

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration system, providing for voter
3 registration system update; and providing for provisions for
4 2022 general primary election.

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

7 Section 1. Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1208. Voter registration system update.

10 (a) Duties.--The department shall do all of the following:

11 (1) Update the SURE system or develop a new system to
12 maintain registration records.

13 (2) Develop a process to verify the citizenship of an
14 individual.

15 (b) Prohibition.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
16 law, a registration record in existence on the effective date of
17 this section may not be transferred to the updated SURE system
18 or new system.

1 (c) Registration process.--An individual shall register to
2 vote as provided under this title after the updated SURE system
3 or new system has been implemented. The department may only
4 permit individuals who are United States citizens to register in
5 the updated SURE system or new system.

6 (d) Proof of citizenship.--If the individual is prohibited
7 from registering under subsection (c) because the department is
8 unable to verify the registered elector's citizenship, the
9 department shall notify the individual that the individual must
10 provide proof of citizenship to become a registered elector.
11 Proof of citizenship shall include, but not be limited to, the
12 following:

13 (1) a birth certificate showing birth in the United
14 States;

15 (2) Form N-550, Certificate of Naturalization;

16 (3) Form N-560, Certificate of Citizenship;

17 (4) Form FS-240, Report of Birth Abroad of United States
18 Citizen; or

19 (5) a valid unexpired United States passport.

20 (e) Penalties.--An individual who falsifies proof of
21 citizenship under subsection (d) shall be subject to penalties
22 under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to
23 authorities).

24 Section 2. Title 25 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

25 CHAPTER 37

26 PROVISIONS FOR 2022 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

27 Sec.

28 3701. General primary election.

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30 (a) Time.--Notwithstanding section 603 of the act of June 3,

1 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election
2 Code, or any law of this Commonwealth, the general primary
3 election shall occur throughout this Commonwealth on August 2,
4 2022.

5 (b) Calculation.--Except for the deadline relating to the
6 nomination of a candidate under Article IX of the Pennsylvania
7 Election Code, a date or deadline in the Pennsylvania Election
8 Code, Part IV (relating to voter registration) or Chapter 35
9 (relating to uniform military and overseas voters) that depends
10 on, or is contingent on, the date of the general primary
11 election, shall be calculated based on the August 2, 2022, date
12 for the general primary election.

13 (c) Nomination petitions.--Notwithstanding section 908 of
14 the Pennsylvania Election Code, minor political party candidates
15 may begin circulating nomination petitions for the 2022 general
16 primary election on the twenty-first Tuesday before the primary
17 election or on the effective date of this section, whichever is
18 later.

19 (d) Ballots.--A ballot for the general primary election 2022
20 which has been purchased, printed or acquired prior to the
21 effective date of this section and shows an election date other
22 than the date under subsection (a) shall not be deemed to be
23 invalid because of the date.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.