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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 14, 2021

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 preliminary provisions, further providing for  
 12 definitions; in district election officers, further providing  
 13 for compensation of district election officers; in election  
 14 districts and polling places, providing for ballot return  
 15 sites; providing for electronic poll books and for electronic  
 16 poll books and election infrastructure equipment bonds; in  
 17 preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections,  
 18 further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons  
 19 entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in  
 20 district register, numbered lists of voters and challenges  
 21 and for deadline for receipt of valid voter registration  
 22 application; providing for early voting in elections; in  
 23 voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for  
 24 date of application for absentee ballot, for approval of  
 25 application for absentee ballot, for envelopes for official  
 26 absentee ballots, for voting by absentee electors and for  
 27 canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots;

1 in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing  
2 for date of application for mail-in ballots, for approval of  
3 application for mail-in ballot, for envelopes for official  
4 mail-in ballots and for voting by mail-in electors; and  
5 making an editorial change.  
6 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes, in registration system, further providing for SURE  
8 system; in voter registration, further providing for  
9 qualifications to register, for methods of voter  
10 registration, for application with driver's license  
11 application and for government agencies, providing for same-  
12 day voter registration and further providing for preparation  
13 and distribution of applications and for approval of  
14 registration applications; and, in changes in records,  
15 repealing provisions relating to removal notices, to transfer  
16 of registration and to change of enrollment of political  
17 party and further providing for death of registrant.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,  
21 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by  
22 adding subsections to read:

23 Section 102. Definitions.--The following words, when used in  
24 this act, shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise  
25 clearly apparent from the context:

26 \* \* \*

27 (z.7) The words "ballot drop box" shall mean a secure  
28 receptacle established by a county board of elections or county  
29 election official by which a voted absentee ballot or mail-in  
30 ballot may be deposited by hand by the voter, including language  
31 about tampering, and constructed to withstand vandalism by being  
32 capable of securely receiving and holding the absentee ballots  
33 and mail-in ballots and being locked, with a clearly identified  
34 ballot insertion slot and a unique identifying number.

35 (z.8) The words "public university" shall mean an  
36 institution of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education  
37 established under section 2002-A of the act of March 10, 1949  
38 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, and a

1 State-related university as defined in section 4(d) of the act  
2 of November 26, 1997 (P.L.508, No.55), known as the Institutions  
3 of Purely Public Charity Act.

4 (z.9) The words "community college" shall mean a public  
5 college or technical institute which is established and operated  
6 in accordance with the provisions of section 1901-A of the  
7 Public School Code of 1949, by a local sponsor which provides a  
8 two-year, postsecondary, college parallel, terminal general,  
9 terminal technical, out of school-youth or adult education  
10 program or any combination of the programs.

11 Section 2. Section 412.2(a) of the act is amended to read:

12 Section 412.2. Compensation of District Election Officers.--

13 (a) In all counties regardless of class, judges of election,  
14 inspectors of election, clerks and machine operators shall be  
15 paid compensation as fixed by the county board of elections for  
16 each election, which amount shall be at least [~~\$75~~] \$175 and not  
17 more than [~~\$200~~] \$300.

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19 Section 3. Article V heading of the act is amended to read:

20 ARTICLE V

21 Election Districts [~~and~~], Polling Places and Ballot Drop Boxes

22 Section 4. Article V of the act is amended by adding a  
23 subarticle to read:

24 (b.1) Ballot Drop Boxes

25 Section 531.1. Drop Off Locations to be Selected by County  
26 Board of Elections.--(a) The county board of elections shall  
27 select and fix the ballot drop box locations within each county  
28 and may, at any time, for any reason, change the ballot drop box  
29 locations within the county.

30 (1) The county board of elections shall inform the secretary

1 of the ballot drop box locations at least sixty-five days prior  
2 to the primary election, special election, municipal election or  
3 general election.

4 (2) The county board of elections shall publicly announce,  
5 not less than fifty-five days prior to any primary election,  
6 special election, municipal election or general election, by  
7 posting at its office in a conspicuous place and prominently  
8 featured on the county's publicly accessible Internet website, a  
9 list of the ballot drop box locations within the county. The  
10 list must include the address, dates and hours of operation of  
11 the ballot drop boxes, ballot return deadline, contact  
12 information for the county board of elections and accessibility  
13 information. The list shall be available for public inspection  
14 at the office of the county board of elections.

15 (3) If an additional ballot drop box is added, or a ballot  
16 drop box is moved, the county board of elections must notify the  
17 secretary immediately and simultaneously update the county's  
18 publicly accessible Internet website with the new locations.

19 (b) Each county must provide at least two ballot drop boxes  
20 within the county for each primary election, special election,  
21 municipal election or general election. The ballot drop boxes  
22 must be arrayed throughout the county in a manner that provides  
23 for the greatest convenience for electors. Each ballot drop box  
24 must be on sites that meet the accessibility requirements  
25 applicable to polling places. A ballot drop box shall be  
26 considered accessible if it is in compliance with the Americans  
27 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat.  
28 327). The county board of elections may add additional ballot  
29 drop boxes, as necessary. Nothing in this section shall limit  
30 counties to only two ballot drop boxes if the county board of

1 elections deems additional ballot drop boxes are necessary.

2 (c) In addition to the requirements under subsection (b),  
3 for a primary election, special election, municipal election or  
4 general election there must be a minimum number of ballot drop  
5 boxes equal to at least one ballot drop box for every 50,000  
6 residents of the county as determined by the most recent Federal  
7 decennial census, and each annual American Community Survey  
8 (ACS) population update.

9 (d) A minimum of one ballot drop box must be within one mile  
10 of each public university or community college that has five  
11 thousand or more enrolled students. At least one ballot drop box  
12 shall be on each campus of a public university or college campus  
13 that has ten thousand or more enrolled students. The following  
14 shall apply:

15 (1) As used in this subsection, the number of enrolled  
16 students at a campus shall be the highest number of full-time,  
17 part-time, graduate and undergraduate students, not including  
18 students solely registered for online courses, during the fall  
19 semester of the year of the previous general election according  
20 to the data collected by the Department of Education.

21 (2) The data collected by the Secretary of Education shall  
22 be reported to the secretary, on or before December 1 prior to  
23 each general election year. The secretary shall determine from  
24 the data which public university or community colleges meet the  
25 enrollment thresholds and notify each respective county board of  
26 elections at least eighty-five days prior to any election.

