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AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots.

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## 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)(3) 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 (3) When the county board meets to pre-canvass or canvass  
23 absentee ballots and mail-in ballots under paragraphs (1), (1.1)

1 and (2), the board shall examine the declaration on the envelope  
2 of each ballot not set aside under subsection (d) and shall  
3 compare the information thereon with that contained in the  
4 "Registered Absentee and Mail-in Voters File," the absentee  
5 voters' list and/or the "Military Veterans and Emergency  
6 Civilians Absentee Voters File," whichever is applicable. The  
7 examination shall include a comparison of the elector's  
8 signature of record against the signature on the declaration of  
9 the elector. If the board finds that the two signatures do not  
10 match, the ballot shall be set aside and declared void. If the  
11 county board has verified the proof of identification as  
12 required under this act and is satisfied that the declaration is  
13 sufficient and the information contained in the "Registered  
14 Absentee and Mail-in Voters File," the absentee voters' list  
15 and/or the "Military Veterans and Emergency Civilians Absentee  
16 Voters File" verifies his right to vote, the county board shall  
17 provide a list of the names of electors whose absentee ballots  
18 or mail-in ballots are to be pre-canvassed or canvassed.

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