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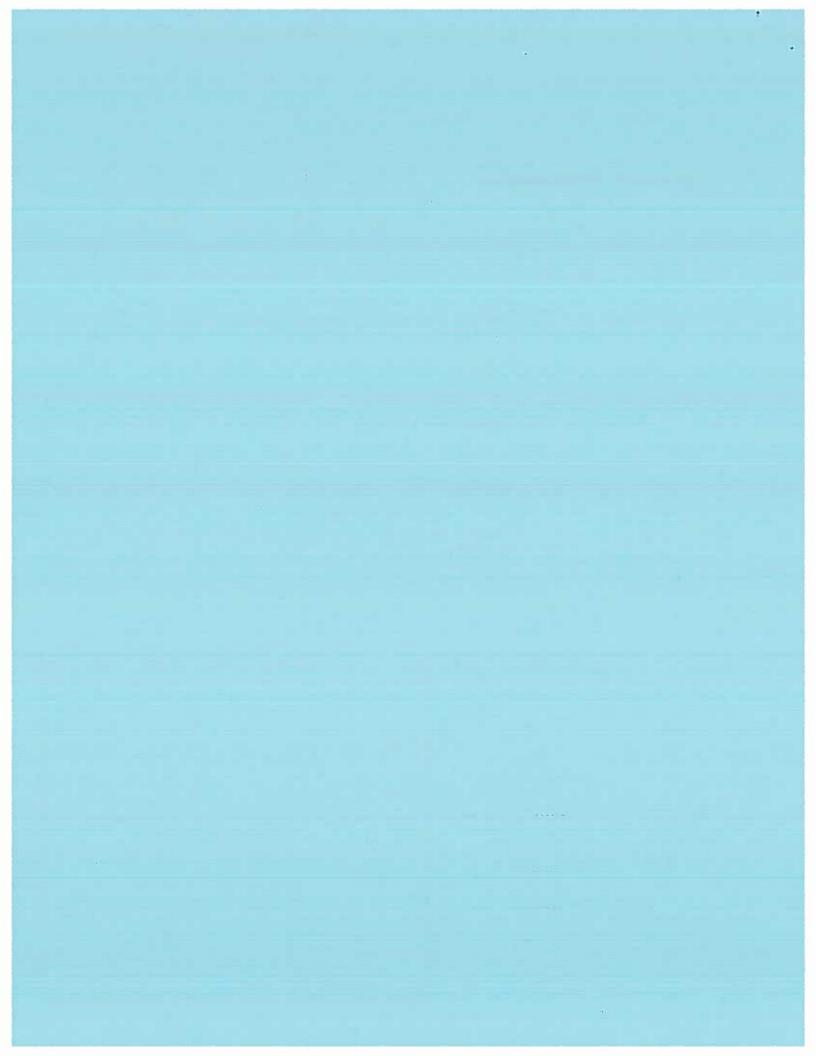
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- Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for methods of voter registration, providing for automatic 2
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- time and for approval of registration applications. 5
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 1321 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania
- Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 10 § 1321. Methods of voter registration.
- (a) General rule. -- An individual qualified to register to 11
- 12 vote under section 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to
- register) may apply to register as follows: 13
- (1) Under section 1322 (relating to in-person voter 14
- 15 registration).
- (2) Under section 1323 (relating to application with 16
- 17 driver's license application).
- 18 (3) Under section 1324 (relating to application by
- mail). 19

- 1 (4) Under section 1325 (relating to government
- 2 agencies).
- 3 (b) Automatic registration. -- An individual qualified to
- 4 register to vote under section 1301(a) shall be registered as
- 5 provided in section 1325.1 (relating to automatic registration
- 6 of qualified electors).
- 7 Section 2. Title 25 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 § 1325.1. Automatic registration of qualified electors.
- 9 (a) Collection of information. -- The secretary shall by rule
- 10 establish a schedule by which the Department of Transportation,
- 11 Department of Human Services and the Department of Military and
- 12 Veterans Affairs shall provide to the department the legal name,
- 13 age, residence, citizenship information and signature for each
- 14 individual who is qualified to register to vote under section
- 15 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to register).
- 16 (b) Registration application. -- For the purposes of this
- 17 section, the information identified in subsection (a) shall
- 18 constitute a completed voter registration application.
- 19 (c) Notification of eligibility. -- Upon receiving the
- 20 information prescribed in subsection (a), the department shall
- 21 provide the information to the commission in the county in which
- 22 the qualified elector resides.
- 23 (d) Notice of registration to qualified electors. -- Upon
- 24 approval, the commission shall provide to the qualified elector
- 25 a notice of pending registration and additional information as
- 26 prescribed in section 1328(c)(2.1) (relating to approval of
- 27 registration applications).
- 28 (e) Regulations. -- The secretary shall promulgate regulations
- 29 necessary to implement this section.
- 30 Section 3. Sections 1326(b) and 1328(a), (b) and (c) of