27 Section 531.2. Signage, Hours of Operation and Security.--

28 (a) Each ballot drop box must be labeled "Official Ballot Drop  
29 Box" and must include the following:

30 (1) Specific points identifying the slot where ballots are

1 to be inserted. A ballot drop box may have more than one ballot  
2 slot.

3 (2) Language stating counterfeiting, forging, tampering with  
4 or destroying ballots is a second-degree misdemeanor under  
5 sections 1816 and 1817 of this act.

6 (3) A statement that third-party return of a ballot is  
7 prohibited unless the individual returning the ballot:

8 (i) is rendering assistance to a disabled voter or an  
9 emergency absentee voter as authorized by law; or

10 (ii) is a member of the same household as the voter and the  
11 third-party is registered at the same residential address and  
12 unit number.

13 (4) A statement requesting that the designated county  
14 elections official shall be notified immediately if the ballot  
15 drop box is full, not functioning or is damaged, including a  
16 telephone number and email address for the designated county  
17 elections official.

18 (b) While available, the ballot drop box shall be securely  
19 fastened to a stationary surface, an immovable object or placed  
20 behind a counter. The ballot drop box shall be secured by a lock  
21 and shall include a tamper-evident seal. Only the county board  
22 of elections, the county election official, county election  
23 official staff or another individual designated by the county  
24 election official shall have access to the means to unfasten the  
25 lock.

26 (c) Ballot drop boxes must be made available for use by the  
27 voter no less than forty days prior to a primary election,  
28 special election, municipal election or general election.

29 (d) On the date of any primary election, special election,  
30 municipal election or general election, the ballot drop box

1 shall be closed when the election ends at eight o'clock P.M.

2 Section 531.3. Removal of Absentee Ballots and Mail-In  
3 Ballots.--(a) Absentee and mail-in ballots must be removed from  
4 each ballot drop box at least once every twenty-four hours,  
5 excluding Saturdays and Sundays, by at least two people  
6 designated by the county board of elections or the county  
7 election official. Each person removing ballots from any ballot  
8 drop box shall display proper identification.

9 (b) As directed by the secretary, each county board of  
10 elections shall develop ballot collection and chain of custody  
11 procedures. Each county shall create and use a form entitled the  
12 Ballot Drop Box Collection Form when retrieving absentee ballots  
13 and mail-in ballots from the ballot drop boxes.

14 (c) A Ballot Drop Box Collection Form must be completed and  
15 signed by the county designees each time absentee ballots and  
16 mail-in ballots are removed from a ballot drop box. A Ballot  
17 Drop Box Collection Form must include spaces for the following  
18 information:

19 (1) The ballot drop box location and the unique identifying  
20 number of the ballot drop box.

21 (2) The date and time ballots were emptied from the ballot  
22 drop box.

23 (3) The names of the individuals removing the ballots from  
24 the ballot drop box and the name of the individual who secured  
25 and relocked the ballot drop box.

26 (4) The name of the county election official or designee  
27 receiving the secured transport container.

28 (5) The date and time the county election official or  
29 designee received the secured transport container.

30 (6) The number of ballots delivered in the secured transport

1 container.

2 (7) An area to mark if there is evidence of tampering on the  
3 secured transport container.

4 (d) Absentee ballots and mail-in ballots from ballot drop  
5 boxes must be returned to the county board of elections in  
6 secured transport containers and immediately taken to a secure  
7 location established by the county board of elections. The  
8 county election official or the official's designee shall take  
9 control of the secured transport container and inspect the  
10 container for tampering. The county election official or  
11 official's designee shall complete the Ballot Drop Box  
12 Collection Form.

13 (e) An individual may not interfere with the emptying of  
14 ballot drop boxes. An individual who interferes with the removal  
15 of ballots from a ballot drop box or inhibits or prevents a  
16 voter or authorized agent from lawfully depositing a ballot  
17 commits a criminal offense under section 1849.

18 Section 531.4. Canvassing of Ballots Collected from Ballot  
19 Drop Boxes.--Each absentee ballot and mail-in ballot removed  
20 from a ballot drop box shall be canvassed in accordance with  
21 section 1308.

22 Section 5. The act is amended by adding articles to read:

23 ARTICLE XI-C

24 ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

25 Section 1101-C. Definitions.

26 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
27 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
28 context clearly indicates otherwise:

29 "Board." The county board of elections.

30 "Department." The Department of State of the Commonwealth.



1 "Electronic poll books." A secure and self-contained  
2 electronic record system, consisting of hardware components  
3 procured by a board and a software component distributed by the  
4 secretary, constituting the voters' certificates, voting check  
5 list, numbered lists of voters and district register, for an  
6 election district or for use with multiple election districts,  
7 that:

8 (1) receives and stores electronically the signature of  
9 voters appearing to vote and any other necessary voter  
10 information;

11 (2) securely downloads and uploads voter information in  
12 concert with county voter management systems;

13 (3) allows real-time tracking of voters for updates to  
14 voter histories; and

15 (4) meets the standards published by the secretary under  
16 section 1103-C.

17 "Secretary." The Secretary of the Commonwealth.

18 "SURE system." The Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors  
19 established under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1222 (relating to SURE system).  
20 Section 1102-C. Use.

21 Each board shall use electronic poll books that meet the  
22 minimum standards published by the secretary under section 1103-  
23 C for each primary and election held after December 31, 2024.  
24 Electronic poll books shall replace paper-based poll books and  
25 shall be used as all of the following in each voting location  
26 allowed for by law in this Commonwealth:

27 (1) Voters' certificates.

28 (2) Voting check lists.

29 (3) Numbered lists of voters.

30 (4) District registers.

1           (5) For the management of election district voter rolls  
2           during elections.

3 Section 1103-C. Standards.

4           The secretary, in coordination with the Office of  
5 Administration and Office of Information Technology, shall  
6 establish and publish requirements and specifications which  
7 shall define the minimum standards required of electronic poll  
8 books to ensure interoperability with the SURE system. The  
9 requirements and specifications may include system  
10 compatibility, screen size, security standards, signature  
11 capture requirements, voter data fields and any other  
12 requirements identified as necessary to meet the needs for each  
13 voting location allowed by law in this Commonwealth.

