
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2648 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY SCHROEDER, BOBACK, SCHLEGEL CULVER, T. DAVIS,
DUNBAR, EMRICK, JONES, KEEFER, MACKENZIE, MENTZER, MILLARD,
MURT, PICKETT, POLINCHOCK, ROZZI, RYAN, THOMAS, TOMLINSON,
TOPPER AND WILLIAMS, JUNE 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 30, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
11 elections," in preparation for and conduct of primaries and
12 elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote,
13 persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be
14 made in district register, numbered lists of voters and
15 challenges.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 1210(a.4)(3) of the act of June 3, 1937
19 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
20 amended to read:

21 Section 1210. Manner of Applying to Vote; Persons Entitled
22 to Vote; Voter's Certificates; Entries to Be Made in District
23 Register; Numbered Lists of Voters; Challenges.--* * *

1 (a.4) * * *

2 (3) After the provisional ballot has been cast at the
3 polling place, the individual elector shall place it in a
4 secrecy envelope. The individual elector shall place the secrecy
5 envelope in the provisional ballot envelope and shall place his
6 signature on the front of the provisional ballot envelope. The
7 election officer physically present at the polling place, as
8 witnessed by the individual elector, shall time-stamp the
9 provisional ballot, secrecy envelope and provisional ballot
10 envelope. All provisional ballots shall remain sealed in their
11 provisional ballot envelopes for return to the county board of
12 elections.

13 * * *

14 Section 2. The amendment of section 1210(a.4)(3) of the act
15 shall apply to provisional ballots cast for elections occurring
16 on or after November 3, 2020.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.