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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for failure to vote.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 1510 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 1510. Failure to vote.

8 (a) Check of electors.--By April 1 of each year except in a
9 year in which the commission conducts a check of electors under
10 section 1506(c) (relating to checkup of registers), the
11 commission shall examine all of the district registers.

12 (b) Suspension.--A qualified elector who has been registered
13 for a period of at least two immediately preceding calendar
14 years but who is not recorded as having voted at an election
15 during that period [is subject to suspension of registration in
16 accordance with the following procedure:

17 (1) If a registered elector who has been registered for

1 a period of at least two immediately preceding calendar years
2 is not recorded as having voted at an election during that
3 period, the commission shall send to the registered elector
4 by mail, at the address appearing upon the registration card,
5 a notice setting forth that the records of the commission
6 indicate that the registered elector has not voted during the
7 two immediately preceding calendar years and that the
8 registered elector's registration will be canceled at the
9 expiration of 30 days from the date of mailing the notice
10 unless the registered elector, within that period, files with
11 the commission either personally or by mail a written request
12 for reinstatement of registration or a removal notice
13 properly executed setting forth the registered elector's
14 place of residence and signed by the registered elector.

15 (2) Within 30 days from the date of mailing of the
16 notice under paragraph (1), the registered elector must file
17 with the commission either personally or by mail a written
18 request for reinstatement of registration or a properly
19 executed removal notice which sets forth the registered
20 elector's place of residence and which is signed by the
21 registered elector. The official registration application
22 card of a registered elector who has registered by mail
23 qualifies as a request for reinstatement of registration or a
24 removal notice under this paragraph.

25 (3) Within 30 days from the date of mailing of the
26 notice under paragraph (1), the commission shall cancel the
27 registration of a registered elector who has not complied
28 with paragraph (2)] shall have his registration canceled.

29 (c) Effect.--Cancellation of registration under this section
30 shall not affect the right of a qualified elector to

1 subsequently register in the manner provided by this part.

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