14 Section 1104-C. Components.

15           (a) Hardware.--Each board shall be responsible for procuring  
16 the hardware components of the electronic poll books. The  
17 hardware components shall meet the specifications published by  
18 the secretary in accordance with section 1103-C.

19           (b) Software.--The secretary shall distribute the software  
20 component of the electronic poll books. The software component  
21 shall be owned, maintained and be subject to restrictions  
22 published by the department.

23           (c) Prohibited interest.--The secretary, the department  
24 staff involved with implementation, maintenance or upkeep of the  
25 SURE system or electronic poll books or any member of a board  
26 may not hold a pecuniary interest in an electronic poll book,  
27 components of an electronic poll book or in the design,  
28 manufacture or sale of an electronic poll book.

29 Section 1105-C. Funding for acquisition.

30           (a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and

1 declares that funding of the acquisition of electronic poll  
2 books for the management of voter data for each polling place in  
3 this Commonwealth is in the best interest of this Commonwealth.

4 (b) Appropriation.--

5 (1) The General Assembly appropriates \$7,000,000 from  
6 the General Fund to the department for the procurement of the  
7 software component of the electronic poll book that builds on  
8 and shall integrate with the SURE system and for the  
9 development and implementation of a secure electronic poll  
10 book network to be used by counties.

11 (2) The department shall retain ownership of the  
12 software licenses and the contract management duties for the  
13 software component of the electronic poll book. Except as  
14 provided by law, any part of the appropriations made in this  
15 subsection that remain unexpended, uncommitted or  
16 unencumbered as of December 31, 2024, shall automatically  
17 lapse as of December 31, 2024.

18 ARTICLE XI-D

19 ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS AND

20 ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT BONDS

21 Section 1101-D. Definitions.

22 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
23 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
24 context clearly indicates otherwise:

25 "Account." The County Electronic Poll Book and Election  
26 Infrastructure Equipment Reimbursement Account established under  
27 section 1106-D.

28 "Authority." The Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing  
29 Authority.

30 "Bond." Any type of revenue obligation, including a bond or

1 series of bonds, note, certificate or other instrument, issued  
2 by the authority for the benefit of the department under this  
3 article.

4 "Bond administrative expenses." Expenses incurred to  
5 administer bonds as provided under the Financing Law, or as  
6 necessary to ensure compliance with Federal or State law.

7 "Bond obligations." The principal of a bond and any premium  
8 and interest payable on a bond, together with any amount owed  
9 under a related credit agreement or a related resolution of the  
10 authority authorizing a bond.

11 "Credit agreement." A loan agreement, a revolving credit  
12 agreement, an agreement establishing a line of credit, a letter  
13 of credit or another agreement that enhances the marketability,  
14 security or creditworthiness of a bond.

15 "Department." The Department of State of the Commonwealth.

16 "Election infrastructure equipment." Hardware or software,  
17 or both, that is used by a county in running elections. The term  
18 includes mail-ballot processing equipment, such as envelope  
19 openers, and information technology equipment, such as intrusion  
20 detection sensors, deployed to enhance the security of  
21 electronic voting systems, electronic poll books and other  
22 election systems by detecting and reporting hacking attempts and  
23 other election security breaches. The term does not include  
24 electronic voting systems or electronic poll books.

25 "Electronic poll book." The components of electronic poll  
26 books as defined in section 1101-C.

27 "Electronic voting system." As defined in section 1101-A.

28 "Financing Law." The act of August 23, 1967 (P.L.251,  
29 No.102), known as the Economic Development Financing Law.  
30 Section 1102-D. Bond issuance.

1 (a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and  
2 declares that funding for electronic poll books and election  
3 infrastructure equipment, including interest, through the  
4 authority, is in the best interest of this Commonwealth.

5 (b) Authority.--Notwithstanding any other law, the following  
6 shall apply:

7 (1) The department may be a project applicant under the  
8 Financing Law and may apply to the authority for the funding  
9 of electronic poll books and election infrastructure  
10 equipment.

11 (2) The authority may issue bonds under the Financing  
12 Law, consistent with this article, to finance a project or  
13 projects consisting of funding the purchase, replacement or  
14 lease of electronic poll books by the counties, the  
15 reimbursement to the counties for their cost to purchase or  
16 lease electronic poll books and for the purchase or lease of  
17 election infrastructure equipment by the counties.

18 (3) Participation of an industrial and commercial  
19 development authority shall not be required to finance the  
20 projects or to issue the bonds described under this article.

21 (c) Debt or liability.--

22 (1) Bonds issued under this article shall not be a debt  
23 or liability of the Commonwealth and shall not create or  
24 constitute an indebtedness, liability or obligation of the  
25 Commonwealth.

26 (2) Bond obligations and bond administrative expenses  
27 shall be payable solely from revenues or money pledged or  
28 available for repayment as authorized under this article.  
29 This paragraph shall include the proceeds of any issuance of  
30 bonds.

1       (3) Each bond shall contain on the bond's face a  
2 statement that:

3           (i) the authority is obligated to pay the principal  
4 or interest on the bonds only from the revenues or money  
5 pledged or available for repayment as authorized under  
6 this article;

7           (ii) neither the Commonwealth nor a county is  
8 obligated to pay the principal or interest; and

9           (iii) the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth  
10 or any county is not pledged to the payment of the  
11 principal of or the interest on the bonds.

12 Section 1103-D. Criteria for bond issuance.

13 (a) Application.--

14           (1) The department shall apply to the authority to issue  
15 bonds to provide financing to the department to:

16           (i) reimburse each county for the county's cost to  
17 purchase or lease electronic poll books;

18           (ii) fund a county's purchase or lease of electronic  
19 poll books; or

20           (iii) fund the purchase or lease of election  
21 infrastructure equipment.

22           (2) The choice of the funding options under paragraph  
23 (1)(i) or (ii) and the choice of type of electronic poll  
24 books shall be at the discretion of the Secretary of the  
25 Commonwealth.

26 (b) Issuance.--Bonds may be issued in one or more series,  
27 and each series may finance reimbursement grants to one or more  
28 counties.

29 (c) Terms.--

30           (1) The department, with the approval of the Office of

1 the Budget, shall specify in its application to the  
2 authority:

3 (i) the maximum principal amount of the bonds for  
4 each bond issue; and

5 (ii) the maximum term of the bonds consistent with  
6 applicable law.

