the elector's signature, and suitable space for the insertion by the appropriate official of the following information:

(1) The ward and election district of residence.

(2) The registrant's street address.
(3) Data required to be given upon removal from the registrant's residence.

(4) The date of each election at which the registrant votes.

(5) The number and letter of the stub of the ballot issued to the registrant or the registrant's number in the order of admission to the voting machines.

(6) The initials of the election officer who enters the record of voting in the district register.

(7) Whether the registrant needs assistance to vote and, if so, the nature of the disability.

"Registration records." The general register, district register and any other record of registration maintained by a commission. The term includes any record maintained by the Commission on the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors.

"Secretary." The Secretary of the Commonwealth.

"Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors" or "SURE system." The integrated voter registration system of all registered electors in this Commonwealth established in 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 12 Subch. B (relating to Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE)).

SUBARTICLE B

QUALIFICATIONS

Section 701-A. Qualifications to register.

(a) Eligibility.--An individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election, who has been a citizen of the United States for at least one month prior to the next election and who has resided in this Commonwealth and the election district where the individual offers to vote for at least 30 days prior to the next ensuing election shall be
eligible to register as provided in this act.

(b) Effect.--No individual shall be permitted to vote at any election unless the individual is registered under this subsection, except as provided by law or by order of a court of common pleas. No registered elector shall be required to register again for any election while the elector continues to reside at the same address.

(c) Removal of residence.--Except as otherwise provided under this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to voter registration), a registered elector who removes residence from one place to another outside the elector's last election district shall not be entitled to vote in the election district of the elector's last residence except pursuant to the provisions of this section and 25 Pa.C.S. §§ 1501(b) (relating to removal notices), 1502 (relating to transfer of registration) and 1902 (relating to procedure for voting following failure to return notification card).

Section 702-A. Residence of electors.

(a) General rule.--

(1) For the purpose of registration and voting, no individual shall be deemed to have gained a residence by reason of presence or lost a residence by reason of absence in any of the following circumstances:

(i) Being employed in the service, either civil or military, of this Commonwealth or of the United States.

(ii) Being engaged in the navigation of the waters of this Commonwealth or of the United States or on the high seas.

(iii) Being in an institution at public expense.

This subparagraph does not apply to a veteran who resides
in a home for disabled and indigent soldiers and sailors maintained by the Commonwealth. Such a veteran may elect to utilize that residence for registration and voting or elect to vote as an absentee elector by the use of an absentee ballot.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall preclude any elector eligible under section 701-A from establishing the district of residence as the election district of residence under subsection (b).

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no individual who is confined in a penal institution shall be deemed a resident of the election district where the institution is located. The individual shall be deemed to reside where the individual was last registered before being confined in the penal institution, or, if there was no registration prior to confinement, the individual shall be deemed to reside at the last known address before confinement.

(4) An individual who resides at a mental health facility, if otherwise qualified under section 701-A, shall be deemed at the individual’s option a resident in one of the following:

(i) The district where the institution is located.

(ii) The district where the individual was last registered to vote before entering the institution. For purposes of this subparagraph, if the individual was not registered before entering the institution, the individual shall be deemed to reside at the last known address before entering the institution.

(b) Rules for determination.--The following apply:
(1) That the place shall be considered the residence of an individual in which habitation is fixed and to which, whenever the individual is absent, the individual has the intention of returning.

(2) An individual shall not be considered to have lost residence if the individual leaves home and goes into another state or another election district for temporary purposes only, with the intention of returning.

(3) An individual shall not be considered to have gained a residence in an election district if the individual comes into that district for temporary purposes only, without the intention of making that election district a permanent place of abode.

(4) If an individual removes to another state with the intention of making that state the permanent residence, the individual shall be considered to have lost residence in this Commonwealth.

(5) If an individual removes to another state with the intention of remaining there an indefinite time and making that state the place of residence, the individual shall be considered to have lost residence in this Commonwealth, notwithstanding an intention to return at some indefinite future period.

(6) If an individual goes into another state and, while there, votes in an election held by that state, the individual shall be considered to have lost residence in this Commonwealth.

(7) An individual employed in the service of the Federal Government or of the Commonwealth and required thereby to be absent from the municipality where the individual resided
when entering that employment and the spouse of the individual may remain registered in the district where the individual resided immediately prior to entering that employment, and the individual and the spouse shall be enrolled in the political party designated by the individual or spouse without declaring a residence by street and number as follows:

(i) An individual who registers under this paragraph for Commonwealth employment must produce a certificate from the head of the State agency, under the seal of office, providing that the individual or the individual's spouse is actually employed in the service of the Commonwealth and providing the nature of the employment and the time when the employee first entered the employment. The commission shall retain certificates under this subparagraph.

(ii) The commission shall note on the registration record of each individual registered under this paragraph the fact of Federal or State employment.

(iii) At least once every two years the commission shall verify the employment of the individuals registered under this paragraph at the proper Federal or State office. If an individual is found to be no longer a Federal or State employee, the individual's registration shall be canceled under 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 15 (relating to changes in records).

SUBARTICLE C

PROCEDURE

Section 721-A. Methods of voter registration.

An individual qualified to register to vote under section
701-A(a) may apply to register as follows:

(1) Under section 722-A.
(2) Under section 722.1-A.
(3) Under section 723-A.
(4) Under section 724-A.
(5) Under section 725-A.

Section 722-A. In-person voter registration.

(a) General rule.--Applications may be submitted to register to vote or change party enrollment or name or address on a current registration record in person before the commission or a commissioner, a registrar or a clerk at the office of the commission or at a place designated by the commission. The applicant shall be advised that any intentional false statement on the application constitutes perjury and will be punishable as such. The applicant shall provide the information required on the registration application and sign the registration declaration. The commission shall prepare and provide voter registration applications for the purpose of registering qualified electors in accordance with this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to voter registration), the commission may use a mail registration application for in-person registration. The commission shall mail the qualified elector an identification card in accordance with section 728-A.

(b) Notice.--The commission shall, at least 30 days prior to each establishment's opening, publish under section 106, the address of each place of registration, the address of each office of the commission established for the registration of qualified electors other than its main office and the days and hours when the place or office is open for the registration of
qualified electors. The announcement shall be made by posting
notice at the place or office and at the commission's main
office and by other means as the commission deems advisable.

(c) Polls.--The election board of each county shall cause
any polling place to be open, in proper order for use, as a
place of registration on each day when the polling place is
desired by the commission or required by the provisions of this
article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV for use as a place of
registration. The appropriating authority of the county shall
provide for the payment of rentals for such polling places and
other places of registration.

(d) Schools.--The board of public education or the board of
school directors shall furnish suitable space in any public
school building under its jurisdiction or control and shall
cause the space to be open and in proper order for use as a
place of registration on each day when the space is desired by
the commission for use as a place of registration in accordance
with the provisions of this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV. Use
under this subsection may not interfere with school instruction.

(e) Municipal buildings.--The proper authority in the county
or municipality shall furnish suitable space in a building under
its jurisdiction or control and shall cause the space to be open
and in proper order for use as a place of registration on each
day when the space is desired by the commission for use as a
place of registration. Use under this subsection may not
interfere with the use for which the space is primarily
designed.

Section 722.1-A. Online voter registration.

(a) Application.--An application may be submitted to
register to vote or change party enrollment or name or address
on a current registration record through an online application
developed by the secretary and provided on the department's
publicly accessible Internet website. The applicant shall
provide the information required on the registration application
and electronically sign the registration declaration.

(b) Prohibition.--Except for an application developed under
subsection (a), no other application or third-party interface
may be approved or used for the purposes of voter registration.

Section 723-A. Application with driver's license application.

(a) General rule.--

(1) The Department of Transportation shall provide for
simultaneous application for voter registration in
conjunction with the process under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510
(relating to issuance and content of driver's license). An
application under this subsection shall serve as an
application to register to vote unless the applicant fails to
sign the voter registration application. The secretary has
the primary responsibility for implementing and enforcing the
driver's license voter registration system created under this
section. The secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of
Transportation, may promulgate regulations for implementing
this section.

(2) An application for voter registration submitted to
the Department of Transportation under this subsection shall
be considered as updating any previous voter registration
information by a registrant.

(3) Any change of address submitted to the Department of
Transportation for the purposes of driver licensing shall
serve as notification of change of address for voter
registration for the registrant involved unless the
registrant indicates that the change of address is not for voter registration purposes.

(b) Process.--

(1) The Department of Transportation shall provide for an application for voter registration as part of a driver's license application.

(2) The format of the driver's license/voter registration application shall be determined and prescribed by the secretary and the Secretary of Transportation.

(3) The voter registration application portion of the application shall contain all the requirements of an official voter registration application specified in section 727-A. The voter registration portion of the application:

   (i) may not require any information that duplicates information required in the driver's license portion of the form, other than a second signature; and

   (ii) may require only the minimum amount of information necessary to prevent duplicate voter registration, to enable the commission to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process.

(c) Transmission.--

(1) The Department of Transportation shall forward completed applications or contents of the completed voter registration applications in machine-readable format to the department by the close of registration for the ensuing election.

(2) The department shall transmit the material to the appropriate commission within 10 days after the date of its receipt by the Department of Transportation. If a voter
registration application is received by the Department of Transportation within five days before the last day to register before an election, the application shall be transmitted to the appropriate commission not later than five days after the date of its receipt by the Department of Transportation.

(3) Upon receipt of the completed voter registration information from the department, the commission shall make a record of the date of the receipt of the application and process the application. No applicant shall be deemed eligible to vote until the commission has received and approved the application.

(3.1) After the Department of Transportation is connected to the SURE system and notwithstanding paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), the Department of Transportation shall transmit electronically the contents of a completed voter registration application within five days of receipt of the application. Upon receipt of the information from the Department of Transportation, a commission shall make a record of the date of the receipt of the application and process the application in accordance with section 728-A. If the commission of the county of residence has not been connected to the SURE system, the Department of Transportation shall forward the completed application or contents of the completed application to the department in accordance with paragraph (1). No applicant shall be deemed eligible to vote until the commission has received and approved an application in accordance with section 728-A.

(4) Changes of address shall comply with the following:

   (i) Before the Department of Transportation is
connected to the SURE system, the Department of Transportation shall notify the department of changes of address received under subsection (a)(3). The department shall notify the commission of the county of the registrant's former residence. After the Department of Transportation is connected to the SURE system, the Department of Transportation shall notify the commission of the county of the registrant's former residence. If the registrant has moved to an address outside this Commonwealth, the commission shall verify the address change in accordance with 25 Pa.C.S. § 1901 (relating to removal of electors). Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), if the registrant confirms in accordance with 25 Pa.C.S. § 1901(d) that he or she has moved to another county, the commission shall cancel the registration and forward the registrant's registration information to the commission of the registrant's new county of residence. Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), if the registrant has moved to an address within the commission's jurisdiction, the commission shall promptly update the registration record of the registrant in accordance with section 728-A. All changes of address received by the Department of Transportation under this section at least 30 days before an election must be processed by the commission for the ensuing election. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "registration information" means the registration card and any other record of registration maintained by a commission.

(ii) In the case of changes of address received by the Department of Transportation which do not contain a
signature of the registrant, the commission receiving the
change of address notification shall mail a notice to the
registrant at the new residence address requesting
verification of the address change. If the change of
address is to a new residence outside the commission's
jurisdiction, the commission shall mail the following
notice:
Date..................

Office of the Registration Commission

.......... County, Pennsylvania

....... (Address and Telephone No. of County)

We have been notified by the Department of Transportation
that you recently changed your address
from ............... (old residence address)
to ............... (new residence address) and that this
change of address is to serve as a change of address for
t voter registration purposes. Unless you notify this
office within 10 days from the date of this notice that
this information is not correct, your voter registration
will be transferred to ........ County. You may notify
this office by writing your residence address, the date
and your signature on the bottom of this form and mailing
this notice to this office. You need not notify this
office if this information is correct.

.........................

Chief Clerk

If the address change is within the commission's
jurisdiction, the commission shall mail a voter's
identification card to the registrant at the new
residence address.
(iii) If the registrant does not return the notice under subparagraph (ii) within the 10-day period, the commission shall process the change of address according to subparagraph (i). If the registrant notifies the commission that the information is incorrect and the commission is satisfied with the registrant's explanation of the discrepancy, the address of the registrant's registration shall remain unchanged. If the verification notification or voter identification card is returned by the post office as undeliverable as addressed or with a forwarding address, the commission shall send a confirmation notice to the registrant's address of former residence in accordance with 25 Pa.C.S. § 1901(d)(2).

(5) Upon notification and confirmation of any change of address, a commission shall promptly update information contained in its registration record.

(d) Prohibition.--An individual who is not a qualified elector is ineligible to register to vote under this section.

(e) Effect.--Failure to properly complete a voter registration application shall not affect the validity of an application for a driver's license, a renewal application or an identification card application.

(f) Use of information.--No information regarding a declination to register to vote in connection with an application made under this section may be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

(g) Staff.--Agents and employees working on behalf of the Department of Transportation assisting in the completion of voter registration applications shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the following principles:
(1) They shall not seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party registration or display political preference or party allegiance.

(2) They shall not make a statement to an applicant or take an action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage the applicant from registering to vote.

(3) Applicants wishing to register to vote under this section shall be given the same degree of assistance with the voter registration application as with all other Department of Transportation forms.

Agency employees who violate this subsection shall be removed from employment, provided that the agency at its discretion may impose a penalty of suspension without pay for at least 30 days, but not more than 120 days, if it finds that the violation does not warrant termination.

(h) Retention.--The Department of Transportation shall retain complete records of voter registration information received, processed and submitted to the SURE system by the Department of Transportation. The records shall only be for the purpose of supporting audit and accounting controls established to ensure accurate and complete electronic transmission of records between the SURE system and the Department of Transportation.

(i) Agreement with department.--The Department of Transportation shall enter into an agreement with the department to match information in the SURE system with information in the database of the Department of Transportation to the extent to verify the accuracy of the driver's license number, identification number or last four digits of the Social Security number provided on an application for voter registration.
(j) Agreement with Commissioner of Social Security.--The Department of Transportation shall enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Social Security to verify the last four digits of the Social Security number provided in an application for voter registration.

Section 724-A. Application by mail.

(a) General rule.--An application to register to vote or to change party enrollment or name or address on a current registration may be submitted by voter registration mail application in the manner provided in this section. An application may be submitted by mail or by representative to the commission on an official mail registration application, the form of which shall be determined and prescribed by the secretary or the Federal Election Commission pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-31, 52 U.S.C. § 1973gg et seq.). The applicant must complete the information required on the registration application and sign the registration declaration.

(b) Time.--Registration under this section may be made at any time. If a registration application is received by a commission beyond the deadline for registration provided in section 1231, the application shall be retained by the commission until the beginning of the next period during which registration can be made.

(c) Military electors.--

(1) A military elector may apply at any time for registration on an official registration application or any form prescribed by the Federal Government for such purpose.

(2) The status of a military elector to register under this section with respect to residence shall remain as the
same home residence status from which the military elector is qualified to register. If, at the time of leaving that home address, the military elector had not resided in this Commonwealth or in a particular election district for a sufficient time to have been entitled to be registered but, by continued residence, would have become entitled to be registered, the military elector shall be entitled to be registered at the time the military elector would have been entitled to register had the military elector not left that home address but continued to reside there.

(3) The commission is authorized to consider a request for an absentee ballot as a request for an official registration application and to forward to the requester all of the following:

(i) An absentee ballot and balloting material.
(ii) An official registration application.

(4) The military elector must complete and file these documents in accordance with the applicable provisions of this act.

(5) The right to be registered pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to challenge for any reason other than failure to have furnished the commission a properly completed registration application.

Section 725-A. Government agencies.

(a) General rule.--The secretary shall administer a system whereby all offices in this Commonwealth that provide public assistance, each county clerk of orphans' court, including each marriage license bureau, all offices in this Commonwealth that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and all armed forces
recruitment centers do all of the following:

(1) Distribute voter registration applications with each application, reapplication and application for recertification, renewal or change of address.

(2) Assist applicants with completion of the registration application unless assistance is refused.

(3) Accept completed registration applications.

(4) Transmit completed applications to the appropriate commission.

(b) Forms.--An agency designated in subsection (a) shall provide a form for office visits or, if the agency provides services to persons with disabilities, for home visits which contains all of the following:

(1) The question "If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote today?"

(2) If the agency provides public assistance, the statement "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency."

(3) Boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the applicant would like to register or decline to register to vote. In close proximity to the boxes the following words shall appear in prominent type: "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME."

(4) The statement "In order to be qualified to register to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election, you must have been a citizen of the United States for at least one month prior to the next election and
have resided in Pennsylvania and the election district where
you plan to vote for at least 30 days prior to the next
election."

(5) The statement "If you would like help in filling out
the voter registration application form, we will help you.
The decision whether to seek help is yours. You may fill out
the form in private."

(6) The statement "If you believe that someone has
interfered with your right to register or to decline to
register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether
to register or in applying to register to vote or your right
to choose your own political party or other political
preference, you may file a complaint with the Secretary of
the Commonwealth, Pennsylvania Department of State,
Harrisburg, PA 17120." The secretary shall establish and
publish a toll-free telephone number for the purpose of
receiving complaints.

(c) Effect.--Failure to check either box under subsection
(b)(3) shall be considered a declination to register to vote.

(d) Staff.--Agency employees assisting in the completion of
evoter registration applications shall conduct themselves in a
manner consistent with the following principles:

(1) They shall not seek to influence an applicant's
political preference or party registration or display
political preference or party allegiance.

(2) They shall not make any statement to an applicant or
take any action the purpose of or effect of which is to
discourage the applicant from registering to vote.

(3) They shall not make any statement to an applicant or
take any action the purpose of or effect of which is to lead
the applicant to believe that a decision to register or not
to register has any bearing on the availability of services
or benefits.

Agency employees who violate this subsection shall be removed
from employment, provided that the agency at its discretion may
impose a penalty of suspension without pay for at least 30 days,
but not more than 120 days, if it finds that the violation does
not warrant termination.

(e) Encouraging registration.--An agency designated in
subsection (a) shall provide reasonable space for nonpartisan
signs or posters encouraging voter registration. The signs and
posters shall be provided by the secretary.

