

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 436 Session of 2013

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

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 Voting Standards  
 12 Development Board.

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

15 Section 1. Section 204(h) of the act of June 3, 1937  
 16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,  
 17 amended May 13, 2011 (P.L.13, No.3), is amended to read:

18 Section 204. Voting Standards Development Board.--\* \* \*

19 (h) (1) The board shall have the power and duty to develop  
 20 uniform and nondiscriminatory standards that define what  
 21 constitutes a valid vote cast through a paper ballot and what  
 22 constitutes a valid vote through each type of electronic voting  
 23 system used in the Commonwealth. On or before July 1, 2003, the

1 board shall adopt standards for paper ballots and each type of  
2 electronic voting system. The department shall cause these  
3 standards to be published as a notice in the Pennsylvania  
4 Bulletin.

5 (2) The standards adopted by the board and published by the  
6 Department of State in the Pennsylvania Bulletin Volume 33  
7 Number 31 on August 2, 2003, shall[, for the general election in  
8 2004 and any primary, municipal, special and general election in  
9 2006, 2007, 2009 and, 2010, 2011 and 2012,] have the force and  
10 effect of law.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.