7 (2) The total principal amount for all bonds, not  
8 including refunding bonds, issued under this article may not  
9 exceed \$60,000,000.

10 (3) The term of the bonds issued under this article may  
11 not exceed 10 years from the respective date of original  
12 issuance.

13 (d) Expiration.--For the purpose of this article, the  
14 authorization to issue bonds, except for the authorization to  
15 issue refunding bonds, shall expire December 31, 2024.

16 Section 1104-D. Issuance of bonds and sources of payments.

17 (a) Issuance.--The authority shall consider issuing the  
18 bonds upon application by the department. Bonds issued under  
19 this article shall be subject to the provisions of the Financing  
20 Law, unless otherwise specified under this article.

21 (b) Service agreement authorized.--The authority and the  
22 department may enter into an agreement or service agreement to  
23 effectuate this article, including an agreement to secure bonds  
24 issued for the purposes under section 1102-D(b), pursuant to  
25 which the department shall agree to pay the bond obligations and  
26 bond administrative expenses to the authority in each fiscal  
27 year that the bonds or refunding bonds are outstanding in  
28 amounts sufficient to timely pay in full the bond obligations,  
29 bond administrative expenses and any other financing costs due  
30 on the bonds issued for the purposes under section 1102-D(b).

1 The department's payment of the bond obligations, bond  
2 administrative expenses and other financing costs due on the  
3 bonds as service charges under an agreement or service agreement  
4 shall be subject to and dependent upon the appropriation of  
5 funds by the General Assembly to the department for payment of  
6 the service charges. The service agreement may be amended or  
7 supplemented by the authority and the department in connection  
8 with the issuance of any series of bonds or refunding bonds  
9 authorized under this article.

10 Section 1105-D. Sale of bonds.

11 The authority shall offer the bonds for sale by means of a  
12 public, competitive sale or by means of a negotiated sale based  
13 on the authority's determination of which method will produce  
14 the most benefit to counties and the Commonwealth.

15 Section 1106-D. Deposit of bond proceeds.

16 The net proceeds of bonds, other than refunding bonds,  
17 exclusive of costs of issuance, reserves and any other financing  
18 charges, shall be transferred by the authority to the State  
19 Treasurer for deposit into a restricted account established in  
20 the State Treasury and held solely for the purposes under  
21 section 1102-D(b) to be known as the County Electronic Poll Book  
22 and Election Infrastructure Equipment Reimbursement Account. The  
23 department shall pay out the bond proceeds to the counties from  
24 the account in accordance with this article.

25 Section 1107-D. Payment of bond-related obligations.

26 For each fiscal year in which bond obligations and bond  
27 administrative expenses will be due, the authority shall notify  
28 the department of the amount of bond obligations and the  
29 estimated amount of bond administrative expenses in sufficient  
30 time, as determined by the department, to permit the department



1 to request an appropriation sufficient to pay bond obligations  
2 and bond administrative expenses that will be due and payable in  
3 the following fiscal year. The authority's calculation of the  
4 amount of bond obligations and bond administrative expenses that  
5 will be due shall be subject to verification by the department.  
6 Section 1108-D. Commonwealth not to impair bond-related  
7 obligations.

8 The Commonwealth pledges that it shall not do any of the  
9 following:

10 (1) Limit or alter the rights and responsibilities of  
11 the authority or the department under this article, including  
12 the responsibility to:

13 (i) pay bond obligations and bond administrative  
14 expenses; and

15 (ii) comply with any other instrument or agreement  
16 pertaining to bonds.

17 (2) Alter or limit the service agreement under section  
18 1104-D(b).

19 (3) Impair the rights and remedies of the holders of  
20 bonds, until each bond issued and the interest on the bond  
21 are fully met and discharged.

22 Section 1109-D. Personal liability.

23 The members, directors, officers and employees of the  
24 department and the authority shall not be personally liable as a  
25 result of good faith exercise of the rights and responsibilities  
26 granted under this article.

27 Section 1110-D. Annual report.

28 No later than March 1 of the year following the first full  
29 year in which bonds have been issued under this article and for  
30 each year thereafter in which bond obligations existed in the

1 prior year, the department shall submit an annual report to the  
2 chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the  
3 Senate, the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations  
4 Committee of the House of Representatives, the chair and  
5 minority chair of the State Government Committee of the Senate  
6 and the chair and minority chair of the State Government  
7 Committee of the House of Representatives providing all data  
8 available on bonds issued or existing in the prior year. The  
9 report shall include existing and anticipated bond principal,  
10 interest and administrative costs, revenue, repayments,  
11 refinancing, overall benefits to counties and any other relevant  
12 data, facts and statistics that the department believes  
13 necessary in the content of the report.

14 Section 1111-D. Reimbursement of county electronic poll book  
15 and election infrastructure expenses.

16 (a) Application.--

17 (1) A county may apply to the department to receive  
18 funding:

19 (i) to be reimbursed for its cost to purchase or  
20 lease electronic poll books;

21 (ii) to fund its purchase or lease of electronic  
22 poll books; or

23 (iii) to fund its purchase or lease of election  
24 infrastructure equipment.

25 (2) Each county shall apply for funding on a form  
26 containing information and documentation prescribed by the  
27 department no later than July 1, 2022. The department may  
28 allow a county to submit one or more applications.

29 (b) Documentation for prior purchase or lease.--If a county  
30 seeks reimbursement of the county's cost to purchase or lease by

1 capital lease electronic poll books or election infrastructure  
2 equipment that the county purchased or leased before the date  
3 that the county submits its application to the department, the  
4 county's application shall include documentation prescribed by  
5 the department to substantiate the county's cost to purchase or  
6 lease the electronic poll books or election infrastructure  
7 equipment, including copies of fully executed electronic poll  
8 book contracts, fully executed copies of election infrastructure  
9 equipment contracts, invoices and proof of payment to the vendor  
10 of the electronic poll book or election infrastructure  
11 equipment.

12 (c) Documentation for subsequent purchase or lease.--If a  
13 county seeks funding to purchase or lease electronic poll books  
14 or election infrastructure equipment that the county will  
15 purchase or lease after the date that the county submits its  
16 application to the department, the county's application shall  
17 include documentation prescribed by the department to  
18 substantiate the county's estimate to purchase or lease the  
19 electronic poll books or election infrastructure equipment,  
20 including copies of fully executed electronic poll book  
21 contracts or election infrastructure equipment bids or price  
22 quotes submitted to the county and other price estimates or cost  
23 proposals.