(f) Transmission.--An agency designated in subsection (a)
shall forward all completed applications to the appropriate
commission within 10 days after the date of receipt. If a voter
registration application is received within five days before the
last day to register before an election, the application shall
be transmitted to the appropriate commission not later than five
days after the date of its receipt by the agency.

(g) Confidentiality.--The identity of the voter registration
agency through which any particular voter is registered in
accordance with this section shall not be disclosed to the
public.

(h) Use of information.--No information relating to a
decision to register to vote in connection with an
application made at an office described in this section may be
used for any purpose other than voter registration.

(i) Assistance.--Each agency shall provide to each applicant
who chooses to register to vote the same degree of assistance
with regard to the completion of the registration application
form as is provided by the office with regard to the completion
of its own forms unless the applicant refuses such assistance.

(j) Regulation.--The secretary shall promulgate regulations
regarding the maintenance and destruction of forms used pursuant
to this section.

Section 726-A. (Reserved).

Section 727-A. Preparation and distribution of applications.

(a) Form.--

(1) The secretary shall prescribe the form of an
official voter registration application. The official voter
registration application shall provide space for the
following information about the applicant:

(i) Full name.

(ii) Address of residence. If the residence is a
portion only of the house, the location or number of the
room, apartment or floor which is occupied.

(iii) Mailing address if different than address of
residence.

(iv) Name and residence address on previous
registration and the year of that registration.

(v) Designation of political party, for the purpose
of voting at a primary election.

(vi) Date of birth.

(vii) Telephone number. An application shall not be
rejected because of noncompliance with this subparagraph.

(viii) Race. An application shall not be rejected
because of noncompliance with this subparagraph.

(ix) Last four digits of Social Security number. An
application without the last four digits of an
applicant's Social Security number shall be considered
incomplete. An applicant who does not have a Social Security number may have his or her identity confirmed through an alternate record.

(x) A Department of Transportation driver's license number or a Department of Transportation identification card number. An application may not be rejected because of noncompliance with this subparagraph.

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

(2) Any person who assists in the completion of the registration application shall sign the application and indicate the person's address. In the case of those registering under sections 723-A and 725-A, the person providing assistance shall insert the person's initials or employee or agent identification number on a separate or detachable portion of the application or computer data file.

(3) A voter registration application shall be printed on stock of good quality and shall be of suitable uniform size. Nothing under this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to voter registration) shall prohibit the design and use of an electronic voter registration application which includes the applicant's digitized or electronic signature. The registration application shall contain the following information; however, the information may be provided on a separate form for voter registration made under section 723-A or 725-A:

(i) Notice that a registered elector does not need to reregister unless the registered elector has moved.

(ii) Instructions on how to fill out and submit the
application and notification of when the application must be submitted to a voter registration office in order to be registered for the ensuing election.

(iii) Notice that the applicant must be a citizen of the United States for at least one month prior to the next election and a resident of this Commonwealth and the election district for at least 30 days and must be at least 18 years of age by the day of the next ensuing election. The notice required in this subparagraph shall be in print identical to the declaration under subsection (b).

(iv) Notice that political party enrollment is mandatory to vote in a primary election of a political party.

(v) Notice that the commission will mail by nonforwardable mail to the applicant a voter's identification card upon acceptance of the application and that the applicant should contact the commission if the identification card is not received within 14 days from the date the application is sent to the registration office.

(vi) Notice that registration is not complete until the application is processed and accepted by the commission.

(vii) A warning to the applicant that making a false registration or furnishing false information is perjury. The notice required in this subparagraph shall be in print identical to the declaration under subsection (b).

(viii) Instructions to Federal or State employees who wish to retain voting residence in county of last
residence to so indicate on the application.

(ix) Notice that, if an individual declines to register to vote, the fact that the individual has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes. The notice required in this subparagraph shall be in print identical to the declaration under subsection (b).

(x) Notice that, if an individual does register to vote, the office at which the individual submits a voter registration application will remain confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only. The notices required in this subparagraph shall be in print identical to the declaration in subsection (b).

(4) In jurisdictions where there is a single language minority, the secretary may print a bilingual application.

(5) In jurisdictions where a single language minority exceeds 5% of the population, the secretary shall:

(i) print a bilingual application; and

(ii) conduct a public educational program among that language group alerting both organizations and individuals of that group of the availability of the bilingual application and encouraging individuals to register.

(6) To implement section 724-A, the secretary shall print an official voter registration mail application designed to preserve the confidentiality of the information required to be submitted. The application shall contain information required by this section and shall include the name of each county seat, its post office mailing address and zip code and its telephone number. Voter registration mail
applications shall contain information indicating whether the
application is a new registration, change of party
enrollment, change of address or change of name.

(7) Nothing under this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV
shall prohibit a private organization or individual from
printing blank voter registration applications or shall
prohibit the use of such applications by any other
individual, provided that the form, content and paper quality
of such voter registration application complies with
department regulations for the forms or has received prior
approval from the secretary.

(b) Registration declaration.--

(1) The official voter registration application shall
contain a registration declaration. On the declaration, the
applicant shall state all of the following:

(i) The applicant has been a citizen of the United
    States for at least one month prior to the next election.

(ii) On the day of the next ensuing election, the
    applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.

(iii) On the day of the next ensuing election, the
    applicant shall have resided in this Commonwealth and in
    the election district for at least 30 days.

(iv) The applicant is legally qualified to vote.

(2) The applicant shall affirm all of the following:

(i) The information provided in the registration
    declaration is true.

(ii) The applicant understands that:

        (A) the registration declaration will be
        accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an
        affidavit; and

        (B) the registration declaration will be
(B) if the registration contains a material false statement, the applicant shall be subject to penalties for perjury.

(3) The registration declaration shall contain the printed name and signature of the applicant and the date of signing. An applicant unable to sign the voter registration application shall make a mark before a person of the applicant's choice other than the applicant's employer or an agent of the applicant's union. The person shall insert the person's name, address and telephone number. If the person is an employee or agent of the Department of Transportation or another agency as provided under section 725-A and is assisting the applicant in an official capacity, the employee or agent shall insert the initials and identification number of the employee or agent. In the case of applicants registering under section 723-A or 725-A, the person providing assistance shall insert initials or employee or agent identification number on a separate or detachable portion of the application or computer data file.

(4) The official registration application shall contain a notice entitled "PENALTY FOR FALSIFYING DECLARATION." The notice shall advise the applicant that if a person signs an official registration application knowing a statement declared in the application to be false, the person commits perjury. The notice shall specify the penalty for perjury.

(c) Distribution.—

(1) The secretary shall supply official registration applications to commissions.

(2) The secretary shall make available for distribution official voter registration applications to public libraries,
public schools, State-related institutions of higher
education, offices operated by the Department of Revenue,
offices operated by the Department of Aging, area agencies on
aging, offices operated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission
or any of its authorized license-issuing agents, offices
operated by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission or any
of its issuing agents and offices that provide unemployment
compensation.

(3) Each participating agency identified under paragraph
(2) shall:

(i) Provide that official voter registration mail
applications are available on the premises and displayed
prominently in a conspicuous location during normal
business hours.

(ii) Provide an official voter registration mail
application to any individual requesting one.

(iii) Provide reasonable space for nonpartisan signs
or posters indicating the availability of official voter
registration mail applications on the premises.

(4) The secretary may provide technical assistance to
commissions upon request and agencies designated under
paragraph (2).

(5) The secretary shall print and distribute mail
registration applications which are not postage paid and
which shall not be specific to any county registration
office. Along with the distribution of such applications, the
secretary shall also include instructions to inform the
applicant where the application is to be sent.

(6) The secretary and commissions shall supply
applications to all of the following:
(i) Persons and organizations who request applications.

(ii) Federal, State and political subdivision offices.

(iii) Political parties and political bodies.

(iv) Candidates.

(d) Staff.--Agency employees assisting in the distribution of voter registration applications under subsection (c) shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the following principles:

(1) They shall not seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party registration or display political preference or party allegiance.

(2) They shall not make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose of or effect of which is to discourage the applicant from registering to vote.

(3) They shall not make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose of or effect of which is to lead the applicant to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.

Agency employees who violate this subsection shall be removed from employment, provided that the agency at its discretion may impose a penalty of suspension without pay for at least 30 days, but not more than 120 days, if it finds that the violation does not warrant termination.

Section 728-A. Approval of registration applications.

(a) Examination.--Upon receiving a voter registration application, a commissioner, clerk or registrar of a commission shall do all of the following:
(1) Initial and date the receipt of the application.

(2) Examine the application to determine all of the following:

   (i) Whether the application is complete.

   (ii) Whether the applicant is a qualified elector, including verification of
        the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number and the
        applicant's Department of Transportation driver's license number or
        Department of Transportation identification card number, if available.

   (iii) Whether the applicant has an existing registration record. After the
        commission is connected to the SURE system, the commissioner, clerk or
        registrar shall search the SURE system on a Statewide basis to
determine if the applicant has an existing registration record. The commissioner, clerk or registrar shall take
special care to scrutinize any registration for a similar name at the same registered address.

   (iv) Whether the applicant is entitled or qualified to receive the requested transfer or change, if
applicable.

(b) Decision.--A commission shall do one of the following:

   (1) Record and forward a voter registration application to the proper commission if the commission finds during its
examination under subsection (a) that the applicant does not reside within the commission's county but resides elsewhere
in this Commonwealth.

   (2) Reject a voter registration application, indicate the rejection and the reasons for the rejection on the application and notify
the applicant by first class
nonforwardable mail, return postage guaranteed of the
rejection and the reason if the commission finds during its
examination under subsection (a) any of the following:

  (i) The application was not properly completed and,
after reasonable efforts by the commission to ascertain
the necessary information, the application remains
incomplete or inconsistent.
  (ii) The applicant is not a qualified elector.
  (iii) The applicant is not entitled to a transfer of
registration or a change of address.
  (iv) The applicant is not legally qualified for a
change of name.

A rejection shall be made no later than 25 days before the
election succeeding the filing of the application.

(3) Process a voter registration application in
accordance with subsection (c) if the commission finds during
its examination under subsection (a) all of the following:

  (i) The application requests registration.
  (ii) The application contains the required
information indicating that the applicant is a qualified
elector of the county.

(4) Process a voter registration application in
accordance with subsection (c) and update its registration
records if the commission finds during its examination under
subsection (a) all of the following:

  (i) The application requests registration.
  (ii) The application contains the required
information indicating that the applicant is a qualified
elector of the county.
  (iii) The applicant is currently a registered
elector of the county.

(5) Process a voter registration application in accordance with subsection (c) and request transfer of registration records in accordance with subsection (d) if the commission finds during its examination under subsection (a) all of the following:

(i) The application requests registration.

(ii) The application contains the required information indicating that the applicant is a qualified elector of the county.

(iii) The applicant is currently a registered elector of another county.

(6) Process a voter registration application in accordance with subsection (c) and request transfer of registration records in accordance with subsection (d) if the commission finds during its examination under subsection (a) all of the following:

(i) The application requests a transfer of registration.

(ii) The application contains the required information indicating that the applicant is a qualified elector of the county.

(iii) The applicant is currently a registered elector of another county.

(7) Process a voter registration application in accordance with subsection (c) and update its registration if the commission finds during its examination under subsection (a) all of the following:

(i) The application requests a change of address.

(ii) The application contains the required
information indicating that the applicant is a qualified elector of the county.

(iii) The applicant is currently a registered elector of the county.

(8) Process a voter registration application in accordance with subsection (c) and update its registration records if the commission finds during its examination under subsection (a) all of the following:

(i) The application requests a change of name.

(ii) The applicant is legally qualified to a change of name.

(iii) The application contains the required information indicating that the applicant is a qualified elector of the county.

(iv) The applicant is currently a registered elector of the county.

(c) Processing of voter registration.--

(1) When a commission has accepted a voter registration application under subsection (b)(3), the commission shall assign each applicant a unique identification number in the SURE system. The commission shall mail a durable, wallet-sized voter's identification card to the individual by first class nonforwardable mail, return postage guaranteed, which shall serve as notice of the acceptance of the application. The card shall contain all of the following:

(i) Name and address of the individual.

(ii) Name of municipality of residence.

(iii) Identification of the individual's ward and district.

(iv) The effective date of registration.
(v) Designation of party enrollment and date of enrollment.

(vi) An image of the individual's signature or mark.

(vii) The unique identification number of the individual.

(viii) A statement that the individual must notify the commission within 10 days from the date it was mailed if any information on the card is incorrect otherwise, the information shall be deemed correct for voter registration purposes.

(ix) A scannable identification code or strip.

(2) When a commission has accepted a voter registration application under subsection (b)(4), (5), (6), (7) or (8), the commission shall mail a durable, wallet-sized voter's identification card to the individual by first class nonforwardable mail, return postage guaranteed, which shall serve as notice of the acceptance of the application. The card shall contain all of the following:

(i) Name and address of the individual.

(ii) Name of municipality of residence.

(iii) Identification of the individual's ward and district.

(iv) The effective date of registration.

(v) Designation of party enrollment and date of enrollment.

(vi) An image of the individual's signature or mark.

(vii) The SURE registration number of the individual.

(viii) A statement that the individual must notify the commission within 10 days from the date it was mailed
if any information on the card is incorrect, otherwise, the information shall be deemed correct for voter registration purposes.

(ix) A scannable identification code or strip.

(3) An envelope containing a voter identification card shall be marked on the outside with a request to the postmaster to return it within five days if it cannot be delivered to the addressee at the address given.

(4) (Reserved).

(5) (Reserved).

(d) Transfer of registration records.--

(1) If, during application, an individual discloses that the individual is a registered elector of another county, the commission of the individual's new county of residence shall direct a cancellation notice to the commission of the individual's former county of residence in accordance with regulations promulgated under this article or 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV.

(2) Upon receipt of a notice transmitted in accordance with paragraph (1), the commission of the individual's former county of residence shall investigate. If the commission finds that the individual is a registered elector of the county, the commission shall verify the address change with the registered elector in accordance with this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV. Upon verifying that the registered elector has moved to another county of residence, the commission shall cancel the registered elector's registration, transfer a copy of the canceled registration record to the commission of the registered elector's new county of residence and retain a record of the transfer. The commission of both
counties shall promptly update information contained in their registration records.

(e) Challenges.--All challenges to applications for registration shall be made as provided in section 729-A.

Section 728.1-A. SURE registration number.

Each registered elector shall be assigned a single and unique SURE registration number in accordance with sections 728-A and 25 Pa.C.S. § 1514 (relating to conversion of registration records). Once assigned, a SURE registration number shall not be changed, modified or altered.

Section 729-A. Challenges.

(a) Standing.--An individual claiming the right to be registered may be challenged by a commissioner, registrar or clerk or by a qualified elector of the municipality.

(b) Complaint.--To make a challenge, a complainant must file a challenge affidavit in a form prescribed by the secretary containing the following information:

(1) Name of challenged individual.

(2) Address of challenged individual.

(3) Name of complainant.

(4) Address of complainant.

(5) Date of affidavit.

(6) Reason for challenge.

(c) Response.--An individual who is challenged must respond to the challenge affidavit as provided in subsection (b) in a written statement sworn or affirmed by the individual. The challenged individual must produce such other evidence as may be required to satisfy the registrar or commissioner as to the individual's qualifications as a qualified elector.

(d) Resolution.--If the challenged individual establishes to
the satisfaction of the commission the right to be registered as
required under this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to
voter registration), the challenged individual shall be
registered. If the challenged individual does not establish to
the satisfaction of the commission the right to be registered as
provided under this article and 25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV, the
challenged individual's registration, if any, shall be canceled,
and the commission shall promptly update information contained
in its registration records.

Section 730-A. (Reserved).

Section 731-A. Privacy in voter registration.

The secretary shall provide a means for an elector who has an
active protection from abuse order under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61
(relating to protection from abuse) entered against another
party to have the elector's birth date recorded in the Statewide
Uniform Registry of Electors so that the birth year shall be
listed as not fewer than 18 years and not greater than 50 years
prior to the year in which the claim was made. The secretary
shall ensure that the accommodation under this section shall end
when the protection from abuse order expires.

Section 9. Section 1003(f) of the act is amended and the
section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 1003. Form of Official Election Ballot.--

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[(f) In order that each elector may have the opportunity of
designating his choice for all the candidates nominated by one
political party or political body, there shall be printed on the
extreme left of the ballot, and separated from the rest of the
ballot by a space of at least one-half inch, a list of the names
of all the political parties or political bodies represented on

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such ballot which have nominated candidates to be voted for at
such election. Such names shall be arranged in the order of the
votes obtained at the last gubernatorial election by the
candidate for Governor of the parties or bodies nominating,
beginning with the party that received the highest number of
votes cast. Following the names of such political parties and
political bodies shall be the names of the parties and bodies
not represented on the ballot at the last gubernatorial
election, arranged alphabetically, according to the party name
or appellation. A square of sufficient size for the convenient
insertion of a cross mark shall be placed at the right of each
party name or appellation.]

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(h) The official ballots shall be printed on paper of the
correct size for the machines used by a county and watermarked
with the name of the county in which it shall be used.

Section 10. Section 1007(a) of the act is amended to read:
Section 1007. Number of Ballots to Be Printed; Specimen
Ballots.--(a) The county board of each county shall provide for
each election district a supply of official election ballots
for:

[(1) the general primary election held in even-numbered
years in which candidates for the office of President of the
United States are not nominated in an amount of at least 10%
greater than the highest number of ballots cast in the election
district in any of the previous three general primary elections
at which candidates for the office of President of the United
States were not nominated;

(2) the general primary election held in even-numbered years
in which candidates for the office of President of the United

States are nominated in an amount of at least 15% greater than the highest number of ballots cast in the election district in any of the previous three general primary elections at which candidates for the office of President of the United States were nominated;

(3) the municipal primary election held in odd-numbered years in an amount of at least 10% greater than the highest number of ballots cast in any of the previous three municipal primary elections in the election district;

(4) the general election held in even-numbered years in which candidates for the office of President of the United States are not elected in an amount of at least 10% greater than the highest number of ballots cast in the election district in any of the previous three general elections at which candidates for the office of President of the United States were not elected;

(5) the general election held in even-numbered years in which candidates for the office of President of the United States are elected in an amount of at least 15% greater than the highest number of ballots cast in the election districts in any of the previous three general elections at which candidates for the office of President of the United States were elected; and

(6) the municipal election held in odd-numbered years in an amount of at least 10% greater than the highest number of ballots cast in any of the previous three municipal elections in the election district.

