

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 26, 1976

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), entitled
2 "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of
3 electors in cities of the first class as a condition of their
4 right to vote at elections and primaries, and their
5 enrollment as members of political parties as a further
6 condition of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing
7 certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries
8 and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors;
9 and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties,
10 bodies of electors, registration commissions, commissioners,
11 registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees
12 of registration commission, election officers, municipal
13 officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts,
14 judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace
15 officers, county treasurers, county controllers, registrars
16 of vital statistics, real estate brokers, rental agents,
17 certain public service companies, persons, firms, and
18 corporations operating vehicles for moving furniture and
19 household goods, and boards of school directors; and imposing
20 penalties," further defining registration requirements.

21 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
22 hereby enacts as follows:

23 Section 1. Section 21, act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115,
24 No.40), known as "The First Class City Permanent Registration
25 Act," amended July 12, 1972 (P.L.776, No.183), is amended to
26 read:

27 Section 21. Who May Register; Who May Vote; Electors Need

1 Register Only Once; Exception.--

2 Every person who shall possess all the qualifications of an
3 elector as provided in the Constitution and laws of this
4 Commonwealth, and has been a citizen of the United States for at
5 least one month, [and] who has resided in this Commonwealth and
6 the election district where he shall offer to vote for at least
7 thirty days prior to the next ensuing general, municipal or
8 primary election and who produces his birth certificate or
9 equivalent written proof of birth at the time of registration,
10 shall be entitled to be registered as herein provided, and no
11 person shall be permitted to vote at any election or primary
12 held in such city unless he shall have been so registered, and
13 no elector so registered shall be required to register again for
14 any election or primary while he continues to reside at the same
15 address, or has removed his residence to another address in the
16 same district and has filed a removal notice as provided by this
17 act, unless his registration is cancelled by the commission by
18 reason of his failure to vote during the certain period as
19 hereinafter provided, or for any other reason under the
20 provisions of this act.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.