24 (d) Review.--The department shall review each county's  
25 application on a rolling basis and shall either approve or deny  
26 each county's application within 90 days of the date the  
27 application is received by the department. A county may  
28 supplement or amend submitted applications during the 90-day  
29 review period in consultation with the department.

30 (e) Approval for prior purchase or lease.--If the department

1 approves a county's application submitted under subsection (b),  
2 the department and the county shall enter into a written grant  
3 agreement through which the department shall reimburse the  
4 county at the amount determined under subsection (g).

5 (f) Approval for subsequent purchase or lease.--If the  
6 department approves a county's application under subsection (c),  
7 the department and the county shall enter into a written grant  
8 agreement through which the department shall provide funding to  
9 the county to purchase or lease electronic poll books or  
10 election infrastructure equipment at the amount determined under  
11 subsection (g). The county shall hold the grant money in an  
12 account of the county that is separate from each other county  
13 account. The county shall deliver quarterly reports to the  
14 department of the electronic poll book costs or election  
15 infrastructure equipment costs paid from the grant money in a  
16 form prescribed by the department. The county shall return any  
17 unspent grant money to the department within 30 days of the  
18 expiration of the grant agreement.

19 (g) Payments.--

20 (1) A county shall only receive amounts under this  
21 section to the extent that the department has bond proceeds  
22 available in the account from which to make payments.

23 (2) Except as provided under paragraph (3), a county  
24 which submitted an application approved under subsection (e)  
25 or (f) may receive 100% of the total amount submitted under  
26 subsection (b) or (c) which may be reimbursed or paid.

27 (3) If the total amount submitted by all counties under  
28 paragraph (2) exceeds the total amount available for  
29 reimbursement or payment, a county may receive a portion of  
30 the amount available equal to the total amount submitted by

1 the county under subsection (b) or (c) which may be  
2 reimbursed or paid, divided by the total amount submitted by  
3 all counties under subsection (b) or (c) which may be  
4 reimbursed or paid.

5 (4) The department shall prioritize the funding of  
6 electronic poll books over the funding of election  
7 infrastructure equipment.

8 Section 6. Section 1210(a.4)(5)(i) and (ii) of the act are  
9 amended to read:

10 Section 1210. Manner of Applying to Vote; Persons Entitled  
11 to Vote; Voter's Certificates; Entries to Be Made in District  
12 Register; Numbered Lists of Voters; Challenges.--\* \* \*

13 (a.4) \* \* \*

14 (5) (i) Except as provided in subclause (ii), if it is  
15 determined that the individual was registered and entitled to  
16 vote at the election district where the ballot was cast,  
17 including where the individual registers under 25 Pa.C.S. §  
18 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter registration) and casts a  
19 provisional ballot, the county board of elections shall compare  
20 the signature on the provisional ballot envelope with the  
21 signature on the elector's registration form and, if the  
22 signatures are determined to be genuine, shall count the ballot  
23 if the county board of elections confirms that the individual  
24 did not cast any other ballot, including an absentee ballot, in  
25 the election.

26 (ii) A provisional ballot shall not be counted if:

27 (A) either the provisional ballot envelope under clause (3)  
28 or the affidavit under clause (2) is not signed by the  
29 individual;

30 (B) the signature required under clause (3) and the

1 signature required under clause (2) are either not genuine or  
2 are not executed by the same individual;

3 (C) a provisional ballot envelope does not contain a secrecy  
4 envelope;

5 (D) in the case of a provisional ballot that was cast under  
6 subsection (a.2)(1)(i), within six calendar days following the  
7 election the elector fails to appear before the county board of  
8 elections to execute an affirmation or the county board of  
9 elections does not receive an electronic, facsimile or paper  
10 copy of an affirmation affirming, under penalty of perjury, that  
11 the elector is the same individual who personally appeared  
12 before the district election board on the day of the election  
13 and cast a provisional ballot and that the elector is indigent  
14 and unable to obtain proof of identification without the payment  
15 of a fee;

16 (E) in the case of a provisional ballot that was cast under  
17 subsection (a.2)(1)(ii), within six calendar days following the  
18 election, the elector fails to appear before the county board of  
19 elections to present proof of identification and execute an  
20 affirmation or the county board of elections does not receive an  
21 electronic, facsimile or paper copy of the proof of  
22 identification and an affirmation affirming, under penalty of  
23 perjury, that the elector is the same individual who personally  
24 appeared before the district election board on the day of the  
25 election and cast a provisional ballot; [or]

26 (F) the elector's absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is  
27 timely received by a county board of elections[.] except if the  
28 voter was provided information by the county board of elections  
29 of a defect in the voter's absentee ballot or mail-in ballot and  
30 has not returned a completed Absentee Ballot and Mail-in Ballot

1 Cure Form; or  
2 (G) an application for voter registration was made under 25  
3 Pa.C.S. § 1325.1, but the application was rejected by the  
4 appropriate commission.

5 \* \* \*

6 Section 7. Section 1231(b)(1), (3) and (4) of the act are  
7 amended and the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to  
8 read:

9 Section 1231. Deadline for Receipt of Valid Voter  
10 Registration Application.--\* \* \*

11 (b) In the administration of voter registration, each  
12 commission shall ensure that an applicant who is a qualified  
13 elector is registered to vote in an election when the applicant  
14 has met any of the following conditions:

15 (1) In the case of voter registration with a motor vehicle  
16 driver's license application under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1323 (relating  
17 to application with driver's license application), if the valid  
18 voter registration application is received by the [appropriate  
19 commission] Department of Transportation not later than fifteen  
20 days before the election.

21 \* \* \*

22 (3) In the case of voter registration at a voter  
23 registration agency under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1325 (relating to  
24 government agencies), if the valid voter registration  
25 application is received by the appropriate commission or the  
26 Department of State not later than fifteen days before the  
27 election.

28 (3.1) In the case of same-day voter registration under 25  
29 Pa.C.S. § 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter registration), if  
30 the valid voter registration application of the applicant is

1 accepted in the appropriate electoral district by the presiding  
2 judge of elections.

3 (4) In any other case, if the valid voter registration  
4 application of the applicant is received by the appropriate  
5 commission or the Department of State not later than fifteen  
6 days before the election.

