

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 762 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY WARD, SCARNATI, RESCHENTHALER, WHITE AND MENSCH, JUNE 14, 2017

SENATOR FOLMER, STATE GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 12, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration system, providing for audit of SURE
3 system.

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

6 Section 1. Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1208. Audit of SURE system.

9 (a) Audit.--The Auditor General shall conduct an audit of
10 the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE system) and
11 provide a report to the chairperson and the minority chairperson
12 of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the
13 chairperson and the minority chairperson of the State Government
14 Committee of the House of Representatives no later than June 30,
15 2018. The report shall include all of the following:

16 (1) Assessment of whether records maintained within the
17 SURE system are accurate and in accordance with SECTION 303 <--
18 OF the Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107- <--

1 252, 52 U.S.C. § 21081 et seq. 21083). <--

2 (2) Evaluation of the process for input and maintenance
3 of voter registration records.

4 (3) Determination of the security of the web based <--
5 Statewide voter registration system from unauthorized access.

6 REVIEW OF SECURITY PROTOCOLS OF THE SURE SYSTEM. <--

7 (4) Recommendations on how the department and
8 commissions can increase the efficiency and accuracy of the
9 SURE system.

10 (5) Any other relevant information or recommendations, <--
11 as determined by the Auditor General. REVIEW OF AND <--

12 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROLS,
13 METHODOLOGY FOR INTERNAL AUDITS AND INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW
14 PROCESS.

15 (6) REVIEW OF AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF
16 DIRECTIVES AND GUIDANCE FOR COUNTIES ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF
17 STATE REGARDING VOTER REGISTRATION AND LIST MAINTENANCE.

18 (7) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OR RECOMMENDATIONS,
19 AS DETERMINED BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

20 (B) REPORT INFORMATION.--THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN
21 THIS REPORT SHALL NOT INCLUDE DATA, DOCUMENTATION, CONFIGURATION
22 REPRESENTATIONS, PRODUCT OR SUPPLIER NAMES, NETWORK ADDRESSES,
23 OR OTHER CRITICAL INFORMATION THAT MAY INTERFERE OR JEOPARDIZE
24 THE SECURITY, PRIVACY, OR INTEGRITY OF THE SURE SYSTEM. THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL COORDINATE AND WORK IN
26 CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO DETERMINE WHAT
27 IS TO BE TREATED AS RESTRICTED CONTENT.

28 ~~(b)~~ (C) Cooperation.--The department and all commissions <--
29 shall cooperate fully with the Auditor General and provide
30 timely responses to requests for information or comment.

1 ~~(e)~~ (D) Costs.--The department shall reimburse the Auditor <--
2 General for the costs of the audit.

3 (E) REPORT.--THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL <--
4 SUBMIT THE AUDIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY
5 CHAIRPERSON OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND
6 THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
7 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOT LATER THAN
8 DECEMBER 31, 2018.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~immediately~~ IN 30 <--
10 DAYS.