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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 4, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for
3 methods of voter registration, providing for same-day
4 registration of a qualified elector and further providing for
5 time and for preparation and distribution of applications.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1321 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 § 1321. Methods of voter registration.

11 An individual qualified to register to vote under section
12 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to register) may apply to
13 register as follows:

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15 (5) Under section 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter
16 registration).

17 Section 2. Title 25 is amended by adding a section to read:

18 § 1325.1. Same-day voter registration.

1 (a) General rule.--A qualified elector may register on
2 election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the
3 electoral district in which the individual maintains residence,
4 completing and submitting a registration application to the
5 judge of elections and providing proof of identification and
6 residence.

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

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

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

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

17 (4) A valid United States passport.

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

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

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

27 (2) Within 10 days of an election, the Department of
28 State shall approve or deny a voter registration application
29 pursuant to the provisions established in section 1328
30 (relating to approval of registration applications).

1 (3) The provisional ballot may not be counted until the
2 Department of State has approved the voter registration
3 application.

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

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

9 § 1326. Time.

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

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

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21 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

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23 (c) Distribution.--

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

1 the applicant's vote and verifying the applicant's
2 eligibility.

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4 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.