

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, JUNE 20, 1979

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 providing for the approval of official  
21 registration application cards, and authorizing change of  
22 registration by mail.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), known  
26 as "The First Class City Permanent Registration Act," is amended  
27 by adding a section to read:

1     Section 19.2. Change of Registration by Mail.--(a) Any  
2     registered elector may change his registration in the same  
3     manner as section 19.1 provides for registration by mail.

4     (b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to be  
5     prepared and printed at the expense of the Commonwealth forms  
6     upon which a registered elector may change his registration by  
7     mail in a similar fashion as provided for in section 19.1.

8     Section 2. Subsection (d) of section 20.3 of the act, added  
9     July 1, 1976 (P.L.476, No.122), is amended to read:

10    Section 20.3. Approval of Official Registration Application  
11    Cards.--\* \* \*

12    (d) If the official registration application card is not in  
13    compliance with this act the commission shall mark "REJECTED" on  
14    the application form together with the reason for rejection and  
15    return same to the applicant by first class non-forwardable  
16    mail, return postage guaranteed: Provided, however, That an  
17    application shall not be rejected because the color of the  
18    applicant is not indicated on the application.

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20    Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.