

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
MARCH 15, 1978

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 29, 1937 (P.L.487, No.115), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act to provide for the permanent personal  
3 registration of electors in cities of the second class,  
4 cities of the second class A, cities of the third class,  
5 boroughs, towns, and townships as a condition of their right  
6 to vote at elections and primaries, and their enrollment as  
7 members of political parties as a further condition of their  
8 right to vote at primaries; prescribing certain procedure for  
9 the conduct of elections and primaries and the challenge and  
10 proof of qualifications of electors; requiring the county  
11 commissioners of the various counties to act as a  
12 registration commission therefor; and prescribing the powers  
13 and duties of citizens, parties, political bodies,  
14 registration commissions, commissioners, registrars,  
15 inspectors of registration and other appointees of  
16 registration commissions, county election boards, election  
17 officers, municipal officers, departments and bureaus, police  
18 officers, courts, judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county  
19 commissioners, peace officers, county treasurers, county  
20 controllers, registrars of vital statistics, certain public  
21 utility corporations, real estate brokers, rental agents, and  
22 boards of school directors; and imposing penalties,"  
23 AUTHORIZING CHANGE OF REGISTRATION BY MAIL AND providing for  
24 the registration of certain electors confined in penal  
25 institutions and mental institutions. <—

26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
27 hereby enacts as follows:

28 Section 1. The act of April 29, 1937 (P.L.487, No.115),

known as "The Permanent Registration Act for Cities of the  
Second Class, Cities of the Second Class A, Cities of the Third  
Class, Boroughs, Towns and Townships," reenacted and amended May  
31, 1955 (P.L.62, No.32), is amended by adding a ~~section~~

SECTIONS to read:

SECTION 17.2. CHANGE OF REGISTRATION BY MAIL.--(A) ANY  
REGISTERED ELECTOR MAY CHANGE HIS REGISTRATION IN THE SAME  
MANNER AS SECTION 17.1 PROVIDES FOR REGISTRATION BY MAIL.

(B) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL CAUSE TO BE  
PREPARED AND PRINTED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COMMONWEALTH FORMS  
UPON WHICH A REGISTERED ELECTOR MAY CHANGE HIS REGISTRATION BY  
MAIL IN A SIMILAR FASHION AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 17.1.

Section 18.2-A. Registration of Persons Confined in Mental  
and Penal Institutions; Residence.--(a) Any person confined in  
a mental institution or a penal institution who is a qualified  
absentee elector under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1937  
(P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code,"  
may register under section 18.2 of this act.

(b) For the purpose of registration and voting, the  
residence of any person confined in a mental institution or a  
penal institution who is a qualified absentee elector under the  
"Pennsylvania Election Code," shall be determined under the  
"Pennsylvania Election Code."

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.