
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Providing released prisoners with access to voter registration
2 materials; imposing duties on the Department of Corrections;
3 and making an appropriation.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Voter
8 Registration for Released Prisoners Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Corrections of the
14 Commonwealth.

15 "Institution." Any of the following:

16 (1) A State correctional facility.

17 (2) A county correctional facility.

18 Section 3. Program.

1 (a) Materials.--The department shall make voter registration
2 materials available to administrators in every institution.

3 (b) Distribution.--Upon release from an institution, an
4 inmate shall be provided with voter registration materials.

5 Section 9. Appropriation.

6 The sum of \$, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
7 hereby appropriated to the Department of Corrections for the
8 fiscal year July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, to carry out the
9 provisions of this act.

10 Section 10. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect in 60 days.