7 \* \* \*

8 Section 8. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

9 ARTICLE XII-A

10 EARLY VOTING IN ELECTIONS

11 Section 1201-A. Conduct.

12 (a) Authority.--Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
13 each county board shall provide for a period of early voting in  
14 elections as provided for under this article.

15 (b) Issuance of ballots and voting booths.--The following  
16 apply:

17 (1) If a request is made to vote early by a registered  
18 elector, the county board shall issue a ballot to the  
19 registered elector, except in districts where electronic  
20 voting systems are used in accordance with Article XI-A, for  
21 in-person early voting. Except as otherwise provided under  
22 this article, each ballot issued to registered electors for  
23 early voting must be voted on the premises of the county  
24 board and returned to the county board.

25 (2) On the dates for early voting prescribed under  
26 section 1203-A, each county board shall provide voting booths  
27 with electronic voting systems certified by the secretary and  
28 other suitable equipment for voting on the premises of the  
29 county board and at any other early voting location  
30 established by the county board for the conduct of early



1 voting in accordance with this article. Each ballot style  
2 must be available in each early voting location, allowing any  
3 registered voter of the county to vote in any of the early  
4 voting locations.

5 (c) Lists of early voters.--The county board shall maintain  
6 a list of each registered elector in each election district who  
7 vote during the early voting period. The list must be maintained  
8 for each election district in the county.

9 (d) District Register.--The district register shall indicate  
10 whether a voter has voted early under this article.

11 Section 1202-A. Early voting locations.

12 (a) Minimum location requirement.--A county board shall  
13 establish at least one early voting location for in-person early  
14 voting at a location in the county.

15 (b) Minimum population requirement.--In addition to the  
16 requirement under subsection (a), a county board shall establish  
17 one early voting location for in-person early voting for every  
18 100,000 residents of the county as determined by the most recent  
19 Federal decennial census and each annual American Community  
20 Survey population update.

21 (c) Additional locations.--In addition to the requirements  
22 for early voting locations under subsections (a) and (b), a  
23 county board may establish additional early voting locations for  
24 in-person early voting.

25 (d) Location.--Early voting locations may be located in any  
26 location eligible to be selected as a polling place under  
27 Article V.

28 (e) Voting.--A registered elector entitled to early voting  
29 may vote early at any early voting location established by the  
30 county board.

1 (f) Factors.--If more than one early voting location or  
2 temporary early voting location is established under this  
3 section or section 1204-A, a county board shall consider the  
4 following factors:

5 (1) proximity to public transportation lines and  
6 availability of parking;

7 (2) travel time to the early voting location;

8 (3) commuter traffic patterns;

9 (4) geographic features that tend to affect access and  
10 convenience;

11 (5) equitable distribution across the county so as to  
12 afford maximally convenient options for electors;

13 (6) population density;

14 (7) use of existing voting locations that typically  
15 serve a significant number of electors;

16 (8) use of public buildings that are known to electors  
17 in the county, especially to the extent that using the  
18 buildings results in cost savings compared to other potential  
19 locations; and

20 (9) if private locations are considered or designated as  
21 early voting locations, methods and standards to ensure the  
22 security of voting conducted at the locations.

23 (g) Accessibility.--Early voting locations shall not be  
24 subject to the same provisions as polling places but shall be  
25 accessible to persons with disabilities.

26 (h) Prohibition.--An individual, if within an early voting  
27 location or temporary early voting location, may not  
28 electioneer or solicit votes for a political party, political  
29 body or candidate. Written or printed material may not be posted  
30 within the early voting location or temporary early voting

1 location, except as required under this act.

2 (i) Distance.--An individual, except a county designee,  
3 watcher, person in the course of voting, person lawfully giving  
4 assistance to a voter and peace and police officer, if permitted  
5 under this act, must remain at least 10 feet distant from the  
6 early voting location or temporary early voting location during  
7 the progress of the voting.

8 (j) Watcher.--Each candidate and each party or political  
9 body may appoint one watcher consistent with section 417 who  
10 shall be present within the early voting location or temporary  
11 early voting location from the time that county designees meet  
12 prior to the opening of the early voting location or temporary  
13 early voting location until the time that county designees  
14 depart the early voting location or temporary early voting  
15 location. A watcher must be a qualified elector of the county in  
16 which the watcher serves and must show their certificates if  
17 requested to do so.

18 Section 1203-A. Period for early voting.

19 (a) Commencement and ending.--The period for in-person early  
20 voting shall begin on the 17th day preceding the date of an  
21 election and extend through 5 p.m. on the Saturday before  
22 election day.

23 (b) Schedules.--Except as provided under subsection (c), the  
24 following shall apply for each election:

25 (1) Each early voting location must remain open  
26 beginning the 17th day before an election through 5 p.m. the  
27 Saturday before election day as follows:

28 (i) during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

29 (ii) during the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the  
30 second weekend before election day and any holiday; and

1           (iii) a county board may establish longer hours for  
2           early voting locations in compliance with section 1206-A  
3           and 1207-A.

4           (2) (Reserved).

5           (c) Emergency closure.--Notwithstanding subsection (b), a  
6           county board may close an early voting location if the building  
7           in which the early voting location is located has been closed by  
8           a State, county or local agency in response to a severe weather  
9           emergency or other emergency. The county board shall notify the  
10           Secretary of the Commonwealth of each closure and shall make  
11           reasonable efforts to provide notice to the public of an  
12           alternative early voting location.

13           (d) Security of ballots and voting equipment.--The county  
14           board shall ensure that each ballot, scanner and other voting  
15           equipment used during the early voting period are secured in  
16           accordance with Article XI-A. The following shall apply:

17           (1) At the beginning of each day of early voting, the  
18           early voting location officials shall examine every ballot  
19           box, scanner and tabulator, if applicable, to ensure that  
20           they remain locked and sealed. Upon completion of their  
21           examination, the early voting location officials shall sign a  
22           declaration attesting to the same on a form prescribed by the  
23           Secretary of the Commonwealth.

24           (2) At the end of each day of early voting, the early  
25           voting location officials shall examine every ballot box,  
26           scanner and tabulator, if applicable, to ensure that they  
27           remain locked and sealed. Upon completion of their  
28           examination, the early voting location officials shall sign a  
29           declaration attesting to the same on a form prescribed by the  
30           Secretary of the Commonwealth.

