

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 874 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY JOSEPHS, SANTARSIERO, CALTAGIRONE, PASHINSKI,
COHEN, DONATUCCI AND MYERS, MARCH 1, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 1, 2011

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 Voting Standards
12 Development Board.

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

15 Section 1. Section 204(h) of the act of June 3, 1937
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
17 amended July 14, 2009 (P.L.86, No.20), is amended to read:

18 Section 204. Voting Standards Development Board.--* * *

19 (h) (1) The board shall have the power and duty to develop
20 uniform and nondiscriminatory standards that define what
21 constitutes a valid vote cast through a paper ballot and what
22 constitutes a valid vote through each type of electronic voting
23 system used in the Commonwealth. On or before July 1, 2003, the

1 board shall adopt standards for paper ballots and each type of
2 electronic voting system. The department shall cause these
3 standards to be published as a notice in the Pennsylvania
4 Bulletin.

5 (2) The standards adopted by the board and published by the
6 Department of State in the Pennsylvania Bulletin Volume 33
7 Number 31 on August 2, 2003, shall, for [the general election in
8 2004 and] any primary, municipal, special and general election
9 [in 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010] held hereafter, have the force
10 and effect of law.

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