

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2433 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, BERNSTINE, PICKETT, BROOKS, M. MACKENZIE, HAMM, GROVE, SAYLOR, STAMBAUGH, COOK, MOUL, MENTZER, LEWIS, RADER, DOWLING, SHUSTERMAN, JOZWIAK, R. MACKENZIE, FRITZ, E. NELSON AND PENNYCUICK, MARCH 17, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 17, 2022

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," in voting by qualified absentee electors, further
12 providing for canvassing of official absentee ballots and
13 mail-in ballots.

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

16 Section 1. Section 1308(g)(2) of the act of June 3, 1937
17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
18 amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), is amended to read:

19 Section 1308. Canvassing of Official Absentee Ballots and
20 Mail-in Ballots.--* * *

21 (g) * * *

22 (2) The county board of elections shall meet no earlier than

1 the [close] opening of polls on the day of the election and no
2 later than the [third day following] close of polls on the day
3 of the election to begin canvassing absentee ballots and mail-in
4 ballots [not included in the pre-canvass meeting]. The meeting
5 under this paragraph shall continue until all absentee ballots
6 and mail-in ballots received prior to the close of the polls
7 have been canvassed. The county board of elections shall not
8 record or publish any votes reflected on the ballots prior to
9 the close of the polls. The canvass process shall continue
10 through the eighth day following the election for valid
11 military-overseas ballots timely received under 25 Pa.C.S. §
12 3511 (relating to receipt of voted ballot). A county board of
13 elections shall provide at least forty-eight hours' notice of a
14 canvass meeting by publicly posting a notice on its publicly
15 accessible Internet website. One authorized representative of
16 each candidate in an election and one representative from each
17 political party shall be permitted to remain in the room in
18 which the absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are canvassed.

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