

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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 KINSEY AND COHEN, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in voting procedures, further providing for
 3 application for absentee ballots.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3302(a) of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania
 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
 8 adding subsections to read:

9 § 3302. Application for absentee ballots.

10 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding the provisions of Part IV
 11 (relating to voter registration) or the act of June 3, 1937
 12 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
 13 [the following persons] any qualified elector may make
 14 application for an absentee ballot by sending a letter or other
 15 signed document to or by appearing in person in accordance with
 16 subsection (e) at the county board of elections in the county in
 17 which the person's voting address is located[:].

1 [(1) A registered elector who is unable to attend the
2 polling place on the day of any primary or election because
3 of illness or physical disability.

4 (2) A registered elector who expects to be absent from
5 this Commonwealth or the municipality of residence because
6 duties, occupation or business require the elector to be
7 elsewhere the day of any primary or election.

8 (3) A county employee who cannot vote due to duties
9 relating to the conduct of elections.

10 (4) A person who will not attend a polling place because
11 of an observance of a religious holiday.]

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13 (e) In-person appearance.--Any qualified elector who appears
14 during normal business hours at a county board of elections in
15 the county in which the person's voting address is located shall
16 be permitted to, at that time, apply for an absentee ballot,
17 complete the application, submit the application, receive and
18 complete the ballot and cast the ballot, subject to review and
19 approval of the application in accordance with law.

20 (f) Reason for requesting absentee ballot.--No qualified
21 elector who submits an application for an absentee ballot may be
22 required to state the reason for the absentee ballot.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.