

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1733 Session of 2011

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THOMAS AND VITALI, JUNE 25, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 25, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for application for absentee
3 ballots.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3302(a) of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3302. Application for absentee ballots.

9 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding the provisions of Part IV
10 (relating to voter registration) or the act of June 3, 1937
11 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
12 [the following persons] any qualified elector may make
13 application for an absentee ballot by sending a letter or other
14 signed document to the county board of elections in the county
15 in which the person's voting address is located[:].

16 [(1) A registered elector who is unable to attend the
17 polling place on the day of any primary or election because

1 of illness or physical disability.

2 (2) A registered elector who expects to be absent from
3 this Commonwealth or the municipality of residence because
4 duties, occupation or business require the elector to be
5 elsewhere the day of any primary or election.

6 (3) A county employee who cannot vote due to duties
7 relating to the conduct of elections.

8 (4) A person who will not attend a polling place because
9 of an observance of a religious holiday.]

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.