(1) Any primary election, 50% of the registered electors in an election district, less the number of electors in the district who have requested an absentee or mail-in ballot.

(2) Any general election, 100% of the registered electors in
an election district, less the number of electors in the
district who have requested an absentee or mail-in ballot.

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Section 11. Sections 1106, 1107 and 1111 of the act are
amended by adding subsections to read:

Section 1106. Examination and Approval of Voting Machines by
the Secretary of the Commonwealth.--

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(g) Examination shall include, but is not limited to,

testing of all software required for the voting system's
operation, the ballot reader, the digital printer, the fail-safe
operations, the counting center environmental requirements and
the equipment reliability estimate.

(h) For the purposes of examining the system, the secretary
shall employ or contract for the services of at least one
individual who is an expert in one or more fields of data
processing, mechanical engineering and public administration and
shall require from the individual a written report of his or her
examination.

(i) Within 30 days after completing the examination and upon
approval of any electronic or electromechanical voting system,
the secretary shall make and maintain a report on the system,
together with a written or printed description and drawings and
photographs clearly identifying the system and the operation
thereof. As soon as practicable after the filing, the department
shall send a notice of certification and upon request, a copy of
the report to county boards of elections in this Commonwealth.
The report under this subsection shall be a public record under
the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-
to-Know Law.
(j) After a voting system has been approved by the secretary, any change or improvement in the system must be approved by the secretary prior to the adoption of the change or improvement by a county. If the change or improvement does not comply with the requirements of this act, the secretary shall suspend sales of the equipment or system in this Commonwealth until the equipment or system complies with the requirements of this act.

(k) The secretary shall examine and approve at least two accessible voting machines which meet the requirements of section 1123-A.

(l) The secretary shall examine and approve all electronic or electromechanical devices used in the casting, processing or tabulation of ballots or in the recording of electors, including, but not limited to, ballot sorters, envelope extractors, ballot scanners and electronic pollbooks.

(m) The examination and approval under subsection (l) shall ensure that the device conforms with standards to provide timeliness and accuracy in the casting and counting of ballots or in the recording of electors.

Section 1107. Requirements of Voting Machines.--No voting machine shall, upon any examination or reexamination, be approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or by any examiner appointed by him, unless it shall, at the time, satisfy the following requirements:

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(u) It shall immediately reject a ballot where the number of votes for an office or question exceeds the number which the elector is entitled to cast or where the tabulating equipment reads the ballot as a ballot with no votes cast.
(v) It shall be capable of providing records from which the operation of the voting system may be audited.

(w) It shall be capable of recording votes from ballots of different political parties from the same precinct, for a primary election.

(x) It shall be manufactured in the United States and sold by a vendor with a primary place of business within the United States.

(y) It shall utilize open-source software code.

(z) It shall fully comply with the most recently adopted Voluntary Voting System Guidelines developed by the Election Assistance Commission.

(z.1) The requirements of subsections (u), (v), (w), (x), (y) and (z) shall apply only to machines newly examined or approved by the secretary after 2024. No machines purchased by a county prior to 2024 shall be decertified on the basis of noncompliance with subsection (u), (v), (w), (x), (y) or (z).

Section 1111. Preparation of Voting Machines by County Election Boards.--

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(g) On any day not more than 35 days before the commencement of voting, the county election board shall have the automatic tabulating equipment publicly tested to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. If the ballots to be used at the polling place on election day are not available at the time of the testing, the county election board may conduct an additional test not more than 10 days before election day. Public notice of the time and place of the test shall be given at least 48 hours prior to the test by publication on the county election board's
publicly accessible Internet website and once in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the county, by posting the notice in at least four conspicuous places in the county. The county election board shall provide written notice to each candidate for election of the time and location of the public pre-election test. The test shall be open to representatives of the political parties, the press and the public and shall be video recorded and broadcast simultaneously on a publicly accessible Internet website. Each political party may designate one person with expertise in the computer field who shall be allowed in the central counting room when tests are being conducted and when the official votes are being counted. The designee shall not interfere with the normal operation of the canvassing board.

(h) For electronic or electromechanical voting systems configured to tabulate mail-in or absentee ballots at a central or regional site, the public testing shall be conducted by processing a preaudited group of ballots so produced as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each measure and to include one or more ballots for each office which have activated voting positions in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the automatic tabulating equipment to reject the votes. If an error is detected, the cause of the error shall be corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the automatic tabulating equipment is approved. The test shall be repeated and errorless results must be achieved immediately before the start of the official count of the ballots and again after the completion of the official count. The programs and ballots used for testing.
shall be sealed and retained under the custody of the county
election board.

(i) For electronic or electromechanical voting systems
configured to include electronic or electromechanical tabulation
devices which are distributed to the precincts, all or a sample
of the devices to be used in the election shall be publicly
tested. If a sample is to be tested, the sample shall consist of
a random selection of at least 10% of the devices. The test
shall be conducted by processing a group of ballots, causing the
device to output results for the ballots processed and comparing
the output of results to the results expected for the ballots
processed. The group of ballots shall be produced so as to
record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate
and on each measure and to include for each office one or more
ballots which have activated voting positions in excess of the
number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the
tabulating device to reject such votes.

(j) If a tested tabulating device is found to have an error
in tabulation, it shall be deemed unsatisfactory. For each
device deemed unsatisfactory, the county election board shall
take steps to determine the cause of the error, shall attempt to
identify and test other devices that could reasonably be
expected to have the same error and shall test a number of
additional devices sufficient to determine that each device is
satisfactory. Upon deeming a device unsatisfactory, the county
election board may require all devices to be tested or may
declare that all devices are unsatisfactory.

(k) If the operation or output of any tested tabulation
device, such as spelling or the order of candidates on a report,
is in error, the problem shall be reported to the county
election board, which shall determine if the reported problem warrants the county election board deeming the device unsatisfactory.

(l) At the completion of testing under this section, the county election board, the representatives of the political parties and the candidates or their representatives who attended the test shall witness the resetting of each device that passed to a preelection state of readiness and the sealing of each device that passed in such a manner as to secure its state of readiness until the opening of the polls.

(m) The county election board shall execute a written statement setting forth the tabulation devices tested, the results of the testing, the protective counter numbers, if applicable, of each tabulation device, the number of the seal securing each tabulation device at the conclusion of testing, any problems reported to the board as a result of the testing and whether each device tested is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. The written statement under this subsection shall be a public record under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

(n) Any tabulating device deemed unsatisfactory shall be recoded, repaired or replaced and shall be made available for retesting. The device must be determined by the county election board to be satisfactory before the device may be used in an election. The county election board shall announce at the close of the first testing the date, place and time that an unsatisfactory device will be retested or may, at the option of the board, notify by telephone each person who was present at the first testing as to the date, place and time that the retesting will occur.
(o) Records must be kept of all preelection testing of electronic or electromechanical tabulation devices used in an election. The records shall be present and available for inspection and reference during public preelection testing by any person in attendance during the testing. The need of the county election board for access to the records during the testing shall take precedence over the need of other attendees to access such records so that the work of the county election board will not be delayed or hindered. Records of testing must include, for each device, the name of each person who tested the device and the date, place, time and results of each test. Records of testing shall be retained as part of the official records of the election in which any device was used and shall be public records under the Right-to-Know Law.

(p) The county election board shall submit a copy of all records required under this section to the Office of the Auditor General.

Section 12. Sections 1112(c)1, 1106-A and 1117-A of the act are amended to read:

Section 1112. Delivery of Voting Machines and Supplies by County Election Boards to Election Officers.--

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(c) The county election board shall furnish, at the expense of the county, and deliver with each voting machine:

1. A [lantern] flashlight, or a proper substitute for one, which, in the case of a loss of electricity, shall give sufficient light to enable voters, while in the voting machine booth, to read the ballot labels, and suitable for the use of election officers in examining the counters. The [lantern] flashlight, or proper substitute therefor, shall be prepared and
in good order for use before the opening of the polls.

Section 1106-A. Experimental Use of Electronic Voting Systems.--(a) The county board of elections of any county may provide for experimental use at any primary or election in one or more election districts of said county, of an electronic voting system, and the use of such system shall be as valid for all purposes as if the electronic voting system had been adopted in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may approve the use of an experimental electronic voting system by the county board of elections of any county which complies with section 1306(a) for absentee voters as provided for in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (Public Law 99-410, 100 Stat. 924) and for disabled voters if the system allows the elector to mark his electronic ballot in secrecy as provided for paper absentee ballots pursuant to section 1306(a). The system shall be exempt from the requirements of sections 1107-A, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305 and 1306.

(c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall investigate the use and viability of blockchain technology for the purposes of electronic voting by disabled voters and absentee voters as provided for in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Section 1117-A. [Statistical Sample.--The county board of elections, as part of the computation and canvass of returns, shall conduct a statistical recount of a random sample of ballots after each election using manual, mechanical or electronic devices of a type different than those used for the specific election. The sample shall include at least two (2) per]
centum of the votes cast or two thousand (2,000) votes whichever
is the lesser.] Post-election Audit.--The county board of
elections, as part of the computation and canvass of returns,
and prior to certification, shall cooperate in a result-
confirming audit conducted by the department of the Auditor
General. The audit shall be a ballot comparison, risk-limiting
audit, conducted with a risk limit of one (1) per centum for
mail-in and absentee ballots and for ballots cast on voting
machines, the audit shall be a ballot-polling, risk-limiting
audit, conducted with a risk limit of one (1) per centum.

Section 13. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 1123-A. Requirements of Accessible Voting
Machines.--An accessible voting machine may not, upon any
examination or reexamination, be approved by the Secretary of
the Commonwealth, or by an examiner appointed by the Secretary,
unless the accessible voting machine satisfies the following
requirements:

(1) The voting system must provide a tactile input or audio
input device, or both.

(2) The voting system must provide a method by which voters
can confirm any tactile or audio input by having the capability
of audio output using synthetic or recorded human speech that is
reasonably phonetically accurate.

(3) Any operable controls on the input device which are
needed for voters who are visually impaired must be discernible
tactilely without actuating the keys.

(4) Audio and visual access approaches must be able to work
both separately and simultaneously.

(5) If a nonaudio access approach is provided, the system
may not require color perception. The system must use black text
or graphics, or both, on white background or white text or
graphics, or both, on black background, unless the office of the
secretary approves other high-contrast color combinations that
do not require color perception.

(6) Any voting system that requires any visual perception
must offer the election official who programs the system, prior
to its being sent to the polling place, the capability to set
the font size, as it appears to the voter, from a minimum of 14
points to a maximum of 24 points.

(7) The voting system must provide audio information,
including any audio output using synthetic or recorded human
speech or any auditory feedback tones that are important for the
use of the audio approach, through at least one mode, by handset
or headset, in enhanced auditory fashion (increased
amplification), and must provide incremental volume control with
output amplification up to a level of at least 97 db spl.

(8) For transmitted voice signals to the voter, the voting
system must provide a gain adjustable up to a minimum of 20 db
spl with at least one intermediate step of 12 db spl of gain.

(9) For the safety of others, if the voting system has the
possibility of exceeding 120 db spl, a mechanism must be
included to reset the volume automatically to the voting
system's default volume level after every use.

(10) If sound cues and audible information such as "beeps"
are used, there must be simultaneous corresponding visual cues
and information.

(11) Controls and operable mechanisms must be operable with
one hand, including operability with a closed fist and operable
without tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist.

(12) The force required to operate or activate the controls
must be no greater than five pounds of force.

(13) Voting booths must have voting controls at a minimum height of 36 inches above the finished floor with a minimum knee clearance of 27 inches high, 30 inches wide and 19 inches deep, or the accessible voter interface devices must be designed so as to allow their use on top of a table to meet these requirements. Tabletop installations must include adequate privacy.

(14) Any audio ballot must provide the voter with the following functionalities:

(i) After the initial instructions that the system requires election officials to provide to each voter, the voter should be able to independently operate the voter interface through the final step of casting a ballot without assistance.

(ii) The voter must be able to determine the races that he or she is allowed to vote in and to determine which candidates are available in each race.

(iii) The voter must be able to determine how many candidates may be selected in each race.

(iv) The voter must be able to have confidence that the physical or vocal inputs given to the system have selected the candidates that he or she intended to select.

(v) The voter must be able to review the candidate selections that he or she has made.

(vi) Prior to the act of casting the ballot, the voter must be able to change any selections previously made and confirm a new selection.

(vii) The system must communicate to the voter the fact that the voter has failed to vote in a race or has failed to vote the number of allowable candidates in any race and require the voter to confirm his or her intent to undervote before casting the
(viii) The system must prevent the voter from overvoting any race.

(ix) The voter must be able to input a candidate's name in each race that allows a write-in candidate.

(x) The voter must be able to review his or her write-in input to the interface, edit that input and confirm that the edits meet the voter's intent.

(xi) There must be a clear, identifiable action that the voter takes to "cast" the ballot. The system must make clear to the voter how to take this action so that the voter has minimal risk of taking the action accidentally but, when the voter intends to cast the ballot, the action can be easily performed.

(xii) Once the ballot is cast, the system must confirm to the voter that the action has occurred and that the voter's process of voting is complete.

(xiii) Once the ballot is cast, the system must preclude the voter from modifying the ballot cast or voting or casting another ballot.

Section 1124-A. Voting system defects, disclosure, investigations and penalties.

(a) (Reserved).

(b) Disclosure.--No later than January 1 of every odd-numbered year, each vendor shall file a written disclosure with the department identifying any known defect in the voting system or the fact that there is no known defect, the effect of any defect on the operation and use of the approved voting system and any known corrective measures to cure a defect, including, but not limited to, advisories and bulletins issued to system users.
(c) Cure of defect.--Implementation of corrective measures approved by the department which enable a system to conform to the standards and ensure the timeliness and accuracy of the casting and counting of ballots constitutes a cure of a defect.

(d) New defect.--If a vendor becomes aware of the existence of a defect, the vendor must file a new disclosure with the department as provided in subsection (a) within 30 days of the date the vendor determined or reasonably should have determined that the defect existed.

(e) Suspension.--If a vendor discloses to the department that a defect exists, the department may suspend all sales or leases of the voting system in this Commonwealth and may suspend the use of the system in any election in this Commonwealth. The department shall provide written notice of a suspension under this subsection to the affected vendor and county boards of elections. If the department determines that the defect no longer exists, the department shall lift the suspension and provide written notice to each affected vendor and supervisor of elections.

(f) Prohibition.--If a vendor fails to file a required disclosure for a voting system previously approved by the department, that system may not be sold, leased or used for elections in this Commonwealth until the voting system has been submitted for examination and approval under this act. The department shall provide written notice to each county board of elections that the system is no longer approved.

(g) Investigation.--If the department has reasonable cause to believe a voting system approved under this act contains a defect either before, during or after an election which has not been disclosed pursuant to this section, the department shall
investigate whether the voting system has a defect.

(h) Initiation of investigation.--The department shall initiate an investigation on its own initiative or upon the written request of the board of elections of a county that purchased a voting system that contains the alleged defect.

(i) Notice of investigation.--Upon initiation of an investigation, the department shall provide written notice to the vendor and each county board of elections.

(j) Notice of defect.--If the department determines by a preponderance of the evidence that a defect exists in the voting system, or that vendor failed to timely disclose a defect under this section, the department shall provide written notice to the affected vendor and county board of elections.

(k) Response.--A vendor who receives notice of a defect shall, within 10 days of receipt of the notice under subsection (j), file a written response to the department which:

(1) denies that the alleged defect exists or existed as alleged by the department or that the vendor failed to timely disclose a defect and sets forth the reasons for the denial; or

(2) admits that the defect exists or existed as alleged by the department or that the vendor failed to timely disclose a defect.

(l) Cure.--If the defect has been cured, the vendor shall provide an explanation of how the defect was cured.

(m) Failure to cure.--If the defect has not been cured, the vendor shall inform the department whether the defect can be cured and shall provide the department with a plan for curing the defect.

(n) Time frame.--If the defect can be cured, the department
shall establish a time frame within which to cure the defect.

(o) Action.--If, after receiving a response from the vendor, 
the department determines that a defect does not exist or has
been cured within the time frame established by the department, 
the department shall take no further action.

(p) Civil penalty.--If the department determines that a 
vendor failed to timely disclose a defect or that a defect 
exists and a vendor has not filed a written response or has 
failed to cure within the time frame established by the 
department, or if the defect cannot be cured, the department 
shall impose a civil penalty of $25,000 for the defect plus an 
amount equal to the actual costs incurred by the department in 
conducting the investigation.

(q) Administrative penalty.--If the department finds that a 
defect existed:

(1) The department may suspend all sales and leases of 
the voting system and may suspend its use in any county in 
this Commonwealth. The department shall provide written 
notice of the suspension to each affected vendor and county 
board of elections.

(2) If the department determines that a defect no longer 
exists in a voting system that has been suspended from use 
under this section, the department shall lift the suspension 
and authorize the sale, lease and use of the voting system in 
any election in the State. The department shall provide 
written notice that the suspension has been lifted to each 
affected vendor and county board of elections.

(3) If the defect cannot be cured, the department may 
disapprove the voting system for use in elections in this 
Commonwealth. The department shall provide written notice to
all directors of elections that the system is no longer approved. After approval of a system that has been withdrawn under this paragraph, the system may not be sold, leased or used in this Commonwealth until it has been resubmitted for examination and approval and adopted for use under this act.

(4) A vendor for whom a civil penalty was imposed under this section may not submit a voting system for approval by the department or enter into a contract for sale or lease of a voting system in this Commonwealth until each civil penalty has been paid and the department provides written confirmation of the payment to the county board of elections.

(r) Report.—The department shall prepare a written report of any investigation conducted pursuant to this section and submit the report to the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives.

(s) Authority.—The authority of the department under this section shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, any other authority provided by law.

