

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2472 Session of  
2000

INTRODUCED BY ZUG, DeWEESE, BROWNE, ARGALL, BASTIAN, CLARK,  
M. COHEN, FORCIER, FRANKEL, GEIST, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY,  
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SCHULER, SCRIMENTI, SEYFERT, B. SMITH, STERN, E. Z. TAYLOR,  
THOMAS, TRELLO, TRUE, TULLI, WILT, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
APRIL 17, 2000

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 17, 2000

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," further providing for applications for official  
12 absentee ballots.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1302(e.1) of the act of June 3, 1937  
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,  
17 amended February 13, 1998 (P.L.72, No.18), is amended to read:

18 Section 1302. Applications for Official Absentee Ballots.--\*

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20 (e.1) Any qualified registered elector, including any

1 qualified bedridden or hospitalized veteran, who is unable  
2 because of illness or physical disability to attend his polling  
3 place on the day of any primary or election or operate a voting  
4 machine and state distinctly and audibly that he is unable to do  
5 so as required by section 1218 of this act may, with the  
6 certification by his attending physician that he is permanently  
7 disabled, and physically unable to attend the polls or operate a  
8 voting machine and make the distinct and audible statement  
9 required by section 1218 appended to the application  
10 hereinbefore required, be placed on a permanently disabled  
11 absentee ballot list file. An absentee ballot application shall  
12 be mailed to every such person for each primary or election so  
13 long as he does not lose his voting rights by failure to vote as  
14 otherwise required by this act. Such person shall not be  
15 required to file a physician's certificate of disability with  
16 each application as required in subsection (e) of this section  
17 [but such person must submit a written statement asserting  
18 continuing disability every four years in order to maintain his  
19 eligibility to vote under the provisions of this subsection].  
20 Should any such person lose his disability he shall inform the  
21 county board of elections of the county of his residence.

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23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.