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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 22, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in voter registration, providing for the same day  
3 registration of a qualified elector.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1321 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
8 § 1321. Methods of voter registration.

9 An individual qualified to register to vote under section  
10 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to register) may apply to  
11 register as follows:

12 \* \* \*

13 (5) Under section 1325.1 (relating to same day voter  
14 registration).

15 Section 2. Title 25 is amended by adding a section to read:  
16 § 1325.1. Same day voter registration.

17 (a) General rule.--A qualified elector may register on

1 election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the  
2 electoral district in which the individual maintains residence  
3 by completing and submitting a registration application to the  
4 judge of elections and providing proof of identification and  
5 residence.

6 (b) Acceptable forms of identification.--In addition to  
7 providing a completed voter registration form, an applicant must  
8 provide a valid form of identification, including any of the  
9 following government issued forms of identification:

10 (1) A valid driver's license or identification card  
11 issued by the Department of Transportation.

12 (2) A valid identification card issued by another agency  
13 of the Commonwealth.

14 (3) A valid identification card issued by the United  
15 States Government.

16 (4) A valid United States passport.

17 (5) A valid United States Armed Forces identification  
18 card.

19 (c) Procedures for same day registration.--

20 (1) Upon certifying the eligibility of the qualified  
21 elector, the judge of elections at the polling place shall  
22 issue a provisional ballot, provided by the county board of  
23 elections, which is to be completed by the qualified elector  
24 and sealed in an envelope along with the voter registration  
25 application.

26 (2) Within ten days of an election, the Department of  
27 State shall approve or deny a voter registration application  
28 pursuant to the provisions established in section 1328  
29 (relating to approval of registration applications).

30 (3) The provisional ballot shall not be counted until

1 the Department of State has approved the voter registration  
2 application.

3 (4) The qualified elector shall be notified in writing  
4 by the Department of State as to the approval or denial of a  
5 voter registration application.

6 Section 3. Sections 1326(b) and 1327(c) of Title 25 are  
7 amended by adding paragraphs to read:

8 § 1326. Time.

9 \* \* \*

10 (b) Deadlines.--In the administration of voter registration,  
11 each commission shall ensure that any applicant who is a  
12 qualified elector is registered to vote in an election when the  
13 applicant has met any of the following conditions:

14 \* \* \*

15 (3.1) In the case of same day voter registration if the  
16 valid voter registration application of the applicant is  
17 accepted in the appropriate electoral district by the  
18 presiding judge of elections.

19 \* \* \*

20 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

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22 (c) Distribution.--

23 \* \* \*

24 (7) The secretary shall print and distribute same day  
25 voter registration applications to all polling places  
26 throughout this Commonwealth. Along with the distribution of  
27 such applications, the secretary shall also include  
28 instructions to inform the applicant of the same day voter  
29 registration application process, the process for counting  
30 the applicant's vote and verifying the applicant's

1     eligibility.

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3     Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.