THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 2207 Session of 2000

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 2, 2000

AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of June 30, 1995 (P.L.170, No.25), entitled "An
- 2 act providing for voter registration, for registration
- 3 commissions, for remedies and for absentee ballots; imposing
- 4 penalties; making appropriations; and making repeals,"
- 5 further providing for Department of Health.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 905 of the act of June 30, 1995 (P.L.170,
- 9 No.25), known as the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, is
- 10 amended to read:
- 11 Section 905. Department of Health.
- 12 The registration commission shall <u>immediately</u> cancel the
- 13 registration of a registered elector reported dead by the
- 14 Department of Health. The Department of Health shall[, within 60
- 15 days of receiving notice of the death of an individual 18 years
- 16 of age or older, send the] report to the registration commission

- 1 within 30 days of the last day of each calendar month the deaths
- 2 of residents of such counties, except residents under 18 years
- 3 of age, for that month. Such report shall include the full name
- 4 and <u>last</u> address of residence of that individual [to the
- 5 commission], the date of his birth, if available, and the date
- 6 of death on a form prescribed by the department. The
- 7 registration commission shall, on the last day of each calendar
- 8 month, report to the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and
- 9 Legislation in the Department of State, the registration
- 10 cancellations made pursuant to the reports of the Department of
- 11 Health for the previous month. An individual incorrectly
- 12 reported deceased by the Department of Health may appear in
- 13 person before a commissioner, registrar or clerk at the office
- 14 of the commission and prove identity. The commission, upon such
- 15 proof, shall correct its records. Failure to cancel the
- 16 registration of any person reported as deceased by the
- 17 Department of Health shall constitute a misdemeanor of the
- 18 second degree by each registration commissioner, punishable
- 19 under the provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to
- 20 authorized disposition of offenders).
- 21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.