

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 497

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 9, 1981

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," further providing for the approval of official
21 registration application cards, and authorizing change of
22 registration by mail.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), known
26 as "The First Class City Permanent Registration Act," is amended

1 by adding a section to read:

2 Section 19.2. Change of Registration by Mail.--(a) Any
3 registered elector may change his registration in the same
4 manner as section 19.1 provides for registration by mail.

5 (b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to be
6 prepared and printed at the expense of the Commonwealth forms
7 upon which a registered elector may change his registration by
8 mail in a similar fashion as provided for in section 19.1.

9 Section 2. Subsection (d) of section 20.3 of the act, added
10 July 1, 1976 (P.L.476, No.122), is amended to read:

11 Section 20.3. Approval of Official Registration Application
12 Cards.--* * *

13 (d) If the official registration application card is not in
14 compliance with this act the commission shall mark "REJECTED" on
15 the application form together with the reason for rejection and
16 return same to the applicant by first class non-forwardable
17 mail, return postage guaranteed: Provided, however, That an
18 application shall not be rejected because the color of the
19 applicant is not indicated on the application.

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21 Section 3. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~

22 IMMEDIATELY.

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