- 1 Title 25 are amended by adding paragraphs to read:
- 2 § 1326. Time.
- 3 * * *
- 4 (b) Deadlines.--In the administration of voter registration,
- 5 each commission shall ensure that any applicant who is a
- 6 qualified elector is registered to vote in an election when the
- 7 applicant has met any of the following conditions:
- 8 * * *
- 9 (5) In the case of automatic voter registration under
- 10 <u>section 1325.1 (relating to automatic registration of</u>
- 11 qualified electors), if a qualified elector provided notice
- 12 <u>under section 1325.1(c) does not decline to be registered as</u>
- an elector using the method prescribed by the commission
- 14 within 21 calendar days after the commission issues the
- notice, the qualified elector's information collected under
- subsection 1325.1(a) shall constitute a completed
- 17 registration.
- 18 * * *
- 19 § 1328. Approval of registration applications.
- 20 (a) Examination. -- Upon receiving a voter registration
- 21 application, a commissioner, clerk or registrar of a commission
- 22 shall do all of the following:
- 23 * * *
- 24 (3) Examine the information provided under section
- 25 <u>1325.1(a) (relating to automatic registration of qualified</u>
- 26 <u>electors</u>) to determine all of the following:
- 27 <u>(i) Whether the application is complete.</u>
- 28 (ii) Whether the applicant is a qualified elector.
- 29 <u>(iii) Whether the applicant has an existing</u>
- registration record. After the commission is connected to

1	the SURE system, the commissioner, clerk or registrar
2	shall search the SURE system on a Statewide basis to
3	determine if the applicant has an existing registration
4	record.
5	(b) DecisionA commission shall do one of the following:
6	* * *
7	(9) In the case of automatic voter registration as
8	provided in section 1325.1, process a voter registration
9	application in accordance with subsection (c).
10	(10) In the case of automatic voter registration as
11	provided in section 1325.1, reject a voter registration
12	application, indicate the rejection and the reasons for the
13	rejection and notify the department of the rejection and the
14	reason, if the commission finds during its examination under
15	subsection (a) any of the following:
16	(i) The application was not properly completed and,
17	after reasonable efforts by the commission to ascertain
18	the necessary information, the application remains
19	incomplete or inconsistent.
20	(ii) The applicant is not a qualified elector.
21	A rejection shall be made no later than 21 days after the
22	information is received pursuant to the provisions of
23	section 1325.1.
24	(c) Processing of voter registration
25	* * *
26	(2.1) When a commission has accepted a voter
27	registration application under subsection (b) (9), the
28	commission shall mail to each qualified elector by first
29	class nonforwardable mail, return postage guaranteed, a
3.0	notice of the process to:

1	(i) Decline registration as a qualified elector.
2	(ii) Enroll in a political party.
3	(2.2) If the commission does not receive a request to
4	stop registration 21 days after the issuance of the notice,
5	the commission shall assign the applicant a unique
6	identification number in the SURE system and mail a wallet-
7	sized voter's identification card to the individual by first
8	class nonforwardable mail, return postage quaranteed, which
9	shall serve as notice of the acceptance of the application.
10	The card shall contain all of the following:
11	(i) A raised Great Seal of the Commonwealth.
12	(ii) Name and address of the individual.
13	(iii) Name of municipality of residence.
14	(iv) Identification of the individual's ward and
15	district.
16	(v) The effective date of registration.
17	(vi) Designation of party enrollment and date of
18	enrollment.
19	(vii) A space for the individual's signature or
20	mark.
21	(viii) The unique identification number of the
22	<u>individual.</u>
23	(ix) A statement that the individual shall notify
24	the commission within 10 days from the date it was mailed
25	if any information on the card is incorrect; otherwise,
26	the information shall be deemed correct for voter
27	registration purposes.
28	* * *
29	Section 4. This act shall take effect in 90 days.