

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2423 Session of
2012

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WILLIAMS AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 31, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 31, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
11 elections," further providing for requirements relating to
12 voter identification.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 206 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
16 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, added March
17 14, 2012 (P.L.195, No.18), is amended to read:

18 Section 206. Requirements Relating to Voter
19 Identification.--(a) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
20 prepare and disseminate information to the public regarding the

proof of identification requirements established under sections 1210 and 1302.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510(b) (relating to issuance and content of driver's license) to the contrary, the Department of Transportation shall issue an identification card described in 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510(b) at no cost to any registered elector who has made application therefor and has included with the completed application a statement signed by the elector declaring under oath or affirmation that the elector does not possess proof of identification as defined in section 102(z.5)(2) and requires proof of identification for voting purposes.

(c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare the form of the statement described in subsection (b) and shall distribute the form to the counties and the Department of Transportation. The Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of Transportation and the county boards of election shall disseminate information to the public regarding the availability of identification cards under subsection (b).

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 807 of the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, the Department of Health shall waive fees to obtain birth certificates for individuals requiring the document to obtain a State-issued identification card. The Department of Health shall also reimburse citizens the cost of government fees up to fifty dollars (\$50) for obtaining a birth certificate from other states for individuals requiring the document to obtain a State-issued identification card.

(e) The State shall put no limitations on the use of photo identification cards obtained without cost for purposes of

1 voting.

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