

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 392

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY PIEVSKY, MARCH 1, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 1, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled  
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,  
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,  
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating  
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;  
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;  
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,  
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and  
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to  
11 elections," providing for the appropriation of funds to  
12 reimburse each city of the first class and county for  
13 expenses incurred in the issuance of military absentee  
14 ballots.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Clause (c) of section 305, act of June 3, 1937  
18 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code,"  
19 amended August 13, 1963 (P.L.707, No.379), is amended to read:

20 Section 305. Expenses of County Boards and of Primaries and  
21 Elections to Be Paid by County; Expenses of Special Elections;  
22 Boards to Be Provided with Offices.--

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24 (c) The Commonwealth shall reimburse each city of the first

1 class and county for election expenses incurred in and  
2 incidental to preparing, handling, mailing, delivering, counting  
3 and storing official absentee ballots requested by any elector  
4 in military service, Federal employment overseas, Merchant  
5 Marine, and in any religious group or welfare agency assisting  
6 the Armed Forces, including spouses and dependents, and  
7 bedridden and hospitalized veterans as herein provided in the  
8 sum of forty cents (40¢) for each such ballot mailed or  
9 delivered.

10 Each county board of elections shall file in the Department  
11 of State, not later than thirty days after every election, on a  
12 form prescribed by the Department of State, a statement of the  
13 number of ballots mailed or delivered in such manner as is now  
14 or may hereafter be provided by law to electors in actual  
15 military service, Federal employment overseas, Merchant Marine,  
16 and in any religious group or welfare agency assisting the Armed  
17 Forces, including spouses and dependents, and to bedridden or  
18 hospitalized veterans.

19 The Department of State shall ascertain and fix the amount  
20 due, as herein provided, to each city of the first class and  
21 county for election expenses incurred, and by requisition in the  
22 usual course shall provide for payment of such amounts so found  
23 due. [from moneys appropriated to the Department of State for  
24 such purpose, or shall prorate the moneys so appropriated among  
25 the several cities of the first class and counties to be  
26 reimbursed, if the amount so appropriated shall not be  
27 sufficient for the payment in full to each city of the first  
28 class and county of the amount found to be due.] As much of the  
29 money, from time to time in the General Fund, as shall be deemed  
30 necessary by the Governor is hereby appropriated to the

- 1 Department of State to reimburse each city of the first class
- 2 and county in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.
- 3     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.