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SOLOBAY, STABACK AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

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

18 Section 102. Definitions.--The following words, when used in
19 this act, shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise
20 clearly apparent from the context:

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1 (r.2) "Private institution" means any of the following:

2 (1) a domiciliary care home as described in Article XXII-A
3 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as "The
4 Administrative Code of 1929";

5 (2) a long-term care nursing facility as described in the
6 act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the "Health Care
7 Facilities Act";

8 (3) a personal care home as defined in section 1001 of the
9 act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the "Public
10 Welfare Code"; or

11 (4) an assisted living residence.

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13 Section 2. Section 1302(f) and (g) of the act, amended
14 February 13, 1998 (P.L.72, No.18), are amended to read:

15 Section 1302. Applications for Official Absentee Ballots.--*

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17 (f) The county chairman of each political party or the head
18 of each political body shall designate one representative from
19 his respective political party or body for each public
20 institution or private institution. The representatives so
21 appointed shall, at the same time on a date fixed by the county
22 board of election visit every public institution or private
23 institution situate in the county for the purpose of obtaining
24 the names and addresses of public institution or private
25 institution residents who desire to receive applications for
26 absentee ballots and to act as an election board as provided in
27 subsection (g) of this section. The list of names and addresses
28 thus obtained shall then be submitted by said representatives to
29 the board which shall furnish applications individually to those
30 appearing in the written request. If the chairman or head of a

1 political party or body fails to appoint a representative within
2 fifteen days from written notice from the county board of
3 election, the county board of election shall appoint a
4 representative from the political party or body.

5 (g) The county board of election shall appoint teams of
6 three members for each public institution or private institution
7 that shall go to the public institutions or private institutions
8 and hold the election on the first Friday prior to election day.
9 Each member of the board shall appoint one member on every team.
10 After the votes are cast, the teams shall collect the ballots
11 and return them to the county board of election where they shall
12 be placed unopened in a secure, safe and sealed container in the
13 custody of the board until they shall be distributed to the
14 respective absentee voters' election district as provided in
15 section 1308 of this act where they shall be counted with the
16 other absentee ballots, if any.

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18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.