

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1138 Session of  
2017

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BARBIN, V. BROWN, BULLOCK, D. COSTA,  
DEAN, DEASY, DeLUCA, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, J. HARRIS, HILL-EVANS,  
IRVIN, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, MARSHALL, MATZIE, McNEILL, O'BRIEN,  
PASHINSKI, RAVENSTAHL, SAMUELSON, SCHLOSSBERG, SOLOMON,  
THOMAS AND WARREN, APRIL 10, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 10, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in conduct of elections, further providing for  
3 application for absentee ballots.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3302(a) of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3302. Application for absentee ballots.

9 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding the provisions of Part IV  
10 (relating to voter registration) or the act of June 3, 1937  
11 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,  
12 [the following persons] a qualified elector may make application  
13 for an absentee ballot by sending a letter or other signed  
14 document to the county board of elections in the county in which  
15 the person's voting address is located.[:

16 (1) A registered elector who is unable to attend the  
17 polling place on the day of any primary or election because

1 of illness or physical disability.

2 (2) A registered elector who expects to be absent from  
3 this Commonwealth or the municipality of residence because  
4 duties, occupation or business require the elector to be  
5 elsewhere the day of any primary or election.

6 (3) A county employee who cannot vote due to duties  
7 relating to the conduct of elections.

8 (4) A person who will not attend a polling place because  
9 of an observance of a religious holiday.]

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.