(t) Definitions.—For the purposes of this section:
"Defect" means a failure, fault or flaw in an electronic or electro-mechanic voting system approved under this act, which results in nonconformance with the standards in a manner that affects the timeliness or accuracy of the casting or counting of ballots or a failure or inability of the voting system manufacturer or vendor to make available and provide approved
replacements of hardware or software to the counties that have purchased the approved voting system, the unavailability of which results in the system's nonconformance with the standards in a manner that affects the timeliness or accuracy of the casting or counting of ballots.

"Department" means the Department of State of the Commonwealth.

Section 13.1. Article XI-B of the act is repealed:

[ARTICLE XI-B

VOTING APPARATUS BONDS

Section 1101-B. Definitions.
The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Account." The County Voting Apparatus Reimbursement Account established under section 1106-B.


"Bond." Any type of revenue obligation, including a bond or series of bonds, note, certificate or other instrument, issued by the authority for the benefit of the department under this article.

"Bond administrative expenses." Expenses incurred to administer bonds as provided under the Financing Law, or as otherwise necessary to ensure compliance with applicable Federal or State law.

"Bond obligations." The principal of a bond and any premium and interest payable on a bond, together with any amount owed under a related credit agreement or a related resolution of the authority authorizing a bond.
"Credit agreement." A loan agreement, a revolving credit agreement, an agreement establishing a line of credit, a letter of credit or another agreement that enhances the marketability, security or creditworthiness of a bond.

"Department." The Department of State of the Commonwealth.

"Election security equipment." Information technology such as intrusion detection sensors and other infrastructure deployed to enhance the security of voting apparatus and election systems by detecting and reporting hacking attempts and other election security breaches.

"Electronic voting system." As defined in section 1101-A.


"Voting apparatus." A kind or type of electronic voting system that received the approval of the Secretary of the Commonwealth under section 1105-A.

Section 1102-B. Bond issuance.

(a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and declares that funding the replacement of voting apparatuses, including interest, through the authority, is in the best interest of this Commonwealth.

(b) Authority.--Notwithstanding any other law, the following shall apply:

(1) The department may be a project applicant under the Financing Law and may apply to the authority for the funding of the replacement of voting apparatuses.

(2) The authority may issue bonds under the Financing Law, consistent with this article, to finance projects to fund the replacement of county voting apparatuses or to reimburse counties for their cost to purchase or enter into
capital leases for voting apparatuses.

(3) Participation of an industrial and commercial
development authority shall not be required to finance the
replacement of voting apparatuses.

(c) Debt or liability.--

(1) Bonds issued under this article shall not be a debt
or liability of the Commonwealth and shall not create or
constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation of the
Commonwealth.

(2) Bond obligations and bond administrative expenses
shall be payable solely from revenues or money pledged or
available for repayment as authorized under this article.
This paragraph shall include the proceeds of any issuance of
bonds.

(3) Each bond shall contain on its face a statement
that:

(i) the authority is obligated to pay the principal
or interest on the bonds only from the revenues or money
pledged or available for repayment as authorized under
this article;

(ii) neither the Commonwealth nor a county is
obligated to pay the principal or interest; and

(iii) the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth
or any county is not pledged to the payment of the
principal of or the interest on the bonds.

Section 1103-B. Criteria for bond issuance.

(a) Determination.--If the department decertifies one or
more voting apparatuses that are in use in any county of this
Commonwealth, the department shall apply to the authority to
issue bonds for reimbursements to each county for the cost of
procuring new voting apparatuses.

(a.1) Issuance.--Bonds may be issued in one or more series, and each series may finance reimbursement grants to one or more counties.

(b) Terms.--

(1) The department, with the approval of the Office of the Budget, shall specify in its application to the authority:

(i) the maximum principal amount of the bonds for each bond issue; and

(ii) the maximum term of the bonds consistent with applicable law.

(2) The total principal amount for all bonds issued under this article may not exceed $90,000,000.

(3) The term of the bonds issued under this article may not exceed 10 years from the respective date of original issuance.

(c) Expiration.--For the purpose of this article, authorization to issue bonds, not including refunding bonds, shall expire December 31, 2020.

Section 1104-B. Issuance of bonds, security and sources of payments.

(a) Issuance.--The authority shall consider issuance of bonds upon application by the department. Bonds issued under this article shall be subject to the provisions of the Financing Law, unless otherwise specified under this article.

(b) Service agreement authorized.--The authority and the department may enter into an agreement or service agreement to effectuate this article, including an agreement to secure bonds issued for the purposes under section 1102-B(b), pursuant to
which the department shall agree to pay the bond obligations and bond administrative expenses to the authority in each fiscal year that the bonds or refunding bonds are outstanding in amounts sufficient to timely pay in full the bond obligations, bond administrative expenses and any other financing costs due on the bonds issued for the purposes under section 1102-B(b).

The department's payment of the bond obligations, bond administrative expenses and other financing costs due on the bonds as service charges under an agreement or service agreement shall be subject to and dependent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly to the department for payment of the service charges. The service agreement may be amended or supplemented by the authority and the department in connection with the issuance of any series of bonds or refunding bonds authorized under this section.

(c) Security.--Bond obligations and bond administrative expenses may be secured, for the benefit of the holders of the bonds and the obligees under credit agreements or the agreements under subsection (b), by pledge of a security interest in and first lien on the following:

(1) Money relating to the bonds held on deposit in any other fund or account under an instrument or agreement pertaining to the bonds, including bond reserves and interest income on the money.

(2) The security provided under this subsection shall not apply to money in any fund relating to arbitrage rebate obligations.

Section 1105-B. Sale of bonds.

The authority shall offer the bonds for sale by means of a public, competitive sale or by means of a negotiated sale based
on the authority's determination of which method will produce
the most benefit to counties and the Commonwealth.

Section 1106-B. Deposit of bond proceeds.

The net proceeds of bonds, other than refunding bonds,
exclusive of costs of issuance, reserves and any other financing
charges, shall be transferred by the authority to the State
Treasurer for deposit into a restricted account established in
the State Treasury and held solely for the purposes under
section 1102-B(b) to be known as the County Voting Apparatus
Reimbursement Account. The department shall pay out the bond
proceeds to the counties from the account in accordance with
this article.

Section 1107-B. Payment of bond-related obligations.

For each fiscal year in which bond obligations and bond
administrative expenses will be due, the authority shall notify
the department of the amount of bond obligations and the
estimated amount of bond administrative expenses in sufficient
time, as determined by the department, to permit the department
to request an appropriation sufficient to pay bond obligations
and bond administrative expenses that will be due and payable in
the following fiscal year. The authority's calculation of the
amount of bond obligations and bond administrative expenses that
will be due shall be subject to verification by the department.

Section 1108-B. Commonwealth not to impair bond-related
obligations.

The Commonwealth pledges that it shall not do any of the
following:

(1) Limit or alter the rights and responsibilities of
the authority or the department under this article, including
the responsibility to:
(i) pay bond obligations and bond administrative expenses; and

(ii) comply with any other instrument or agreement pertaining to bonds.

(2) Alter or limit the service agreement under section 1104-B(b).

(3) Impair the rights and remedies of the holders of bonds, until each bond issued at any time and the interest on the bond are fully met and discharged.

Section 1109-B. (Reserved).

Section 1110-B. Personal liability.

The members, directors, officers and employees of the department and the authority shall not be personally liable as a result of good faith exercise of the rights and responsibilities granted under this article.

Section 1111-B. Annual report.

No later than March 1 of the year following the first full year in which bonds have been issued under this article and for each year thereafter in which bond obligations existed in the prior year, the department shall submit an annual report to the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, the chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives providing all data available on bonds issued or existing in the prior year. The report shall include existing and anticipated bond principal, interest and administrative costs, revenue, repayments, refinancing, overall benefits to counties and any other relevant...
data, facts and statistics that the department believes necessary in the content of the report.

Section 1112-B. Reimbursement of county voting apparatus expenses.

(a) Application.—A county may apply to the department to receive funding to replace the county's voting apparatuses or to reimburse the county's cost to purchase or lease by capital lease voting apparatuses. Each county shall submit an application for funding on a form containing information and documentation prescribed by the department no later than July 1, 2020.

(b) Documentation for prior purchase or lease.—If a county seeks reimbursement of the county's cost to purchase or lease by capital lease a voting apparatus that the county purchased or leased before the date that the county submits its application to the department, the county's application shall include documentation prescribed by the department to substantiate the county's cost to purchase or lease the voting apparatus, including copies of fully executed voting apparatus contracts, invoices and proof of payment to the vendor of the voting apparatus.

(c) Documentation for subsequent purchase or lease.—If a county seeks funding to purchase or lease by capital lease a voting apparatus that the county will purchase or lease after the date that the county submits its application to the department, the county's application shall include documentation prescribed by the department to substantiate the county's estimate to purchase or lease the voting apparatus, including copies of fully executed voting apparatus contracts, bids or price quotes submitted to the county by voting apparatus vendors.
and other price estimates or cost proposals.

(d) Review.--The department shall review each county application on a rolling basis and shall either approve or deny each county's application within 90 days of the date the application is received by the department. A county may supplement or amend submitted applications during the 90-day review period in consultation with the department.

(e) Approval for prior purchase or lease.--If the department approves a county's application submitted under subsection (b), the department and the county shall enter into a written grant agreement through which the department shall reimburse the county at the amount determined under subsection (g).

(f) Approval for subsequent purchase or lease.--If the department approves a county's application under subsection (c), the department and the county shall enter into a written grant agreement through which the department will provide funding to reimburse the county's cost to purchase or lease a voting apparatus at the amount determined under subsection (g). The county shall hold the grant money in an account of the county that is separate from each other county account. The county shall deliver quarterly reports to the department of the voting apparatus costs paid from the grant money in a form prescribed by the department. The county shall return any unspent grant money to the department within 30 days of the expiration of the grant agreement.

(g) Payments.--

(1) A county shall only receive amounts under this section to the extent that the department has bond proceeds available in the account from which to make payments.

(2) Except as provided under paragraph (3), a county
which submitted an application approved under subsection (e) or (f) shall receive 60% of the total amount submitted under subsection (b) or (c) which may be reimbursed or paid.

(3) If the total amount submitted by all counties under paragraph (2) exceeds the total amount available for reimbursement or payment, a county shall receive a portion of the amount available equal to the total amount submitted by the county under subsection (b) or (c) which may be reimbursed or paid, divided by the total amount submitted by all counties under subsection (b) or (c) which may be reimbursed or paid.

(4) If any bond proceeds remain after the department has issued all reimbursements in accordance with paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), the department may utilize the remaining balance for grants for counties for the purchase and distribution to the counties of election security equipment. The department shall provide notice to each county no later than 30 days prior to receiving applications for grants under this paragraph.

(h) Certification.--A county shall only receive the reimbursement or funding under this article after making a certification to the department, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, the chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives.
Representatives that the county has completed a program under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1901(b)(1) (relating to removal of electors) and mailed notices required under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1901(b)(3) within the prior 12 months. The certification shall include information on whether the county has undertaken a canvass under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1901(b)(2).

(i) Department application.--The department shall apply to the authority for funding under section 1102-B only if the department has approved county applications under this article which total at least $50,000,000.

Section 13.2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE XI-C

ELECTION EQUIPMENT FUNDING

Section 1101-C. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Account." The Election Equipment Funding Program Account established under section 1105-C(c).

"Authority." The Commonwealth Financing Authority.

"Board." The board of directors of the authority.

"Election equipment." The following:

(1) Voting machines.
(2) Sorters.
(3) Extractors.
(4) Electronic poll books.
(5) Servers for data storage.
(6) Tabulators.

"Program." The Election Equipment Funding Program.
established under section 1102-C.

Section 1102-C. Establishment.

The Election Equipment Funding Program is established. The authority shall administer and act as the fiscal agent for the program and shall be responsible for receiving and reviewing grant applications and awarding grants. The purpose of the program shall be to award grants to counties for the purchase and maintenance of election equipment.

Section 1103-C. Grant awards.

Grant awards shall be at the discretion of the authority and shall be limited to amounts appropriated to the authority for the program.

Section 1104-C. Application.

(a) Period.--The authority shall establish an annual application period during which applications for grant funding under the program may be submitted. The annual application period shall be no fewer than 21 days and no longer than 60 days.

(b) Form and contents.--An application shall be submitted to the authority. An application shall include the following information:

(1) A receipt for the equipment purchased.

(2) Verification that the specific equipment purchased has been certified by the Election Assistance Commission and the Department of State.

(3) A copy of the security protocols for each type of equipment.

(4) A copy of the most recent post-election audit conducted in that county.

(5) A copy of the Auditor General's report on the most
recent election conducted in that county, including any
corrective action plan issued under section 108(5).

(6) A copy of any service contract agreed to as part of
the purchase of equipment.

(c) Review.--In reviewing an application, the authority
shall conduct a review of each item required under subsection
(b) to ensure that the county and equipment being purchased is
in full compliance with this act.

(d) Criteria.--The authority shall award grants based on a
county's compliance with this act. Specific criteria to be
considered when weighing an application shall be:

(1) Whether the county submitting an application has
provided proof of full compliance with this act during the
most recent election.

(2) Whether the equipment purchased qualifies for
reimbursement under this act.

Section 1105-C. Implementation.

(a) Requirements.--The following apply:

(1) The requirements for the administration of the
program shall be as follows:

   (i) An application for a grant under this section
must be received by a deadline established by the
authority.

   (ii) The authority shall execute a grant agreement
between the board and a county before the payment of a
grant award.

   (iii) A county shall maintain full and accurate
records for the purchase or maintenance of election
equipment.

   (iv) A county shall submit to the authority copies
of all canceled checks or other records verifying expenditures of grant money.

(2) The authority may establish additional requirements for the program as the authority deems necessary to administer the program.

(b) Restrictions and limitations.--The following apply:

(1) Any unused portion of a grant award shall be returned to the authority.

(2) Grant money may not be used for any of the following:

(i) The operation of satellite election offices or ballot return locations.

(ii) The mailing of applications for mail-in or absentee ballots to electors.

(iii) A voter education or election awareness program.

(3) The authority may establish additional restrictions and limitations as the authority deems necessary to administer the program.

(c) Account.--The authority shall establish the Election Equipment Funding Program Account. The following shall apply:

(1) The purpose of the account shall be to award grants under this act.

(2) The following shall be sources of funding for the account:

(i) Appropriations, including Federal money.

(ii) Return on the money in the account.

(3) Money in the account is continuously appropriated to the account. This appropriation shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal year.
Guidelines.--Within 180 days of the effective date of this section, the board shall adopt guidelines to implement this section. The guidelines shall include provisions for submission, review and approval of applications and award of grants.

Section 13.3. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 1201.3. Voter's Bill of Rights.--Each registered voter in this Commonwealth shall have the right to:

(1) Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.

(2) Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the time of the closing of polls.

(3) Ask for and receive assistance in voting.

(4) Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.

(5) Receive an explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.

(6) Cast a provisional ballot, if his or her registration or identity is in question.

(7) Receive written instructions to use when voting and, upon request, oral instructions from elections officers to use when voting.

(8) Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.

(9) Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast and accurately counted.

(10) Any other rights as provided by Federal, State or local law.

Section 1201.4. Senior Voter's Bill of Rights.--In addition to the rights of a voter under section 1201.3, a voter in this Commonwealth who is 70 years of age or older shall have the
right to:

(1) Receive any assistance necessary to successfully cast a ballot.

(2) Move to the front of the line upon arrival at a polling place.

(3) Receive assistance through supervised voting under section 1306.2.

(4) Any other rights as provided by Federal, State or local law.

Section 1201.5. Disabled Voter's Bill of Rights.--In addition to the rights of a voter under section 1201.3, a voter in this Commonwealth who is disabled shall have the right to:

(1) Receive any assistance necessary to successfully cast a ballot.

(2) Move to the front of the line upon arrival at a polling place.

(3) Bring into a polling place or elections office a service animal qualified under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327).

(4) Vote using an accessible voting machine approved under this act.

(5) Have all polling places in this Commonwealth meet accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327).

(6) Request a ballot be brought by election officers outside the polling place of the qualified elector, provided that:

(i) A qualified elector's vote under this section shall be cast within 150 feet of the entrance to the polling place.

(ii) The qualified elector shall mark the ballot in the presence of two election officers, with one representing each of
the political parties with the greatest number of registered
electors in this Commonwealth.

(iii) The qualified elector shall mark the ballot in a
secret manner and, obscuring the vote, return the ballot to the
election officers. The election officers shall immediately
return to the polling place and deposit the ballot in the voting
machine.

(iv) The electronic poll book utilized by the polling place
shall be brought to the qualified elector, if possible, or
otherwise made to record the qualified elector's participation
in the election.

(v) A record shall be made of each elector voting under this
section and of each election officer assisting in the casting of
each such ballot.

(7) Any other rights as provided by Federal, State or local
law.

Section 14. Sections 1204, 1205, 1209(a), 1210(a.3)(4),
1218(a), 1231(a), (b)(1), (3) and (4), 1302(b), (i)(2) and (k),
1302.1(a) and (a.3)(1) and (2) and 1305(b) of the act are
amended to read:

Section 1204. Delivery of Ballots and Supplies to Judges of
Election.--(a) The [cards of instruction, return sheets, tally
papers, statements, oaths of election officers, affidavits,
voter's certificates, and other forms and supplies required for
use in each election district, and also the district register of
such district, and in districts in which ballots are used, the
official and specimen ballots prepared for use therein, shall be
packed by the county board of elections in separate sealed
packages for each election district, marked on the outside so as
to clearly designate the districts for which they are intended,
and, in the case of districts in which ballots are used, the number of ballots of each kind enclosed. They shall then be delivered by the county board. Following materials shall be prepared by the county board and delivered to all districts:

1. Cards of instruction.
2. Return sheets.
3. Tally papers.
4. Statements.
5. Written oaths of election officers.
6. Affidavits.
7. Voter's certificates.
8. Other forms and supplies.
9. The district register of each district.
10. The official and sample ballots prepared.

