

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1356 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY ARNOLD, MENSCH, SCAVELLO, GORDNER, PITTMAN AND  
DINNIMAN, OCTOBER 16, 2020

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 16, 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 voting by qualified absentee electors, further  
12 providing for applications for official absentee ballots.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 1302 of the act of June 3, 1937  
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is  
17 amended by adding a subsection to read:

18 Section 1302. Applications for Official Absentee Ballots.--\*

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20 (l) If an electronic system under subsection (k) is  
21 available by which a qualified elector may request permanent  
22 absentee voter status, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
23 include an option for a qualified elector who has received

1 permanent absentee voter status to electronically cancel the  
2 elector's permanent absentee voter status, provided the system  
3 is able to capture a digitized or electronic signature of the  
4 applicant.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.