1 Section 1204-A. Designation of temporary early voting  
2 locations.

3 (a) Temporary early voting locations.--In addition to early  
4 voting locations established under section 1202-A, the county  
5 board may establish temporary early voting locations for early  
6 voting.

7 (b) Applicability of schedule.--The following apply:

8 (1) The schedules for the conduct of early voting under  
9 section 1203-A(b) shall not apply to temporary early voting  
10 locations. Early voting at temporary early voting locations  
11 may be conducted on one or more days and during hours within  
12 the early voting period established for in-person early  
13 voting under section 1203-A(b), as determined by the county  
14 board.

15 (2) The schedules for the conduct of early voting at a  
16 temporary early voting location shall not need to be uniform  
17 among the temporary early voting locations.

18 Section 1205-A. Public buildings.

19 (a) Early voting locations.--The following apply:

20 (1) Upon request by a county board, the governing body  
21 of a municipality shall make public buildings within the  
22 county available as early voting locations without charge. A  
23 request to use a public building shall include reasonably  
24 necessary time before and after the period that early voting  
25 will be conducted at the public building.

26 (2) A municipality making a public building available as  
27 an early voting location shall ensure that any portion of the  
28 building made available is accessible to voters with  
29 disabilities and elderly voters.

30 (b) (Reserved).

1 Section 1206-A. Publication of early voting locations and  
2 schedules.

3 (a) Notice.--During the week immediately preceding the  
4 commencement of early voting and at least once each week during  
5 the period of early voting, the county board shall publish in a  
6 newspaper of general circulation in the county a schedule  
7 stating:

8 (1) the location of each early voting location; and

9 (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be  
10 conducted at each temporary early voting location.

11 (b) Posting requirements.--Each county board shall post a  
12 copy of the schedule at an office or other location that is to  
13 be used as a temporary early voting location. The schedule must  
14 be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the  
15 10th day before the commencement of early voting and ending on  
16 the last day of the early voting period.

17 (c) Copies.--The county board must make copies of the  
18 schedule available to the public in reasonable quantities  
19 without charge during the period of posting.

20 (d) Electronic posting.--If the county board maintains a  
21 publicly accessible Internet website, the county board shall  
22 make the schedule available on the website during the period of  
23 posting.

24 (e) Prohibition and exception after schedule publication.--  
25 The following apply:

26 (1) Additional early voting locations may not be  
27 established after the schedule is published under this  
28 section.

29 (2) Additional temporary early voting locations may be  
30 established after the schedule is published if the temporary

1 early voting locations are open to each registered elector.  
2 The locations, dates and hours of each additional temporary  
3 early voting location shall be reported to the Secretary of  
4 the Commonwealth and posted on the county board's publicly  
5 accessible Internet website.

6 Section 1207-A. List of early voting locations.

7 At least 10 days before the commencement of early voting,  
8 each county board shall provide the Secretary of the  
9 Commonwealth with a list of each early voting location and the  
10 hours each location will be open for early voting.

11 Section 1208-A. Results.

12 Results of early voting may not be made available to the  
13 public other than through the tabulation process used for votes  
14 cast on election day, after the closing of polls.

15 Section 9. Section 1302.1(a) of the act is amended and the  
16 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

17 Section 1302.1. Date of Application for Absentee Ballot.--

18 (a) Except as provided in subsection (a.3), applications for  
19 absentee ballots shall be received in the office of the county  
20 board of elections not earlier than fifty (50) days before the  
21 primary or election, except that if a county board of elections  
22 determines that it would be appropriate to its operational  
23 needs, any applications for absentee ballots received more than  
24 fifty (50) days before the primary or election may be processed  
25 before that time. [Applications] Except as provided under  
26 subsection (a.1), applications for absentee ballots shall be  
27 processed if received not later than five o'clock P.M. [of the  
28 first Tuesday] on the fifteenth day prior to the day of any  
29 primary or election.

30 (a.1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), an application for an

1 absentee ballot received from an applicant who presents his or  
2 her own application at an office of the county board shall be  
3 processed if received not later than five o'clock P.M. of the  
4 day prior to the day of any primary or election.

5 \* \* \*

6 Section 10. Sections 1302.2(c), 1304 and 1306 of the act,  
7 amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), are amended to read:

8 Section 1302.2. Approval of Application for Absentee  
9 Ballot.--\* \* \*

10 (c) The county board of elections, upon receipt of any  
11 application of a qualified elector required to be registered  
12 under the provisions of preceding section 1301, shall determine  
13 the qualifications of such applicant by verifying the proof of  
14 identification and comparing the information set forth on such  
15 application with the information contained on the applicant's  
16 permanent registration card. If the board is satisfied that the  
17 applicant is qualified to receive an official absentee ballot,  
18 the application shall be marked "approved." Such approval  
19 decision shall be final and binding, except that challenges may  
20 be made only on the ground that the applicant was not a  
21 qualified elector. Such challenges must be made to the county  
22 board of elections prior to five o'clock p.m. on the Friday  
23 prior to the election or prior to the pre-canvass of an  
24 elector's absentee ballot, whichever is earlier: Provided,  
25 however, That a challenge to an application for an absentee  
26 ballot shall not be permitted on the grounds that the elector  
27 used an application for an absentee ballot instead of an  
28 application for a mail-in ballot or on the grounds that the  
29 elector used an application for a mail-in ballot instead of an  
30 application for an absentee ballot.



1 \* \* \*

2 Section 1304. Envelopes for Official Absentee Ballots.--

3 (a) The county boards of election shall provide two  
4 additional envelopes for each official absentee ballot of such  
5 size and shape as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the  
6 Commonwealth, in order to permit the placing of one within the  
7 other and both within the mailing envelope. On the smaller of  
8 the two envelopes to be enclosed in the mailing envelope shall  
9 be printed, stamped or endorsed the words "Official Election  
10 Ballot," and nothing else. On the larger of the two envelopes,  
11 to be enclosed within the mailing envelope, shall be printed,  
12 stamped or endorsed the United States Postal Service's Official  
13 Election Mail logo, a prepaid reply mail option under subsection  
14 (b), the form of the declaration of the elector, and the name  
15 and address of the county board of election of the proper  
16 county. The larger envelope shall also contain information  
17 indicating the local election district of the absentee voter.  
18 Said form of declaration and envelope shall be as prescribed by  
19 the Secretary of the Commonwealth and shall contain among other  
20 things a statement of the electors qualifications, together with  
21 a statement that such elector has not already voted in such  
22 primary or election. The mailing envelope addressed to the  
23 elector shall contain the two envelopes, the official absentee  
24 ballot, lists of candidates, when authorized by section 1303  
25 subsection (b) of this act, the uniform instructions in form and  
26 substance as prescribed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and  
27 nothing else.