(b) The materials shall be delivered by the election board, together with the ballot box, which shall bear the name and number of the election district to the judges of election in the election districts not later than the day prior to the day of the primary or election: Provided, however, That if, for any reason, it is impossible to deliver the packages to the judge of election in any district, the packages may be delivered to one of the inspectors or the judges or inspectors may pick up the materials. The respective judges of election or inspectors shall, upon delivery to them of such packages, return receipts therefor to the county board, which. The board shall keep a record of the time when and the manner in which the several packages are delivered. [The county board may, in its discretion, require the respective judges of election to call at its office to obtain the said packages.]
Section 1205. Time for Opening and Closing Polls.--At all primaries and elections the polls shall be opened at 7 A.M. [Eastern Standard Time,] local time and shall remain open continuously until 8 P.M. local time, [Eastern Standard Time,] at which time they shall be closed.

Section 1209. Opening of Polls; Posting Cards of Instruction and Notices of Penalties and Voters' Rights; Examination of Voting Machines.--(a) In districts in which ballots are used, the election officers shall, after taking the oath, open the ballot boxes which have been furnished to them, and burn and totally destroy all the ballots and other papers which they may find therein, before the opening of the polls.

Whenever during any emergency, it becomes necessary to save waste paper on account of a shortage thereof, the Governor of the Commonwealth may, by proclamation, suspend the foregoing provisions relating to the destruction of ballots and papers, and in that case, the election board shall set the ballots and other papers aside and they shall be collected and disposed of by such means and in such manner as may be determined by the county election board.] When the polling place is opened, the ballot box shall be securely locked[,] and shall not be opened until the close of the polls, as provided in section 1221. At the opening of the polls the seals of the packages furnished by the county board shall be publicly broken[, and the said packages] and the packages shall be opened by the judge of election. The cards of instruction and notices of penalties shall be immediately posted in each voting compartment, and not less than three [such] cards and notices of penalties and voters' rights[,] and not less than five [specimen] sample ballots (at primaries five of each party)[,] shall be
immediately posted in or about the voting room outside the enclosed space[ and such cards], cards of instruction, notices of penalties and [specimen] sample ballots shall be given to any elector [at his request, so long as there are any on hand.] upon request if the cards or sample ballots are available.

Section 1210. Manner of Applying to Vote; Persons Entitled to Vote; Voter's Certificates; Entries to Be Made in District Register; Numbered Lists of Voters; Challenges.--* * *

(a.3) * * *

(4) As each voter is found to be qualified and votes, the election officer in charge of the district register shall [write or stamp] record the date of the election or primary, his number in the order of admission to the voting machines, and at primaries a letter or abbreviation designating the party in whose primary he votes, and shall sign [his name or initials in the proper space on the registration card of such voter contained in the district register.] electronically.

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Section 1218. Assistance in Voting.--

(a) [No voter shall be permitted to] (1) Voters may not receive any assistance in voting at any primary or election, unless [there is recorded upon his registration card his declaration] upon arriving to vote, the voter signs an affidavit that, by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write, [he is] the voter:

(i) is unable to read the names on the ballot or on the voting machine labels[, or that he]; or

(ii) has a physical disability which renders [him] the voter unable to see or mark the ballot or operate the voting
machine, or to enter the voting compartment or voting machine
booth without assistance, the exact nature of such condition
being recorded on such registration card, and unless the
election officers are satisfied that he still suffers from the
same condition.]

(2) Election officers must be satisfied that the voter
suffers from the same condition in the affidavit in order to
receive assistance under paragraph (1).

(3) If the voter is blind or has impaired vision, an
election officer shall read the affidavit to the voter and
provide assistance in completion of the affidavit.

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Section 1231. Deadline for Receipt of Valid Voter
Registration Application.--(a) Except as provided under
subsection (b), each commission, commissioner and registrar or
clerk appointed by the commission shall receive, during ordinary
business hours and during additional hours as the commission
prescribes, at the office of the commission and at additional
places as the commission designates, applications from
individuals who apply to be registered to vote as provided under
25 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to voter registration) who appear
and claim that they are entitled to be registered as electors of
a municipality. A commission may not accept the registration
application of an individual until after the commission has
confirmed the individual's eligibility to register to vote under
Article VII-A.

(b) In the administration of voter registration, each
commission shall ensure that an applicant who is a qualified
elector is registered to vote in an election when the applicant
has met any of the following conditions:
In the case of voter registration with a motor vehicle driver's license application under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1323 (relating to application with driver's license application)) section 723-A, if the valid voter registration application is received by the appropriate commission not later than [fifteen] thirty days before the election.

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In the case of voter registration at a voter registration agency under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1325 (relating to government agencies), if the valid voter registration application is received by the appropriate commission not later than [fifteen] thirty days before the election.

In any other case, if the valid voter registration application of the applicant is received by the appropriate commission not later than [fifteen] thirty days before the election.

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Section 1302. Applications for Official Absentee Ballots.--

(b) The following shall apply:

(1) An application for a qualified elector under subsection (a) shall contain the following information, without which the application shall be rejected:

(i) Home residence at the time of entrance into actual military service or Federal employment, [length of time a citizen; length of residence in Pennsylvania; date] if applicable.

(ii) Date of birth[, length of time a resident of voting district, voting district if known, party]

(iii) Party choice in case of primary[, name and, for a
(iv) Name.
(v) For a military elector, his stateside military address, FPO or APO number and serial number.
(vi) At least two of the following:
(A) Last four digits of the elector's Social Security number.
(B) If the elector has a Pennsylvania driver's license, the license number.
(C) The elector's voter registration number.

(1.1) A qualified elector's application shall contain the following, but the application shall not be rejected if the information is unknown or not provided:
(i) Voting district.
(ii) Length of time a resident of voting district.
(iii) Length of time a citizen.
(iv) Length of residence in this Commonwealth.
(2) Any elector other than a military elector shall in addition specify the nature of his employment, the address to which ballot is to be sent, relationship where necessary, and such other information as may be determined and prescribed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
(3) When such application is received by the Secretary of the Commonwealth it shall be forwarded to the proper county board of election.

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(i) * * *

(2) Nothing in this act shall prohibit a private organization or individual from printing blank voter applications for absentee ballots or shall prohibit the use of
such applications by another individual, provided the form, content and paper quality have been approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. **Voter applications for absentee ballots distributed under this section must clearly indicate that they have not been sent or distributed by a county or by the department and must be blank upon distribution to any elector.**

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(k) The Secretary of the Commonwealth [may] **shall** develop an electronic system through which all qualified electors may apply for an absentee ballot and request permanent absentee voter status under subsection (e.1), provided the system is able to capture a digitized or electronic signature of the applicant. A county board of elections shall treat any application or request received through the electronic system as if the application or request had been submitted on a paper form or any other format used by the county.

Section 1302.1. Date of Application for Absentee Ballot.--

(a) Except as provided in subsection (a.3), applications for absentee ballots shall be received in the office of the county board of elections not earlier than fifty (50) days before the primary or election, except that if a county board of elections determines that it would be appropriate to its operational needs, any applications for absentee ballots received more than fifty (50) days before the primary or election may be processed before that time. Applications for absentee ballots shall be processed if received not later than five o'clock P.M. of the [first Tuesday] **fifteenth day** prior to the day of any primary or election.

(a.3) (1) The following categories of electors may apply for an absentee ballot under this subsection, if otherwise
qualified:

(i) An elector whose physical disability or illness prevented the elector from applying for an absentee ballot before five o'clock P.M. on the \[\text{first Tuesday} \ \text{fifteenth day}\] prior to the day of the primary or election.

(ii) An elector who, because of the elector's business, duties or occupation, was unable to apply for an absentee ballot before five o'clock P.M. on the \[\text{first Tuesday} \ \text{fifteenth day}\] prior to the day of the primary or election.

(iii) An elector who becomes so physically disabled or ill after five o'clock P.M. on the \[\text{first Tuesday} \ \text{fifteenth day}\] prior to the day of the primary or election that the elector is unable to appear at the polling place on the day of the primary or election.

(iv) An elector who, because of the conduct of the elector's business, duties or occupation, will necessarily be absent from the elector's municipality of residence on the day of the primary or election, which fact was not and could not reasonably be known to the elector on or before five o'clock P.M. on the \[\text{first Tuesday} \ \text{fifteenth day}\] prior to the day of the primary or election.

(2) An elector described in paragraph (1) may submit an application for an absentee ballot at any time up until the time of the closing of the polls on the day of the primary or election. The application shall include a declaration describing the circumstances that prevented the elector from applying for an absentee ballot before five o'clock P.M. on the \[\text{first Tuesday} \ \text{fifteenth day}\] prior to the day of the primary or election or that prevent the elector from appearing at the polling place on the day of the primary or election, and the...
elector's qualifications under paragraph (1). The declaration shall be made subject to the provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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Section 1305. Delivering or Mailing Ballots.--

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(b) (1) The county board of elections upon receipt and approval of an application filed by any elector qualified in accordance with the provisions of section 1301, subsections (i) to (l), inclusive, shall commence to deliver or mail official absentee ballots [as soon as a ballot is certified and the ballots are available.] on the day after the deadline for registering to vote in any election. While any proceeding is pending in a Federal or State court which would affect the contents of any ballot, the county board of elections may await a resolution of that proceeding but in any event, shall commence to deliver or mail official absentee ballots not later than the second Tuesday prior to the primary or election. For those applicants whose proof of identification was not provided with the application or could not be verified by the board, the board shall send the notice required under section 1302.2(d) with the absentee ballot. As additional applications are received and approved after the time that the county board of elections begins delivering or mailing official absentee and mail-in ballots, the board shall deliver or mail official absentee ballots to such additional electors within forty-eight hours.

[(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act and notwithstanding the inclusion of a mailing address on an absentee or mail-in ballot application, a voter who presents the voter's own application for an absentee or mail-in ballot within]
the office of the county board of elections during regular
business hours may request to receive the voter's absentee or
mail-in ballot while the voter is at the office. This request
may be made orally or in writing. Upon presentation of the
application and the making of the request and upon approval
under sections 1302.2 and 1302.2-D, the county board of
elections shall promptly present the voter with the voter's
absentee or mail-in ballot. If a voter presents the voter's
application within the county board of elections' office in
accordance with this section, a county board of elections may
not deny the voter's request to have the ballot presented to the
voter while the voter is at the office unless there is a bona
fide objection to the absentee or mail-in ballot application.]

(2) A county board of elections shall investigate the
circumstances of any absentee ballot returned as undeliverable
by the United States Postal Service. The investigation shall
include contacting the absentee elector, further attempts to
have his ballot delivered and the correction or reconsideration
of his registration status and registered address, if these are
found to be incorrect.

(3) If a qualified absentee elector directs the qualified
elector's ballot to be mailed to an address other than the
qualified elector's registered address, a county board of
elections shall additionally mail a notice of the request to the
qualified elector's registered address.

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Section 15. Section 1306(a) of the act, amended March 27,
2020 (P.L.41, No.12), is amended and the section is amended by
adding a subsection to read:

Section 1306. Voting by Absentee Electors.--(a) Except as
provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), at any time after receiving
an official absentee ballot, but on or before eight o'clock P.M.
the day of the primary or election, the elector shall, in
secret, proceed to mark the ballot only in black lead pencil,
indelible pencil or blue, black or blue-black ink, in fountain
pen or ball point pen, and then fold the ballot, enclose and
securely seal the same in the envelope on which is printed,
stamped or endorsed "Official Election Ballot." This envelope
shall then be placed in the second one, on which is printed the
form of declaration of the elector, and the address of the
elector's county board of election and the local election
district of the elector. The elector shall then fill out, date
and sign the declaration printed on such envelope. [Such
envelope shall then be securely sealed and the elector shall
send same by mail, postage prepaid, except where franked, or
deliver it in person to said county board of election.]}

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(a.1) The elector shall, prior to eight o'clock P.M. on
election day, return his or her completed absentee ballot by one
of the following methods only:
(1) Delivery through the United States Postal Service to the
offices of his or her county board of elections.
(2) Delivery in person to the permanent offices of his or
her county board of elections during its regular hours of
operation.
(3) Delivery to a ballot return location established under
the following conditions:
(i) A ballot return location may only be operated during the
hours of seven o'clock A.M. to eight o'clock P.M. during the
seven days prior to an election.
(ii) Ballot return locations may be established by a county board of elections as necessary. The following shall apply:

(A) A county shall maintain at least one ballot return location and may maintain an additional ballot return location for each 100,000 residents of that county as of the most recent census. The county board of election office may serve as a ballot return location.

(B) Ballot return locations must be monitored by at least one inspector of elections from each of the two parties with the highest number of registered electors in this Commonwealth. If two such inspectors of elections are unavailable to appear at a ballot return location on any particular day, a county shall not operate the ballot return location. Each inspector of elections shall receive the same compensation provided for an election under this act for each day on which he monitors a ballot return location.

(C) The inspectors of election monitoring a ballot return location shall verify the identification of each individual returning a ballot consistent with the provisions of this act. The inspectors of election shall also review each ballot prior to the ballot's return to ensure completeness of the declaration of the elector, signature and date. IF, UPON INSPECTION AND REVIEW OF A BALLOT BEING RETURNED, EITHER INSPECTOR OF ELECTION BELIEVES THE BALLOT OR ITS METHOD OF RETURN TO BE IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT, THE BALLOT SHALL BE SECURED SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER BALLOTS AT THE BALLOT RETURN LOCATION, AND THE INSPECTORS OF ELECTION SHALL RECORD THE DATE, TIME, IDENTITY OF THE ELECTOR AND A RECORD OF EACH BALLOT BEING RETURNED IN POTENTIAL VIOLATION OF THIS ACT. THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE BALLOTS ARE IN VIOLATION.
OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT AND, ONLY IF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS IS SATISFIED THAT A BALLOT IS NOT IN VIOLATION, SHALL
DIRECT THE BALLOT TO BE PRE-CANVASSED OR CANVASSED.

(D) Ballot return locations must be monitored by video
recording during each hour of operation. The recording must be
made available for public inspection and retained for a period
of two years.

(E) Ballots returned to a location established under this
section must be promptly collected and secured each evening
after eight o'clock P.M., or immediately upon being closed for
the day, whichever is earlier.

(F) Each ballot return location intended to be established
in an election must be published under section 106 at least
thirty (30) days prior to establishment.

(G) Each ballot return location must be considered a polling
place for the requirements of this act, including accessibility,
access of observers and restriction of political activity.

(H) Ballot return locations must be established at a fixed
location for the duration of the seven days prior to an
election.

(I) Ballot return locations must be evenly distributed
throughout a county to ensure equal access of voters.

(J) After the establishment of in-person early voting under
Article XIII-F, ballot return locations may only be established
at the same premises as early voting locations in a county.

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

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
an elector from returning the completed ballot of another member.
of his household, registered at the same residential address and unit number. At any time that an elector appears with the intent of returning more than one completed ballot, the inspectors of election shall review the ballots for compliance with this subsection. An elector returning more than one completed ballot shall be informed of the penalty provided under section 1855 for any unlawful collection of ballots.

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Section 16. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 1306.2. Supervised Voting by Qualified Absentee Electors in Certain Facilities.--(a) The county board of elections shall provide supervised voting for absent electors residing in an assisted living facility or nursing home facility within that county at the request of an administrator of the facility. The request for supervised voting in the facility shall be made by submitting a written request to the board of elections no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the election for which that request is submitted. The request shall specify the name and address of the facility and the name of electors who wish to vote absentee in that election. If the request contains the names of fewer than five voters, the board of elections is not required to provide supervised voting.

(b) The county board of elections may, in the absence of a request from the administrator of a facility, provide for supervised voting in the facility for persons who have requested an absentee ballot. The county board of elections shall notify the administrator of a facility that supervised voting will occur.

(c) The county board of elections shall, in cooperation with the administrator of a facility, select a date and time when the
supervised voting will occur.

(d) The county board of elections shall designate supervised
voting teams to provide services prescribed by this section.
Each supervised voting team shall include at least two persons.
Each supervised voting team must include representatives of at
least the two parties with the largest number of registered
electors in this Commonwealth, except that, in a primary
election to nominate party nominees in which only one party has
candidates appearing on the ballot, each supervised voting team
members may be of only that party. Supervised voting teams shall
not be required to be employed by a county and may be volunteers
from each party, except that a candidate may not provide
supervised voting services.

(e) The supervised voting team shall deliver the ballots to
the respective absentee electors and each member of the team
shall jointly supervise the voting of the ballots. If an elector
requests assistance in voting, the oath prescribed under this
act shall be completed and the elector may receive the
assistance of two members of the supervised voting team or some
other person of the elector's choice to assist the elector in
casting the elector's ballot.

(f) Before providing assistance, the supervised voting team
shall disclose to the elector that the ballot may be retained to
vote at a later time and that the elector has the right to seek
assistance in voting from some other person of the elector's
choice without the presence of the supervised voting team.

(g) If an elector declines to vote a ballot or is unable to
vote a ballot, the supervised voting team shall mark the ballot
"refused to vote" or "unable to vote."

(h) After the ballots have been voted or marked in
accordance with the provisions of this section, the supervised
voting team shall deliver the ballots to the county board of
elections.

(i) The department shall provide training and information to
assisted living facilities and nursing home facilities in order
to assist residents in voting, including applicable laws
regarding assistance in voting and penalties for violation of
election laws.

Section 17. Sections 1308(g) and 1302-D(b) and (g) of the
act, amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), are amended to
read:

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

(g) (1) (i) An absentee ballot cast by any absentee
elector as defined in section 1301(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f),
(g) and (h) shall be canvassed in accordance with this
subsection if the ballot is cast, submitted and received in
accordance with the provisions of 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 35 (relating to
uniform military and overseas voters).

(ii) An absentee ballot cast by any absentee elector as
defined in section 1301(i), (j), (k), (l), (m) and (n), an
absentee ballot under section 1302(a.3) or a mail-in ballot cast
by a mail-in elector shall be canvassed in accordance with this
subsection if the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is received
in the office of the county board of elections no later than
eight o'clock P.M. on the day of the primary or election.

(1.1) The county board of elections shall meet [no earlier
than seven o'clock A.M. on] at least twice prior to election day
to pre-canvass all ballots received prior to the meeting.

