
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SCHLOSSBERG, CIRESI, DALEY, DERMODY, FRANKEL,
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SCHWEYER AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 20, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 20, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in voter registration, providing for update of
3 voter signature.

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 § 1331. Update of voter signature.

9 (a) Signature update authorized.--Notwithstanding any other
10 law or regulation to the contrary, a registered elector may
11 update the signature on file in the SURE system by completing a
12 new voter registration application and submitting the
13 application to the commission in the county where the registered
14 elector resides in accordance with the requirements of this
15 chapter.

16 (b) Notification.--The department and each commission shall:

17 (1) Include in correspondence concerned with voter

1 registration, other than postcard notifications and notices
2 relating to eligibility, mailed to registered electors
3 information regarding when, where and how to update the
4 registered elector's signature, including how to obtain a
5 voter registration application.

6 (2) Provide on the publicly accessible Internet websites
7 maintained by a commission, the county election board and the
8 department information on how a registered elector can update
9 voter registration records maintained by the county or the
10 Commonwealth.

11 (c) Absentee ballots.--All signature updates for use in
12 verifying absentee ballots must be received by the appropriate
13 supervisor of elections no later than the date established for
14 the acceptance of absentee ballots. The signature on that date
15 is the signature that shall be used in verifying the signature
16 on the absentee ballot.

17 (d) Publication of notice.--At least once during each
18 primary and general election cycle, but no later than 90 days
19 before the date of the general election, each commission shall
20 publish in a newspaper of general circulation or other newspaper
21 in the county deemed appropriate by the county election board a
22 notice specifying when, where and how a registered elector may
23 update the registered elector's signature, including information
24 on how to obtain a voter registration application.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.