

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1977** Session of  
1977

INTRODUCED BY KELLY, OLIVER, WHITE, GIAMMARCO, SALVATORE, GRAY,  
SCANLON, WIGGINS, BARBER, KATZ, DONATUCCI, RIEGER AND  
RICHARDSON, DECEMBER 14, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, DECEMBER 14, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), entitled  
2 "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of  
3 electors in cities of the first class as a condition of their  
4 right to vote at elections and primaries, and their  
5 enrollment as members of political parties as a further  
6 condition of their right to vote at primaries; prescribing  
7 certain procedure for the conduct of elections and primaries  
8 and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors;  
9 and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties,  
10 bodies of electors, registration commissions, commissioners,  
11 registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees  
12 of registration commission, election officers, municipal  
13 officers, departments and bureaus, police officers, courts,  
14 judges, prothonotaries, sheriffs, county commissioners, peace  
15 officers, county treasurers, county controllers, registrars  
16 of vital statistics, real estate brokers, rental agents,  
17 certain public service companies, persons, firms, and  
18 corporations operating vehicles for moving furniture and  
19 household goods, and boards of school directors; and imposing  
20 penalties," permitting persons suffering from a disability to  
21 apply for a disability registration affidavit by mail.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 30, act of March 30,  
25 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), known as "The First Class City Permanent  
26 Registration Act," amended July 1, 1976 (P.L.476, No.122), is  
27 amended to read:

1 Section 30. Change of Party Enrollment; Notice Change of  
2 Enrollment of Political Party; Cancellation of Party Enrollment;  
3 Persons Suffering Disability After Registration to Have Fact  
4 Recorded; Cancellation.--\* \* \*

5 (e) Any elector who has, since the time of registration,  
6 suffered a physical disability which renders him unable to see  
7 or mark the ballot or prepare the voting machine, or to enter  
8 the voting compartment or voting machine booth, without  
9 assistance shall, at least seven days prior to the next  
10 succeeding primary or election, [personally] make application,  
11 under oath, to the commission or registrars to have such fact  
12 entered on his registration affidavit, together with the exact  
13 nature of his physical disability, which entry shall be made  
14 accordingly.

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