Meetings to pre-canvass ballots may occur only between seven
o'clock A.M. and eleven o'clock P.M. on the five days prior to
election day and while polls are open on election day. A county
board of elections shall provide at least forty-eight hours' notice of a pre-canvass meeting by publicly posting a notice of a pre-canvass meeting on its publicly accessible Internet website. One authorized representative of each candidate in an election, one authorized representative of the county chairperson of each political party and one representative [from] of each political party shall be permitted to remain in the room in which the absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are pre-canvassed. Authorized representatives shall be provided with meaningful access to view and observe the entire process of pre-canvassing or canvassing activities. Such access shall allow all authorized representatives to easily read the text on any ballot or envelope at any point in the process of pre-canvassing or canvassing activities. A county board of elections must designate an official to respond to issues reported by authorized representatives. The department shall establish a procedure for authorized representatives to report any concerns arising from any pre-canvass meeting and the department must investigate and report on any concerns raised in each election. A county board of elections shall record the pre-canvassing and canvassing meetings with audio and visual recording. The entire recording under this section shall be made available only after the close of the polls. No person observing, attending or participating in a pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.

(2) The county board of elections shall meet [no earlier than] immediately upon the close of polls on the day of the
election [and no later than the third day following the election] to begin canvassing absentee ballots and mail-in ballots not included in the pre-canvass meeting. The meeting under this paragraph shall continue until all absentee ballots and mail-in ballots received prior to the close of the polls have been canvassed. The county board of elections shall not record or publish any votes reflected on the ballots prior to the close of the polls. The canvass process shall continue through the eighth day following the election for valid military-overseas ballots timely received under 25 Pa.C.S. § 3511 (relating to receipt of voted ballot). A county board of elections shall provide at least forty-eight hours' notice of a canvass meeting by publicly posting a notice on its publicly accessible Internet website. One authorized representative of each candidate in an election and one representative from each political party shall be permitted to remain in the room in which the absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are canvassed. (3) When the county board meets to pre-canvass or canvass absentee ballots and mail-in ballots under paragraphs (1), (1.1) and (2), the board shall [examine] do all of the following:

(i) Examine the declaration on the envelope of each ballot not set aside under subsection (d) and shall compare the information and signature thereon with that contained in the "Registered Absentee and Mail-in Voters File," the absentee voters' list and/or the "Military Veterans and Emergency Civilians Absentee Voters File," whichever is applicable.

(ii) A county board of elections shall use an automated sorting or extracting machine to assist in its processing of absentee ballots and mail-in ballots, the machine must possess capabilities as a signature verification device, and the
capabilities must additionally be used by the county board of elections to assist in comparing the signature on each ballot with the signature in a voter's file.

(iii) If the county board has verified the proof of identification as required under this act and is satisfied that the declaration is sufficient [and], that the information contained in the "Registered Absentee and Mail-in Voters File," the absentee voters' list and/or the "Military Veterans and Emergency Civilians Absentee Voters File" verifies his right to vote[,] and that the signature on the ballot matches the signature on file, the county board shall provide a list of the names of electors whose absentee ballots or mail-in ballots are to be pre-canvassed or canvassed.

(iv) For absentee ballots or mail-in ballots which the county board is not satisfied that proof of identification has been provided due to an inability to match the signature present on the ballot to the signature on file, or for a ballot on which the declaration of the elector is incomplete, or are unsigned or undated, the county board shall:

(A) Attempt to notify the elector by mail, email, telephone or text message that the elector's ballot is incomplete and will not be counted unless action is taken by the elector prior to the closing of polls on Election Day.

(B) Direct the elector to appear before the Board of Elections to complete the missing information or to provide an electronic, facsimile or paper copy to the county board of elections, including:

(I) proof of identification and an executed affirmation attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the elector is the same individual who personally remitted the absentee ballot or
mail-in ballot; or

(II) an executed affirmation attesting, under penalty of perjury, that the elector is the same individual who personally remitted the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot and that the elector is indigent and unable to obtain proof of identification without the payment of a fee.

(v) For absentee ballots or mail-in ballots with incurable errors, including lacking a secrecy envelope, or the marking of identifying information on the secrecy envelope, the county board shall:

(A) attempt to notify the elector by mail, email, telephone or text message that the elector's ballot cannot be counted due to an incurable error; and

(B) direct the elector to vote on election day using a provisional ballot; or

(C) if the elector is unable to appear at his or her polling place on election day due to a reason listed under section 1301, direct the elector to apply for an emergency absentee ballot.

(4) All absentee ballots which have not been challenged under section 1302.2(c) and all mail-in ballots which have not been challenged under section 1302.2-D(a)(2) and that have been verified under paragraph (3) shall be counted and included with the returns of the applicable election district as follows:

(i) The county board shall open the envelope of every unchallenged absentee elector and mail-in elector in such manner as not to destroy the declaration executed thereon.

(ii) If any of the envelopes on which are printed, stamped or endorsed the words "Official Election Ballot" contain any text, mark or symbol which reveals the identity of the elector, the elector's political affiliation or the elector's candidate.
preference, the envelopes and the ballots contained therein shall be set aside and declared void.

(iii) The county board shall then break the seals of such envelopes, remove the ballots and count, compute and tally the votes.

(iv) Following the close of the polls, the county board shall record and publish the votes reflected on the ballots.

(5) Ballots received whose applications have been challenged and ballots which have been challenged shall be placed unopened in a secure, safe and sealed container in the custody of the county board until it shall fix a time and place for a formal hearing of all such challenges, and notice shall be given where possible to all absentee electors and mail-in electors thus challenged and to every individual who made a challenge. The time for the hearing shall not be later than seven (7) days after the deadline for all challenges to be filed. On the day fixed for said hearing, the county board shall proceed without delay to hear said challenges, and, in hearing the testimony, the county board shall not be bound by the Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence. The testimony presented shall be stenographically recorded and made part of the record of the hearing.

(6) The decision of the county board in upholding or dismissing any challenge may be reviewed by the court of common pleas of the county upon a petition filed by any person aggrieved by the decision of the county board. The appeal shall be taken, within two (2) days after the decision was made, whether the decision was reduced to writing or not, to the court of common pleas setting forth the objections to the county board's decision and praying for an order reversing the decision.
Pending the final determination of all appeals, the county board shall suspend any action in canvassing and computing all challenged ballots received under this subsection irrespective of whether or not appeal was taken from the county board's decision. Upon completion of the computation of the returns of the county, the votes cast upon the challenged official absentee ballots that have been finally determined to be valid shall be added to the other votes cast within the county.

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Section 1302-D. Applications for official mail-in ballots.

(b) Content.--The following shall apply:

(1) The qualified elector's application shall contain the following information, without which the application shall be rejected:

(i) Date of birth.

[(ii) Length of time a resident of voting district.]

(iii) Voting district, if known.]

(iv) Party choice in case of primary.

(v) Name.

(vi) At least two of the following:

(A) Last four digits of the elector's Social Security number.

(B) If the elector has a Pennsylvania driver's license, the license number.

(C) The elector's voter registration number.

(1.1) The qualified elector's application shall contain the following, but the application shall not be rejected if this information is unknown or not provided:
(i) Voting district.

(ii) Length of time a resident of voting district.

(2) A qualified elector shall, in addition, [specify the address to which the ballot is to be sent, the relationship where necessary and other information as may be determined by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.] specify his or her registered address, or the mailing address associated with his or her voter registration record, to which the ballot must be delivered by mail.

(3) When an application is received by the Secretary of the Commonwealth it shall be forwarded to the proper county board of election.

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(g) Permanent mail-in voting list.--

[(1) Any qualified registered elector may request to be placed on a permanent mail-in ballot list file at any time during the calendar year. A mail-in ballot application shall be mailed to every person otherwise eligible to receive a mail-in ballot application by the first Monday in February each year or within 48 hours of receipt of the request, whichever is later, so long as the person does not lose the person's voting rights by failure to vote as otherwise required by this act. A mail-in ballot application mailed to an elector under this section, which is completed and timely returned by the elector, shall serve as an application for any and all primary, general or special elections to be held in the remainder of that calendar year and for all special elections to be held before the third Monday in February of the succeeding year.]

(1) Neither the department nor the county shall maintain
a permanent mail-in voting list. A qualified elector must separately request a mail-in ballot for each election in which the qualified elector chooses to vote by mail, including for each election held within the same calendar year.

(2) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may develop an electronic system through which all qualified electors may apply for a mail-in ballot [and request permanent mail-in voter status] under this section, provided the system is able to capture a digitized or electronic signature of the applicant. A county board of elections shall treat an application or request received through the electronic system as if the application or request had been submitted on a paper form or any other format used by the county.

[(3) The transfer of a qualified registered elector on a permanent mail-in voting list from one county to another county shall only be permitted upon the request of the qualified registered elector.]

Section 18. Section 1302.1-D(a) of the act is amended to read:

Section 1302.1-D. Date of application for mail-in ballot.

(a) General rule.—Applications for mail-in ballots shall be received in the office of the county board of elections not earlier than 50 days before the primary or election, except that if a county board of elections determines that it would be appropriate to the county board of elections' operational needs, any applications for mail-in ballots received more than 50 days before the primary or election may be processed before that time. Applications for mail-in ballots shall be processed if received not later than five o'clock P.M. of the [first Tuesday]
fifteenth day prior to the day of any primary or election.

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Section 19. Section 1305-D of the act, amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), is amended to read:

Section 1305-D. Delivering or mailing ballots.

The following apply:

(1) The county board of elections, upon receipt and approval of an application filed by a qualified elector under section 1301-D, shall commence to deliver or mail official mail-in ballots [as soon as a ballot is certified and the ballots are available.] on the day after the deadline for registering to vote in an election. While any proceeding is pending in a Federal or State court which would affect the contents of any ballot, the county board of elections may await a resolution of that proceeding but in any event, shall commence to deliver or mail official mail-in ballots not later than the second Tuesday prior to the primary or election. For applicants whose proof of identification was not provided with the application or could not be verified by the board, the board shall send the notice required under section 1302.2-D(c) with the mail-in ballot. As additional applications are received and approved, the board shall deliver or mail official mail-in ballots to the additional electors within 48 hours.

(2) The county board of elections shall investigate the circumstances of any mail-in ballot returned as undeliverable by the United States Postal Service. The investigation shall include contacting the mail-in elector, further attempts to have his ballot delivered, and the correction or reconsideration of his registration status and registered voter designation.
Section 20. Section 1306-D(a) of the act, amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 1306-D. Voting by mail-in electors.

(a) General rule.--At any time after receiving an official mail-in ballot, but on or before eight o'clock P.M. the day of the primary or election, the mail-in elector shall, in secret, proceed to mark the ballot only in black lead pencil, indelible pencil or blue, black or blue-black ink, in fountain pen or ball point pen, and then fold the ballot, enclose and securely seal the same in the envelope on which is printed, stamped or endorsed "Official Election Ballot." This envelope shall then be placed in the second one, on which is printed the form of declaration of the elector, and the address of the elector's county board of election and the local election district of the elector. The elector shall then fill out, date and sign the declaration printed on such envelope. [Such envelope shall then be securely sealed and the elector shall send same by mail, postage prepaid, except where franked, or deliver it in person to said county board of election.]

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(a.2) Return of completed mail-in ballots.--The elector shall, prior to eight o'clock P.M. on election day, return his or her completed mail-in ballot by one of the following methods only:

(1) Delivery through the United States Postal Service to the offices of his county board of elections.

(2) Delivery in person to the permanent offices of his or her county board of elections during its regular hours of
operation.

(3) Delivery to a ballot return location established under the following conditions:

(i) A ballot return location may only be operated during the hours of seven o'clock A.M. to eight o'clock P.M. during the seven days prior to an election.

(ii) Ballot return locations may be established by a county board of elections as necessary, provided that:

(A) A county shall maintain at least one ballot return location and may maintain an additional ballot return location for each 100,000 residents of that county as of the most recent census. A county board of election office may serve as a ballot return location.

(B) Ballot return locations must be monitored by at least one inspector of elections from each of the two parties with the highest number of registered electors in this Commonwealth. If two such inspectors of elections are unavailable to appear at a ballot return location on any particular day, a county shall not operate the ballot return location. Each inspector of elections shall receive the same compensation provided for an election under this act for each day on which he monitors a ballot return location.

(C) The inspectors of election monitoring any ballot return location shall verify the identification of each individual returning a ballot consistent with the provisions of this act. The inspectors of election shall also ensure review of
each ballot prior to the ballot's return to ensure completeness of the declaration of the elector, signature and date. IF, UPON INSPECTION AND REVIEW OF A BALLOT BEING RETURNED, EITHER INSPECTOR OF ELECTION BELIEVES THE BALLOT OR ITS METHOD OF RETURN TO BE IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT, THE BALLOT SHALL BE SECURED SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER BALLOTS AT THE BALLOT RETURN LOCATION, AND THE INSPECTORS OF ELECTION SHALL RECORD THE DATE, TIME, IDENTITY OF THE ELECTOR AND A RECORD OF EACH BALLOT BEING RETURNED IN POTENTIAL VIOLATION OF THIS ACT. THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE BALLOTS ARE IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT AND, ONLY IF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS SATISFIED THAT A BALLOT IS NOT IN VIOLATION, SHALL DIRECT THE BALLOT TO BE PRE-CANVASSED OR CANVASSED.

(D) Ballot return locations must be monitored by video recording during each hours of operation. The recording shall be made available for public inspection and retained for a period of two years.

(E) Ballots returned to a location established under this section must be promptly collected and secured each evening after eight o'clock P.M., or immediately upon being closed for the day, whichever is earlier.

(F) Each ballot return location must be considered a polling place for all requirements of this act, including accessibility, access of observers and restriction of political activity.

(G) Ballot return locations must be established
at a fixed location for the duration of the seven days prior to an election.

(H) Ballot return locations must be evenly distributed throughout a county to ensure equal access of voters.

(I) After the establishment of in-person early voting under Article XIII-F, ballot return locations may only be established at the same premises as early voting locations in a county.

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

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit an elector from returning the completed ballot of another member of his or her household, registered at the same residential address and unit number. At any time that an elector appears with the intent of returning more than one completed ballot, the inspectors of election shall review the ballots for compliance with this subsection. An elector returning more than one completed ballot shall be informed of the penalty provided under section 1855 for any unlawful collection of ballots.

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Section 21. Section 1302-E(c)(4) of the act is amended by adding a subparagraph and the subsection is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

Section 1302-E. Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board.

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(c) Duties.--The board shall have the following duties:

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(4) Evaluate and make recommendations on:

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(iii) The rules prescribed in the official instructions and procedures manual under this section shall include regulations and restrictions governing any vendors contracted by counties or the department for the printing or mailing of ballots.

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(6) To establish a working group with directors of elections from a minimum of 10 counties, and together, to prescribe rules to achieve and maintain the maximum degree of correctness, impartiality, uniformity and efficiency on the procedures for early voting and voting and of producing, distributing, collecting, counting, tabulating and storing ballots. The election law advisory board shall also adopt rules regarding transmittal of unvoted ballots, ballot requests, voted ballots and other election materials to and from a qualified absentee military or overseas elector, as defined by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (Public Law 99-410, 100 Stat. 924). The following shall apply:

(i) The rules shall be prescribed in an official instructions and procedures manual to be issued not later than December 31 of each odd-numbered year immediately preceding the general election. Before its issuance, the manual shall be submitted to the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the chair and minority chair of the
State Government Committee of the Senate, the chair and
minority chair of the State Government Committee of the
House of Representatives and the Governor not later than
October 1 of the year before each general election.

(ii) Each rule included in the official instructions
and procedures manual must provide citations to relevant
provisions of this act.

(7) To establish standards for annual training
requirements for all county election officials, poll workers,
election observers, judges of elections and election
integrity officers. Training to fulfill the requirements must
be conducted by the department and must be made available on
all business days.

(8) To adopt rules prescribing minimum standards for
nonpartisan voter education. The standards shall, at a
minimum, address:

(i) voter registration;

(ii) balloting procedures, by mail and polling
place;

(iii) voter rights and responsibilities;

(iv) distribution of sample ballots; and

(v) public service announcements.

(9) To receive reports from county boards of elections
required under section 302, to reexamine the rules adopted
under paragraph (8), and to use the findings in the reports
as a basis for modifying the rules to incorporate successful
voter education programs and techniques, as necessary.

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Section 22. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE XIII-F

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EARLY VOTING BY QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Section 1301-F. In-person early voting.

Beginning with the 2025 primary election, and for each

election thereafter, each county board of elections must provide

electors with the opportunity to vote at an early voting center,
prior to election day.

Section 1302-F. Operation.

The following shall apply:

(1) Each early voting center shall be considered a

polling place for the purposes of this act.

(2) Early voting centers shall be established beginning

on the second Friday prior to an election and ending on the

first Wednesday prior to an election. A county shall operate

at least one early voting center, with an additional early

voting center for each 100,000 residents of the county at the

time of the most recent census, except that no county shall

be required to operate more than five early voting centers.

(3) Early voting centers shall be open from 7 A.M to 8

P.M. each day.

(4) The board shall provide at least 30 days notice

prior to the establishment of any early voting center,

including location and intended hours of operation. The

notice under this paragraph shall be published under section

106.

(4.1) Early voting centers may be established only at a

permanent building which provides the security required under

paragraph (9), and which is a public library facility, public

or private school, college or university building, courthouse

or a municipal, county or Commonwealth owned building.

(5) Early voting centers shall be established at
locations distributed throughout the county so as to ensure equal access to all voters.

(6) An early voting center shall utilize electronic poll books with the capability of scanning an elector's identification and printing the appropriate ballot for that elector.

(7) Each early voting center must be accessible under the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327).

(8) Voting at early voting centers shall be conducted using the same type of voting machines utilized by that county on election day.

(9) An early voting center shall be continually secured, monitored by staff and monitored by video recording from the beginning of the period provided for early voting until the end, including overnight. Video recording shall be retained and made available publicly.

(10) During any early voting period, each county board of elections shall make available the total number of electors having cast a ballot at each early voting location during the previous day. Each county board shall prepare an electronic data file listing the individual electors who cast a ballot during the early voting period. This information shall be updated and made available no later than noon of each day and shall be provided to the public upon request.

Section 1303-F. Reimbursement.

Counties shall be reimbursed by the department for half of the costs incurred in the operation of early voting centers.

Section 23. Section 1402 of the act is amended by adding a subsection to read:
Section 1402. Returns to Be Open to Public Inspection; Exceptions.--* * *

(a.1) Each ballot cast in an election shall be open to public inspection at the office of the county board as soon as practicable after an election, and for as long as the ballots are required to be retained under this act. Public inspection shall be monitored to ensure the safety and integrity of each ballot. The following shall apply:

(1) A county official and sheriff shall be present during a public inspection of ballots.

