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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 31, 2015

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:

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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 10 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.

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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:

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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.

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20 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

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22 (c) Distribution.--

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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.