

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 545 Session of  
1991

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APRIL 15, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 15, 1991

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 voter registration in certain State  
12 offices.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known  
16 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding a  
17 section to read:

18 Section 705. Voter Registration in State Offices.--The  
19 Department of State shall, by regulation, establish a Statewide  
20 system of voter registration in certain State offices. These  
21 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following

1 provisions:

2 (1) A "State office" shall include, but not be limited to, a  
3 State employment office operated by the Department of Labor and  
4 Industry and a State welfare office operated by the Department  
5 of Public Welfare.

6 (2) State employes at these offices shall inquire of each  
7 person visiting the office, whether the person, if not  
8 registered to vote, wishes to register to vote.

9 (3) Standard voter registration forms shall be provided to  
10 those persons wishing to register to vote.

11 (4) The correct addresses of the appropriate county  
12 registration commissions shall be provided to those persons  
13 wishing to register to vote.

14 (5) State offices shall provide reasonable space for  
15 nonpartisan signs or posters encouraging voter registration  
16 which will be provided by the Department of State.

17 (6) State offices shall provide a box for depositing  
18 completed voter registration forms. These forms shall be  
19 promptly forwarded to the appropriate county registration  
20 commissions by the participating State office.

21 (7) State offices shall conduct themselves in a manner  
22 consistent with the following principles:

23 (i) All voter registration activities will be nonpartisan in  
24 nature.

25 (ii) The decision as to whether to register to vote is  
26 voluntary on the part of each person.

27 (iii) No person shall be denied any claim or benefits based  
28 on his decision whether or not to register to vote.

29 (8) All nonpartisan voter registration activities will be in  
30 compliance with Federal and State laws.

1       Section 2.   This act shall take effect in 60 days.