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KIRKLAND, APRIL 24, 2014

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 24, 2014

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for  
3 methods of voter registration, for time and for preparation  
4 and distribution of applications; providing for same day  
5 voter registration and early in-person voting of qualified  
6 electors; and making editorial changes.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The heading of Chapter 13 of Title 25 of the  
10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

11 CHAPTER 13

12 VOTER REGISTRATION AND EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

13 Section 2. Sections 1321, 1326(b) and 1327(c) of Title 25  
14 are amended by adding paragraphs to read:

15 § 1321. Methods of voter registration.

16 An individual qualified to register to vote under section  
17 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to register) may apply to  
18 register as follows:

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2 (5) Under Subchapter C (relating to same day voter  
3 registration and early in-person voting of qualified  
4 electors).

5 § 1326. Time.

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

11 \* \* \*

12 (3.1) In the case of an early voter registration under  
13 Subchapter C (relating to same day voter registration and  
14 early in-person voting of qualified electors), if the valid  
15 voter registration application of the applicant is accepted  
16 in the appropriate election district by the commission.

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18 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

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20 (c) Distribution.--

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22 (7) The secretary shall print and distribute early  
23 voting registration applications issued under Subchapter C  
24 (relating to same day voter registration and early in-person  
25 voting of qualified electors) to all commission offices. The  
26 secretary shall include instructions with the applications to  
27 inform the applicant of the early voter registration and in-  
28 person voting application process, the process for counting  
29 the applicant's vote and verifying the applicant's  
30 eligibility.

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2 Section 3. Title 25 is amended by adding a subchapter to  
3 read:

4 SUBCHAPTER C  
5 SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION AND EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING OF  
6 QUALIFIED ELECTORS

7 Sec.

8 1341. Same day voter registration and early in-person voting.

9 1342. Proof of residency.

10 1343. Administration.

11 1344. Approval or denial of provisional ballots.

12 § 1341. Same day voter registration and early in-person voting.

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a qualified  
14 elector may register and vote no later than ten days before  
15 election day by:

16 (1) appearing in person before the commission or a  
17 registrar or clerk at the office of the commission or at a  
18 place designated by the commission and located where the  
19 qualified elector maintains residence;

20 (2) completing and submitting a registration application  
21 to the commission or a registrar or clerk at the office of  
22 the commission; and

23 (3) providing proof of residency in accordance with  
24 section 1342 (relating to proof of residency).

25 § 1342. Proof of residency.

26 In order to satisfy the proof of residency requirement under  
27 section 1341(3) (relating to same day voter registration and  
28 early in-person voting), a qualified elector must provide any of  
29 the following to the commission or a registrar or clerk at the  
30 office of the commission:

1       (1) A valid driver's license or identification card  
2       issued by the Department of Transportation or another agency  
3       of the Commonwealth indicating that the qualified elector  
4       resides in the election district.

5       (2) A utility bill indicating that the qualified elector  
6       resides in the election district.

7       (3) A rent receipt indicating that the qualified elector  
8       resides in the election district.

9    § 1343. Administration.

10    Upon certifying the eligibility of the qualified elector, the  
11    commission shall provide the qualified elector with a  
12    provisional ballot, provided by the county board of elections,  
13    which is to be completed by the qualified elector and sealed in  
14    an envelope along with the voter registration application.

15    § 1344. Approval or denial of provisional ballots.

16    (a) General rule.--No later than ten days after election  
17    day, the Department of State shall approve or deny the qualified  
18    elector's voter registration application in accordance with  
19    section 1328 (relating to approval of registration  
20    applications).

21    (b) Vote count.--The provisional ballot shall not be counted  
22    until the Department of State has approved the voter  
23    registration application under subsection (a).

24    (c) Notice.--The qualified elector shall be notified in  
25    writing by the Department of State as to the approval or denial  
26    of a voter registration application.

27    Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.