(2) A ballot may not be altered, damaged, moved or destroyed in the course of a public inspection.

(3) For the 2023 primary election, and for each election thereafter, digital copies of each ballot shall be created, retained and provided upon request, subject to the same conditions as physical ballots.

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Section 24. Section 1404(f) of the act is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 1404. Computation of Returns by County Board; Certification; Issuance of Certificates of Election.--

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(c.1) It shall be the duty of each county board of elections, before certification or the issuance of certificates of election, to record the participation of each elector and the article of this act by which the elector voted, in the voter registration record established in 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 12 Subch. B (relating to Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE)). If it appears that the total number of ballots cast in an election district, or that the total number of votes returned for a
candidate for the same office or nomination at an election exceeds the number of electors recorded as participating in that election in that district, the excess shall be deemed a discrepancy and palpable error, shall be investigated by the return board and no votes shall be recorded from the district until an investigation is conducted. The excess shall authorize the following:

(1) The summoning of the election officers, overseers, machine inspectors and clerks to appear with any election papers in their possession.

(2) The production of the ballot box before the return board, the examination and scrutiny of its contents and of the registration and election documents relating to the district, in the presence of representatives of each party and candidate interested who are attending the canvass of such votes.

(2.1) The recount of the ballots contained in the ballot box, either generally or respecting the particular office, nomination, or question as to which the excess exists, in the discretion of the return board.

(3) The correction of the returns in accordance with the result of the recount.

(4) In the discretion of the return board, the exclusion of the poll of the district, either as to all offices, candidates, questions and parties, or as to a particular office, candidate, question or party as to which the excess exists, if the ballot box is found to contain more ballots:

(i) than there are electors registered or enrolled in the election district;

(ii) of one party than there are electors registered or enrolled in the district as members of that party.
(iii) than the number of voters who voted at the election;

or

(iv) of one party than the number of voters of the party who voted at the election.

(5) A report of the facts of the case to the district attorney where the action appears to be warranted.

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(f) As the returns from each election district are read, computed and found to be correct or corrected as aforesaid, they shall be recorded on the blanks prepared for the purpose until all the returns from the various election districts which are entitled to be counted shall have been duly recorded, when they shall be added together, announced and attested by the clerks who made and computed the entries respectively and signed by the members of the county board. Returns under this subsection shall be considered unofficial for five (5) days. The county board shall submit the unofficial returns to the Secretary of the Commonwealth [by five o'clock P. M. on the Tuesday following the election.] incrementally and as often as practicable until all returns have been submitted. The submission shall be as directed by the secretary for public office which appears on the ballot in every election district in this Commonwealth or for a ballot question which appears on the ballot in every election district in this Commonwealth. The unofficial returns shall be posted to the department's publicly accessible Internet website and to each county board of elections' publicly accessible Internet website. The secretary shall establish, for the use of each website displaying unofficial returns, a consistent template and interface which shall provide, in electronic spreadsheet form:

(1) The total number of ballots voted in this Commonwealth,
in each county and in each voting district.

(2) The total number of ballots voted by electors under each article of this act.

(3) The votes recorded for each candidate or question, in each voting district and each county, and the sum for the Commonwealth, including the number of votes received by each candidate or question under each article of this act.

(4) The percentage of voting districts having reported results.

(5) The percentage of registered electors who are recorded as having voted in this Commonwealth, each county and each voting district.

(6) The total number of registered electors in this Commonwealth, each county and each voting district.

(7) The total number of mail-in and absentee ballots sent by each county and the sum for this Commonwealth.

(8) The total number of overseas and military ballots mailed.

(9) A website displaying unofficial returns shall provide an interactive map allowing the information under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) to be viewed for each election district, county and this Commonwealth. At any time that unofficial results data previously posted to the department or a county's publicly accessible Internet website is amended, corrected, deleted or updated in a manner other than the inclusion of additional results, the department and an affected county shall post a disclosure to the unofficial returns website explicitly noting the time such update occurred, the reason and the impact on unofficial returns.

At the expiration of five (5) days after the completion of 20210HB1800PN2431
the computation of votes, in case no petition for a recount or recanvass has been filed in accordance with the provisions of this act, or upon the completion of the recount or recanvass if a petition therefor has been filed within five (5) days after the completion of the computation of votes, the county board shall certify the returns so computed in said county in the manner required by this act, unless upon appeals taken from any decision, the court of common pleas shall have directed any returns to be revised, or unless in case of a recount, errors in the said returns shall have been found, in which case said returns shall be revised, corrected and certified accordingly. The county board shall thereupon, in the case of elections, issue certificates of election to the successful candidates for all county, city, borough, township, ward, school district, poor district and election offices, and local party offices to be filled by the votes of the electors of said county, or of any part thereof.

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Section 25. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 1778. Powers and Duties of the Attorney General Relating to Elections.--(a) The Attorney General shall, at least ninety days prior to each primary election, nominate an independent prosecutor for confirmation by the Senate. The independent prosecutor shall review election complaints received by the department and the county boards of elections for elections occurring during that calendar year. The independent prosecutor shall have experience prosecuting election law violations and shall coordinate efforts with each level of law enforcement. The independent prosecutor shall publish a report following each election including:
(1) The total number of complaints filed and to which entity the complaint was filed.

(2) A summary of how each complaint was investigated by the independent prosecutor.

(3) Recommendations to the General Assembly, the department, and county boards of elections for reducing future complaints.

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

Section 1779. Powers and Duties of District Attorneys Relating to Elections.--The district attorney of each county in this Commonwealth, or an appointee, shall serve as a county election integrity officer for elections occurring in that county. In an election year in which a district attorney is a candidate in any election, the district attorney shall appoint an independent prosecutor at least ninety days prior to a primary election to serve as a county election integrity officer for elections occurring during that calendar year.

Section 26. Sections 1801, 1802, 1802.1, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1843, 1845, 1847, 1848, 1849 and 1850 of the act are amended to read:

Section 1801. Disobeying Lawful Instructions.--Any person who wilfully disobeys any lawful instruction or order of any county board of elections, or who refuses to obey their subpoena duly issued and served under the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred ($500).
one thousand ($1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1802. Perjury.—Any wilful false statement made under oath or affirmation or in writing, stating that it is so made, although such oath or affirmation may not have actually been made, by any person regarding any material matter or thing relating to any subject being investigated, heard, determined or acted upon by any county board of elections, or member thereof, or by any court or judge thereof, judge of election, inspector of election, or overseer, in accordance with the terms of this act, shall be perjury, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and any person, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [ten thousand ($10,000)] twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [five (5)] ten (10) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1802.1. False Affidavits of Candidates.—Any candidate for State, county, city, borough, incorporated town, township or school district office or for the office of United States Senator or Representative in Congress or any other elective public office who knowingly makes a false statement regarding his eligibility or qualifications for such office in his candidate's affidavit shall, in litigation which results in the removal of the candidate from the ballot, be liable for court costs, including filing fees, attorney fees, investigation fees and similar costs, in an amount up to [ten thousand ($10,000)] twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars.

Section 1803. Refusal to Permit Inspection of Papers; Destruction or Removal; Secretary of the Commonwealth.—Any
Secretary of the Commonwealth, deputy, or employe of his office, who shall refuse to permit the public inspection or copying as authorized, except when in use in his office, by this act, of any return, nomination petition, certificate or paper, other petition, account, contract, report or any other document or record in his custody which, under the provisions of this act, is required to be open to public inspection; or who shall destroy or alter, or permit to be destroyed or altered, any such document or record during the period for which the same is required to be kept in his office; or who shall remove any such document or record from his office during said period, or permit the same to be removed, except pursuant to the direction of any competent court or any committee required to determine any contested primary or election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand ($1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1804. Refusal to Permit Inspection of Papers; Destruction or Removal; County Boards of Elections.--Any member, chief clerk or other employe of any county board of elections, who shall refuse to permit the public inspection or copying, as authorized by this act, of any general or duplicate return sheet, tally paper, affidavit, nomination petition, certificate or paper, other petition, witness list, account, contract, report or any other document or record in the custody of such county board which, under the provisions of this act, is required to be open to public inspection; or who shall destroy or alter, or permit to be destroyed or altered, any such document or record during the period for which the same is required to be kept in his office; or who shall remove any such document or record from his office during said period, or permit the same to be removed, except pursuant to the direction of any competent court or any committee required to determine any contested primary or election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand ($1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.
document or record during the period for which the same is
required to be kept in the office of such county board; or who
shall remove any such document or record from the office of such
county board during said period, or permit the same to be
removed, except pursuant to the direction of any competent court
or any committee required to determine any contested primary or
election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction
thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one
thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo
an imprisonment of not less than [one (1) month] two (2) months
nor more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the
discretion of the court.

Section 1805. Insertion and Alteration of Entries in
Documents; Removal; Refusal to Deliver.--Any member, chief clerk
or employe of any county board of elections or judge, inspector
or clerk of election, machine inspector, overseer, or other
person, who knowingly inserts or knowingly permits to be
inserted any fictitious name, false figure or other fraudulent
entry on or in any registration card, district register, voter's
certificate, list of voters, affidavit, tally paper, general or
duplicate return sheet, statement, certificate, oath, voucher,
account, ballot or other record or document authorized or
required to be made, used, signed, returned or preserved for any
public purpose in connection with any primary or election; or
who materially alters or intentionally destroys any entry which
has been lawfully made therein, except by order of the county
board of elections or court of competent jurisdiction, or who
takes or removes any such book, affidavit, return, account,
ballot or other document or record from the custody of any
person having lawful charge thereof, in order to prevent the
same from being used or inspected or copied as required or permitted by this act, or who neglects or refuses, within the time and in the manner required by this act, to deliver the same into the custody of the officers who are required by this act to use or keep the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \[one thousand ($1,000)\] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than \[one (1) month\] two (2) months or more than \[two (2)\] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1806. Refusal to Permit Overseers, Watchers, Attorneys or Candidates to Act.—Any member of a county board of elections, judge of election or inspector of election who shall refuse to permit any overseer or watcher, attorney or candidate to be present, as authorized by this act, at any session of a county board, computation and canvassing of returns of any primary or election, recount of ballots or recanvass of voting machines, as authorized by this act, or at any polling place during the time the polls are open at any primary or election, and after the close of the polls during the time the ballots are counted or voting machine canvassed and until the returns of such primary or election have been made up and signed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \[one thousand ($1,000)\] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding \[one (1) year\] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1807. Driving away Watchers, Attorneys, Candidates or Overseers.—Any person who by violence or intimidation shall threaten or drive away any watcher, attorney, candidate or overseaser, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \[one thousand ($1,000)\] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding \[one (1) year\] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.
overseer, or representative of the county board of elections, or of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, required or permitted to be present at any polling place, or who shall in any manner prevent any overseer, or representative of the county board of elections or of the Secretary of the Commonwealth from performing his duty under this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than [one (1) month] two (2) months nor more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1808. Refusal to Permit Election Officers, Clerks and Machine Inspectors to Act; Driving away Said Persons.--Any person, including any election officer, who shall refuse to permit any election officer, clerk or machine inspector, duly elected or appointed and authorized to act, to perform the duties imposed on him or to act as permitted by this act; or who shall by violence or intimidation threaten or drive away, any such election officer, clerk or machine inspector or who shall, in any manner, prevent any such election officer, clerk or machine inspector from performing his rights and duties under this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than [one (1) month] two (2) months nor more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1809. Refusal to Administer Oath; Acting Without Being Sworn.--If any judge of election or minority inspector of election refuses or fails to administer the oath to the officers
of election, in the manner required by this act, or if any judge
of election, inspector of election, clerk of election, or
machine inspector, shall act without being first duly sworn, or
if any such person shall sign the written form of oath without
being duly sworn, or if any judge of election or minority
inspector of election or any other person authorized to
administer oaths shall certify that any such person was sworn
when he was not, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon
conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not
exceeding [one hundred ($100)] two hundred ($200) dollars, or to
undergo an imprisonment not exceeding [six (6) months] one (1)
year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1810. Violation of Oath of Office by Election
Officers.--Any judge of election, inspector of election, clerk
of election, or machine inspector who shall wilfully violate any
of the provisions of his oath of office, shall be guilty of a
misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to
pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand
($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding
one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the
court.

Section 1811. Peace Officers; Failure to Render Assistance;
Hindering or Delaying County Board Members and Others.--Any
sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, deputy constable, police or
other peace officer, who shall fail upon demand of any member of
a county board of elections, judge or inspector of election, or
overseer to render such aid and assistance to him as he shall
request in the maintenance of peace and in the making of
arrests, as herein provided, or who shall wilfully hinder or
delay or attempt to hinder or delay any member of a county
board, judge or inspector of election, or overseer in the
performance of any duty under this act, shall be guilty of a
misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to
pay a fine not exceeding \textdollar{500} or \textdollar{1,000} dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than
three (3) months nor more than four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1812. Nomination Petitions and Papers; Offenses by Signers.--If any person shall knowingly and wilfully sign any nomination petition or nomination paper, without having the qualifications prescribed by this act, or if any person shall set opposite a signature on a nomination petition or paper, a date other than the actual date such signature was affixed thereto, or if any person shall set opposite the signature on a nomination petition or nomination paper, a false statement of the signer's place of residence or occupation, or if any person shall sign more nomination petitions or nomination papers than permitted by the provisions of this act, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \textdollar{100} or \textdollar{200} dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than three (3) months nor more than four (4) years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 1813. False Signatures and Statements in Nomination Petitions and Papers.--If any person shall knowingly make a false statement in any affidavit required by the provisions of this act, to be appended to or to accompany a nomination petition or a nomination paper, or if any person shall fraudulently sign any name not his own to any nomination petition or nomination paper, or if any person shall
fraudulently alter any nomination petition or nomination paper without the consent of the signers, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five hundred ($500)] one thousand ($1,000) dollars, or to undergo imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1814. Nomination Petitions; Certificates and Papers; Destruction; Fraudulent Filing; Suppression.--Any person who shall falsely make any nomination certificate or who shall wilfully deface or destroy any nomination petition, nomination certificate or nomination paper, or any part thereof, or any letter of withdrawal, or who shall file any nomination petition, nomination certificate or nomination paper or letter of withdrawal knowing the same, or any part thereof, to be falsely made, or who shall suppress any nomination petition, nomination certificate or nomination paper, or any part thereof, which has been duly filed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1815. Offenses by Printers of Ballots.--Any printer employed by any county board of elections to print any official ballots, or any person engaged in printing the same who shall appropriate to himself or give or deliver or knowingly permit to be taken any of said ballots by any other person than such county board of election or their duly authorized agent, or who shall wilfully print or cause to be printed any official ballot in any form other than that prescribed by such county board or

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with any other names or printing, or with the names spelled otherwise than as directed by them or the names or printing thereon arranged in any other way than that authorized and directed by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than [six (6) months] one (1) year nor more than [five (5)] ten (10) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1816. Unlawful Possession of Ballots; Counterfeiting Ballots.--Any person other than an officer charged by law with the care of ballots, or a person entrusted by any such officer with the care of the same for a purpose required by law, who shall have in his possession outside the polling place any official ballot, or any person who shall make or have in his possession any counterfeit of an official ballot, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five thousand ($5,000)] ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1817. Forging and Destroying Ballots.--Any person who shall forge or falsely make the official endorsement on any ballot or wilfully destroy or deface any ballot or wilfully delay the delivery of any ballots shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five thousand ($5,000)] ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.
Section 1818. Tampering with Voting Machines.--Any election officer or other person who shall unlawfully open or who shall tamper with or injure or attempt to injure any voting machine to be used or being used at any primary or election, or who shall prevent or attempt to prevent the correct operation of such machine, or any unauthorized person who shall make or have in his possession a key to a voting machine to be used or being used in any primary or election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five thousand ($5,000) to ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than two (2) to four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1819. Destroying, Defacing or Removing Notices, Et Cetera.--Any person who shall, prior to any primary or election, wilfully deface, remove or destroy any notice or list of candidates posted in accordance with the provisions of this act, or who, during any primary or election, shall wilfully deface, tear down, remove or destroy any card of instructions, notice of penalties, specimen ballot or diagram printed or posted for the instruction of electors, or who shall, during any primary or election, wilfully remove or destroy any of the supplies or conveniences furnished by the county board of elections to any polling place in order to enable electors to vote, or the election officers to perform their duties, or who shall wilfully hinder the voting of others, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred ($100) to two hundred ($200) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than three (3) to six (6) months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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Section 1820. Police Officers at Polling Places.--Any police officer in commission, whether in uniform or in citizen's clothes, who shall be within one hundred (100) feet of a polling place during the conduct of any primary or election, except in the exercise of his privilege of voting or for the purpose of serving warrants, or in accordance with the provisions of the exception set forth in section 1207 of this act where the police station or headquarters is located in the same building or on the premises where the polling place is located or unless called upon to preserve the peace, as provided by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five hundred ($500)] one thousand ($1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1821. Peace Officer; Failure to Quell Disturbances at Polls; Hindering or Delaying Election Officers and Others.--Any mayor, chief burgess, sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, deputy constable, police officer or other peace officer who shall neglect or refuse to clear an avenue to the door of any polling place which is obstructed in such a way as to prevent electors from approaching, or who shall neglect or refuse to maintain order and quell any disturbance if such arises at any polling place upon the day of any primary or election, when called upon so to do by any election officer or any three qualified electors of the election district, or who shall wilfully hinder or delay, or attempt to hinder or delay, any judge, inspector or clerk of election, machine inspector or overseer in the performance of any duty under this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and, upon conviction thereof,
shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1823. Election Officers Permitting Unregistered Electors to Vote; Challenges; Refusing to Permit Qualified Electors to Vote.--Any judge or inspector of election who permits any person to vote at any primary or election who is not registered in accordance with law, except a person in actual military service or a person as to whom a court of competent jurisdiction has ordered that he shall be permitted to vote, or who permits any registered elector to vote knowing that such registered elector is not qualified to vote, whether or not such person has been challenged, or who permits any person who has been lawfully challenged to vote at any primary or election without requiring the proof of the right of such person to vote which is required by law, or who refuses to permit any duly registered and qualified elector to vote at any primary or election, with the knowledge that such elector is entitled to vote, shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [fifteen thousand ($15,000)] thirty thousand ($30,000) dollars, and to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [seven (7)] fourteen (14) years, or both.

