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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 23, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for  
3 methods of voter registration, providing for same-day voter  
4 registration and further providing for time and for  
5 preparation and distribution of applications.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1321 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 § 1321. Methods of voter registration.

11 An individual qualified to register to vote under section  
12 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to register) may apply to  
13 register as follows:

14 \* \* \*

15 (5) Under section 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter  
16 registration).

17 Section 2. Title 25 is amended by adding a section to read:

18 § 1325.1. Same-day voter registration.

1 (a) General rule.--A qualified elector may register on  
2 election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the  
3 electoral district in which the individual maintains residence  
4 by completing and submitting a registration application to the  
5 judge of elections and providing proof of identification and  
6 residence.

7 (b) Acceptable forms of identification.--In addition to  
8 providing a completed voter registration form, an applicant must  
9 provide a valid form of identification, including any of the  
10 following government-issued forms of identification:

11 (1) A valid identification card issued by the Federal  
12 Government.

13 (2) A valid United States passport.

14 (3) A valid United States Armed Forces identification  
15 card.

16 (4) A valid driver's license or identification card  
17 issued by the Department of Transportation.

18 (5) A valid identification card issued by another agency  
19 of the Commonwealth.

20 (c) Procedures for same-day registration.--

21 (1) Upon certifying the eligibility of the qualified  
22 elector, the judge of elections at the polling place shall  
23 issue a provisional ballot, provided by the county board of  
24 elections, which is to be completed by the qualified elector  
25 and sealed in an envelope along with the voter registration  
26 application.

27 (2) Within 10 days of an election, the Department of  
28 State shall approve or deny a voter registration application  
29 pursuant to the provisions established in section 1328  
30 (relating to approval of registration applications).

1           (3) The provisional ballot shall not be counted until  
2 the Department of State has approved the voter registration  
3 application.

4           (4) The qualified elector shall be notified in writing  
5 by the Department of State as to the approval or denial of a  
6 voter registration application.

7           Section 3. Sections 1326(b) and 1327(c) of Title 25 are  
8 amended by adding paragraphs to read:

9 § 1326. Time.

10           \* \* \*

11           (b) Deadlines.--In the administration of voter registration,  
12 each commission shall ensure that any applicant who is a  
13 qualified elector is registered to vote in an election when the  
14 applicant has met any of the following conditions:

15           \* \* \*

16           (3.1) In the case of same-day voter registration under  
17 section 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter registration), if  
18 the valid voter registration application of the applicant is  
19 accepted in the appropriate electoral district by the  
20 presiding judge of elections.

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22 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

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24           (c) Distribution.--

25           \* \* \*

26           (7) The secretary shall print and distribute same-day  
27 voter registration applications to all polling places  
28 throughout this Commonwealth. Along with the distribution of  
29 the applications, the secretary shall include instructions to  
30 inform the applicant of the same-day voter registration

1 application process and the process for counting the  
2 applicant's vote and verifying the applicant's eligibility.

3 \* \* \*

4 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.