Section 1824. Election Officers Refusing to Permit Elector to Vote in Proper Party at Primaries.--Any judge, inspector or clerk of election who refuses to permit an elector at any primary at which ballots are used to receive the ballot of the party with which he is enrolled, or who gives to any such elector the ballot of any party in which he is not enrolled, or
any judge, or inspector of election, or machine inspector who, at any primary at which voting machines are used, adjusts any voting machine about to be used by an elector so as not to permit him to vote for the candidates of the party in which he is enrolled, or so as to permit him to vote for the candidates of any party in which he is not enrolled, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [ten thousand ($10,000)] twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [five (5)] ten (10) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1825. Frauds by Election Officers.—Any judge, inspector or clerk of election or machine inspector who shall be guilty of any wilful fraud in the conduct of his duties at a primary or election, and any person who shall make a false return of the votes cast at any primary or election, or who shall deposit fraudulent ballots in the ballot box or certify as correct a return of ballots in the ballot box which he knows to be fraudulent, or who shall register fraudulent votes upon any voting machine or certify as correct a return of votes cast upon any voting machine which he knows to be fraudulently registered thereon, or who shall make any false entries in the district register, or who shall fail to insert in the voting check list the voter's certificate of any elector actually voting at any primary or election, or who shall fail to record voting information as required herein, or who shall fail to insert in the numbered lists of voters the name of any person actually voting, or who shall wilfully destroy or alter any ballot, voter's certificate, or registration card contained in any district register, or who shall wilfully tamper with any voting

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machine, or who shall prepare or insert in the voting check list
any false voter's certificates not prepared by or for an elector
actually voting at such primary or election, for the purpose of
concealing the destruction or removal of any voter's
certificate, or for the purpose of concealing the deposit of
fraudulent ballots in the ballot box, or the registering of
fraudulent votes upon any voting machine or of aiding in the
perpetration of any such fraud, or who shall fail to return to
the county board of election following any primary or election
any keys of a voting machine, ballot box, general or duplicate
return sheet, tally paper, oaths of election officers,
affidavits of electors and others, record of assisted voters,
numbered list of voters, district register, voting check list,
unused, spoiled and cancelled ballots, ballots deposited,
written or affixed in or upon a voting machine, or any
certificate, or any other paper or record required to be
returned under the provisions of this act; or who shall conspire
with others to commit any of the offenses herein mentioned, or
in any manner to prevent a free and fair primary or election,
shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, and, upon
conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not
exceeding [fifteen thousand ($15,000)] thirty thousand ($30,000)
dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [seven
(7)] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the discretion of the
court.

Section 1826. Prying into Ballots.--Any judge, inspector or
clerk of election, or other person, who, before any ballot is
deposited in the ballot box as provided by this act, shall
unfold, open or pry into any such ballot, with the intent to
discover the manner in which the same has been marked, shall be
guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be
sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five hundred ($500)] one
thousand ($1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not
more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the
discretion of the court.

Section 1827. Interference with Primaries and Elections;
Frauds; Conspiracy.--If any person shall prevent or attempt to
prevent any election officers from holding any primary or
election, under the provisions of this act, or shall use or
threaten any violence to any such officer; or shall interrupt or
improperly interfere with him in the execution of his duty; or
shall block up or attempt to block up the avenue to the door of
any polling place; or shall use or practice any intimidation,
threats, force or violence with design to influence unduly or
overawe any elector, or to prevent him from voting or restrain
his freedom of choice; or shall prepare or present to any
election officer a fraudulent voter's certificate not signed in
the polling place by the elector whose certificate it purports
to be; or shall deposit fraudulent ballots in the ballot box; or
shall register fraudulent votes upon any voting machine; or
shall tamper with any district register, voting check list,
numbered lists of voters, ballot box or voting machine; or shall
conspire with others to commit any of the offenses herein
mentioned, or in any manner to prevent a free and fair primary
or election, he shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree,
and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine
not exceeding [fifteen thousand ($15,000)] thirty thousand
($30,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more
than [seven (7)] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the discretion
of the court.
Section 1828. Persons Interfering in Other Districts.--Any person who shall on the day of any primary or election visit any polling place at which he is not entitled to vote and at which he is not entitled to be present under any provision of this act, and shall use any intimidation or violence for the purpose of preventing any election officer from performing the duties required of him by this act, or for the purpose of preventing any qualified elector from exercising his right to vote or from exercising his right to challenge any person offering to vote, or for the purpose of influencing the vote of any elector, he shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [fifteen thousand ($15,000)] thirty thousand ($30,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [seven (7)] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1829. Assault and Battery at Polls.--Any person who shall unlawfully strike, wound or commit an assault and battery upon the person of any elector at or near the polling place during the time of any primary or election shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [ten thousand ($10,000)] twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [five (5)] ten (10) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1830. Unlawful Assistance in Voting.--Any elector at any primary or election who shall allow his ballot or the face of the voting machine voted by him to be seen by any person with the apparent intention of letting it be known how he is about to vote; or in districts in which ballots are used, shall cast or
attempt to cast any other than the official ballot which has
been given to him by the proper election officer; or who,
without having made the declaration under oath or affirmation
required by section 1218 of this act, or when the disability
which he declared before any registration commission no longer
exists, shall permit another to accompany him into the voting
compartment or voting machine booth, or to mark his ballot or
prepare the voting machine for voting by him; or who shall mark
his ballot or prepare the voting machine for voting while
another is unlawfully present in the voting machine compartment
or voting machine booth with him; or who shall state falsely to
any election officer that because of illiteracy he is unable to
read the names on the ballot or ballot labels or that by reason
of physical disability he cannot see or mark the ballot or enter
the voting compartment without assistance or that he cannot see
or operate the voting machine or enter the voting machine booth
without assistance; or who shall state, as his reason for
requiring assistance, a disability from which he does not
suffer; or any person who shall go into the voting compartment
or voting machine booth with another while voting or be present
therein while another is voting, or mark the ballot of another
or prepare the voting machine for voting with another, except in
strict accordance with the provisions of this act; or any person
who shall interfere with any elector when inside the enclosed
space or when marking his ballot, or preparing the voting
machine for voting, or who shall endeavor to induce any elector
before depositing his ballot to show how he marks or has marked
his ballot; or any person giving assistance who shall attempt to
influence the vote of the elector whom he is assisting or who
shall mark a ballot or prepare a voting machine for voting in
any other way than that requested by the voter whom he is
assisting, or who shall disclose to anyone the contents of any
ballot which has been marked or any voting machine which has
been prepared for voting with his assistance, except when
required to do so in any legal proceeding, shall be guilty of a
misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to
pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand
($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than
one (1) year two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the
court.

Section 1831. Election Officers Permitting Unlawful
Assistance.--Any election officer who shall permit a voter to be
accompanied by another into the voting compartment or voting
machine booth when the registration card of such person contains
no declaration that such person requires assistance, or when
such person has not made, under oath or affirmation, the
statement required by section 1218 of this act, or when such
election officer knows that the disability which the elector
declared before any registration commission no longer exists, or
who shall permit any person to accompany an elector into the
voting compartment or voting machine booth, except as provided
by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon
conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not
exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars,
or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year]
two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1832. Failure to Keep and Return Record of Assisted
Voters.--Any judge of election who shall fail to record, as
required by section 1218 (c) of this act, the name of each
elector who received assistance or who is accompanied by another
into the voting compartment or voting machine booth; or who shall insert in the record of assisted voters the name of any elector who does not receive assistance or is not accompanied by another into the voting compartment or voting machine booth; or who shall fail to record the exact disability of any assisted elector which makes the assistance necessary, or shall record in respect of any assisted elector a disability, other than that stated by the elector; or who shall fail to record the name of each person rendering assistance to an elector as prescribed by this act; or who shall knowingly record as the name of such person giving assistance a name which is not the name of such person; or who shall fail or neglect to return the record of assisted voters to the county board of elections as required by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than [two (2)] four (4) months nor more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1833. Unlawful Voting.--Any person who votes or attempts to vote at any primary or election, knowing that he does not possess all the qualifications of an elector at such primary or election, as set forth in this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [ten thousand ($10,000)] twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [five (5)] ten (10) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1834. Elector Voting Ballot of Wrong Party at Primary.--Any elector who shall wilfully vote at any primary the
ballot of a party in which he is not enrolled, in violation of
the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of
the second degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding $5,000] ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of
not more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the
discretion of the court.

Section 1835. Repeat Voting at Elections.--If any person
shall vote in more than one election district, or otherwise
fraudulently vote more than once at the same primary or
election, or shall vote a ballot other than the ballot issued to
him by the election officers, or shall advise or procure another
so to do, he shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree,
and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine
not exceeding $15,000] thirty thousand dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more
than [seven (7)] fourteen (14) years, or both, in the discretion
of the court.

Section 1836. Removing Ballots.--Any person removing any
ballot from any book of official ballots, except in the manner
provided by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the
second degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced
to pay a fine not exceeding $5,000] ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not
more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion
of the court.

Section 1837. Commissioners to Take Soldiers' Votes.--Any
commissioner appointed by or under the provisions of Article
XIII of this act who shall knowingly violate his duty or
knowingly omit or fail to do his duty thereunder or violate any
part of his oath, shall be guilty of perjury, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1838. Fraudulent Voting by Soldiers.--Any person who shall vote or attempt to vote at any election by electors in military service under the provisions of Article XIII of this act, not being qualified to vote at such election, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1839. Bribery at Elections.--Any person who shall, directly or indirectly, give or promise or offer to give any gift or reward in money, goods or other valuable thing to any person, with intent to induce him to vote or refrain from voting for any particular candidate or candidates or for or against any constitutional amendment or other question at any primary or election; or who shall, directly or indirectly, procure for or offer or promise to procure for such person any such gift or reward with the intent aforesaid; or, who with the intent to influence or intimidate such person to give his vote or to refrain from giving his vote for any particular candidate or candidates or for or against any constitutional amendment or other question at any primary or election, shall give to or obtain for or assist in obtaining for or offer or promise to give to or obtain for or assist in obtaining for such person any office, place, appointment or employment, public or private, or
threaten such person with dismissal or discharge from any office, place, appointment or employment, public or private, then held by him, shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding $15,000, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than 7 years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1840. Receipts and Disbursements of Primary and Election Expenses by Persons Other Than Candidates and Treasurers.--Any member of a political committee who shall receive or disburse any money or incur any liability for primary or election expenses, except through the treasurer of such political committee, and any person not a candidate or member of a political committee who shall receive or disburse any money or incur any liability for primary or election expenses, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding $1,000, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than 1 month nor more than 2 years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1841. Receipts of Primary and Election Expenses by Unauthorized Persons.--Any person or any political committee who receives money on behalf of any candidate without being authorized to do so under the provisions of section 1623, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding $5,000, or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than 1 month nor more than 2 years, or both, in the discretion of the court.
Section 1843. Contributions by Corporations or Unincorporated Associations.--Any corporation or unincorporated association, which shall pay, give or lend or agree to pay, give or lend any money belonging to such corporation or unincorporated association or in its custody or control, in violation of the provisions of section 1633, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \( \text{ten thousand dollars} (\$1,000) \) nor more than \( \text{twenty thousand dollars} (\$20,000) \). Any director, officer, agent or employee of any corporation or unincorporated association who shall on behalf of such corporation or unincorporated association pay, give or lend or authorize to be paid, given or lent any money belonging to such corporation or unincorporated association or in its custody or control in violation of the provisions of section 1633, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \( \text{twenty thousand dollars} (\$20,000) \), or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than \( \text{two (2) months} \) nor more than \( \text{four (4) years} \), or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1845. Failure to File Expense Account.--Any candidate or treasurer of a political committee or person acting as such treasurer who shall fail to file an account of primary or election expenses, as required by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \( \text{ten thousand dollars} (\$10,000) \) \( \text{twenty thousand dollars} (\$20,000) \), or to undergo an imprisonment of not less than \( \text{one (1) month} \) \( \text{two (2) months} \) nor more than \( \text{four (4) years} \), or both, in the discretion of the court.
imprisonment of not less than [one (1) month] two (2) months nor
more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion
of the court.

Section 1847. Prohibiting Duress and Intimidation of Voters
and Interference with the Free Exercise of the Elective
Franchise.--Any person or corporation who, directly or
indirectly--(a) uses or threatens to use any force, violence or
restraint, or inflicts or threatens to inflict any injury,
damage, harm or loss, or in any other manner practices
intimidation or coercion upon or against any person, in order to
induce or compel such person to vote or refrain from voting at
any election, or to vote or refrain from voting for or against
any particular person, or for or against any question submitted
to voters at such election, or to place or cause to be placed or
refrain from placing or causing to be placed his name upon a
register of voters, or on account of such person having voted or
refrained from voting at such election, or having voted or
refrained from voting for or against any particular person or
persons or for or against any question submitted to voters at
such election, or having registered or refrained from
registering as a voter; or (b) by abduction, duress or coercion,
or any forcible or fraudulent device or contrivance, whatever,
impedes, prevents, or otherwise interferes with the free
exercise of the elective franchise by any voter, or compels,
induces, or prevails upon any voter to give or refrain from
giving his vote for or against any particular person at any
election; or (c) being an employer, pays his employes the salary
or wages due in "pay envelopes" upon which or in which there is
written or printed any political motto, device, statement or
argument containing threats, express or implied, intended or
calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of such employes, or within ninety days of any election or primary puts or otherwise exhibits in the establishment or place where his employes are engaged in labor, any handbill or placard containing any threat, notice, or information that if any particular ticket or candidate is elected or defeated work in his place or establishment will cease, in whole or in part, his establishment be closed up, or the wages of his employes reduced, or other threats, express or implied, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of his employes, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. Any person or corporation, convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this section, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five thousand ($5,000)] ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, or such person or the officers, directors or agents of such corporation responsible for the violation of this section, shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1848. Failure to Perform Duty.--Any Secretary of the Commonwealth, member of a county board of elections, chief clerk, employe, overseer, judge of election, inspector of election, clerk of election, machine inspector or custodian or deputy custodian of voting machines on whom a duty is laid by this act who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his duty, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.
Section 1849. Hindering or Delaying Performance of Duty.--Any person who intentionally interferes with, hinders or delays or attempts to interfere with, hinder or delay any other person in the performance of any act or duty authorized or imposed by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five hundred ($500)] one thousand ($1,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 1850. Violation of Any Provision of Act.--Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, for which a penalty is not herein specifically provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [one thousand ($1,000)] two thousand ($2,000) dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [one (1) year] two (2) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 27. Section 1853 of the act, amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), is amended to read:

Section 1853. Violations of Provisions Relating to Absentee and Mail-in Ballots.--If any person shall sign an application for absentee ballot, mail-in ballot or declaration of elector on the forms prescribed knowing any matter declared therein to be false, or shall vote any ballot other than one properly issued to the person, or vote or attempt to vote more than once in any election for which an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot shall have been issued to the person, or shall disclose results of a pre-canvassing meeting under section 1308(q)(1.1), or shall violate any other provisions of Article XIII or Article XIII-D of this act, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the
third degree, and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a
fine not exceeding [two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500)]
five thousand dollars ($5,000), or be imprisoned for a term not
exceeding [two (2)] four (4) years, or both, at the discretion
of the court.

If any chief clerk or member of a board of elections, member
of a return board or member of a board of registration
commissioners, shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the
duties prescribed by Article XIII or Article XIII-D of this act,
or shall reveal or divulge any of the details of any ballot cast
in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII or Article
XIII-D of this act, or shall disclose results of a pre-
canvassing meeting under section 1308(g)(1.1), or shall count an
absentee ballot or mail-in ballot knowing the same to be
contrary to Article XIII or Article XIII-D, or shall reject an
absentee ballot or mail-in ballot without reason to believe that
the same is contrary to Article XIII or Article XIII-D, or shall
permit an elector to cast the elector's ballot other than a
provisional ballot at a polling place knowing that there has
been issued to the elector an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot,
the [elector] individual shall be guilty of a felony of the
third degree, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine
not exceeding [fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000)] thirty
thousand dollars ($30,000), or be imprisoned for a term not
exceeding [seven (7)] fourteen (14) years, or both, at the
discretion of the court.

Section 28. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
Section 1855. Unlawful Collection of Ballots.--A person who
willfully collects or returns absentee or mail-in ballots in
violation of this act commits a felony of the third degree and,
upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding thirty thousand dollars ($30,000), or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding fourteen (14) years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

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

Section 29. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE XX
REIMBURSEMENTS AND WITHHOLDING

Section 2001. General Rule RULE. The following shall apply:

(1) The State Treasurer shall reimburse counties for 50% of the cost of replacing voting machines, ballot processing machines or electronic poll books, not more than once every 10 years, except that:

(i) The State Treasurer shall reimburse counties for 50% of the cost of replacing equipment at any time if the equipment previously used by the county was decertified by the department.

(ii) The State Treasurer shall reimburse counties
for 100% of the cost of purchasing ballot processing
machines or electronic poll books within one year after
the effective date of this section.

(2) The State Treasurer shall reimburse counties for
100% of the cost of issuing registration cards required under
section 302(s), within one year of the effective date of this
section.

The State Treasurer shall withhold all reimbursements and
election funding provided for under this act from any county
which is in violation of this act or for which an audit or
recount has identified violations or irregularities in voting,
until the issue has been successfully resolved, as certified by
the Auditor General.

Section 29.1. The sum of $3,100,000 is hereby appropriated
to the Auditor General for the purpose of establishing and
operating a Bureau of Election Audits.

Section 30. The provisions of this act are nonseverable. If
any provision of this act or its application to any person or
circumstance is held invalid, the remaining provisions or
applications of this act are void.

Section 31. This act shall apply to elections held on or
after the effective date of this section.

Section 32. Repeals are as follows:

(1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
Article VII-A of the act.

(2) 25 Pa.C.S. Ch. 13 is repealed.

Section 33. This act shall take effect immediately.