28 (b) The county board of election shall provide prepaid  
29 postage for the larger of the two additional envelopes. The  
30 county board of election shall utilize a United States Postal

1 Service prepaid reply mail option.

2 (c) The county board of election shall include a United  
3 States Postal Service Intelligent Mail barcode or successor  
4 system allowing mail tracking as specified by the Secretary of  
5 the Commonwealth, on both the mailing envelope and larger  
6 envelope.

7 Section 1306. Voting by Absentee Electors.--(a) Except as  
8 provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), at any time after receiving  
9 an official absentee ballot, but on or before eight o'clock P.M.  
10 the day of the primary or election, the elector shall, in  
11 secret, proceed to mark the ballot only in black lead pencil,  
12 indelible pencil or blue, black or blue-black ink, in fountain  
13 pen or ball point pen, and then fold the ballot, enclose and  
14 securely seal the same in the envelope on which is printed,  
15 stamped or endorsed "Official Election Ballot." This envelope  
16 shall then be placed in the second one, on which is printed the  
17 form of declaration of the elector, and the address of the  
18 elector's county board of election and the local election  
19 district of the elector. The elector shall then fill out, date  
20 and sign the declaration printed on such envelope. Such envelope  
21 shall then be securely sealed and the elector shall send same by  
22 mail, postage prepaid, except where franked, or deliver it in  
23 person to either said county board of election or at a ballot  
24 drop box.

25 (2) Any elector, spouse of the elector or dependent of the  
26 elector, qualified in accordance with the provisions of section  
27 1301, subsections (e), (f), (g) and (h) to vote by absentee  
28 ballot as herein provided, shall be required to include on the  
29 form of declaration a supporting declaration in form prescribed  
30 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be signed by the head

1 of the department or chief of division or bureau in which the  
2 elector is employed, setting forth the identity of the elector,  
3 spouse of the elector or dependent of the elector.

4 (3) Any elector who has filed his application in accordance  
5 with section 1302 subsection (e)(2), and is unable to sign his  
6 declaration because of illness or physical disability, shall be  
7 excused from signing upon making a declaration which shall be  
8 witnessed by one adult person in substantially the following  
9 form: I hereby declare that I am unable to sign my declaration  
10 for voting my absentee ballot without assistance because I am  
11 unable to write by reason of my illness or physical disability.  
12 I have made or received assistance in making my mark in lieu of  
13 my signature.

14 ..... (Mark)  
15 (Date)  
16 .....  
17 (Complete Address of Witness) (Signature of Witness)

18 (b) (1) Any elector who receives and votes an absentee  
19 ballot pursuant to section 1301 shall not be eligible to vote at  
20 a polling place on election day. The district register at each  
21 polling place shall clearly identify electors who have received  
22 and voted absentee ballots as ineligible to vote at the polling  
23 place, and district election officers shall not permit electors  
24 who voted an absentee ballot to vote at the polling place.

25 (2) An elector who requests an absentee ballot and who is  
26 not shown on the district register as having voted the ballot  
27 may vote by provisional ballot under section 1210(a.4)(1).

28 (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), an elector who requests  
29 an absentee ballot and who is not shown on the district register  
30 as having voted the ballot may vote at the polling place if the

1 elector remits the ballot and the envelope containing the  
2 declaration of the elector to the judge of elections to be  
3 spoiled and the elector signs a statement subject to the  
4 penalties under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn  
5 falsification to authorities) in substantially the following  
6 form:

7 I hereby declare that I am a qualified registered elector who  
8 has obtained an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot. I further  
9 declare that I have not cast my absentee ballot or mail-in  
10 ballot, and that instead I remitted my absentee ballot or  
11 mail-in ballot and the envelope containing the declaration of  
12 the elector to the judge of elections at my polling place to  
13 be spoiled and therefore request that my absentee ballot or  
14 mail-in ballot be voided.

15 (Date)

16 (Signature of Elector).....(Address of Elector)

17 (Local Judge of Elections)

18 (c) Except as provided under 25 Pa.C.S. § 3511 (relating to  
19 receipt of voted ballot), a completed absentee ballot must be  
20 received in the office of the county board of elections or  
21 delivered to a ballot drop box no later than eight o'clock P.M.  
22 on the day of the primary or election.

23 (d) Nothing under this section shall be construed to  
24 prohibit an elector from returning the completed ballot of  
25 another member of the elector's household, registered at the  
26 same residential address and unit number.

27 Section 11. Section 1308(a) and (g)(1)(ii) and (1.1) and (4)  
28 (ii) and (iii) of the act, amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41,  
29 No.12), are amended and subsections (a) and (g) are amended by  
30 adding paragraphs to read:

1 Section 1308. Canvassing of Official Absentee Ballots and  
2 Mail-in Ballots.--(a) The county boards of election, upon  
3 receipt of official absentee ballots in sealed official absentee  
4 ballot envelopes as provided under this article and mail-in  
5 ballots as in sealed official mail-in ballot envelopes as  
6 provided under Article XIII-D, shall [safely keep the ballots in  
7 sealed or locked containers until they are to be canvassed by  
8 the county board of elections. An absentee ballot, whether  
9 issued to a civilian, military or other voter during the regular  
10 or emergency application period, shall be canvassed in  
11 accordance with subsection (g). A mail-in ballot shall be  
12 canvassed in accordance with subsection (g).] mark the date of  
13 receipt in the voter's record and shall examine the ballot  
14 envelope containing the declaration of the elector to verify  
15 completion of the declaration as required under sections 1306  
16 and 1306-D. The following shall apply:

17 (1) If the declaration of the elector has been completed as  
18 required under sections 1306 and 1306-D, the absentee and mail-  
19 in ballots shall safely be kept in sealed or locked containers  
20 until the ballots are to be pre-canvassed or canvassed by the  
21 county board of elections. An absentee ballot, notwithstanding  
22 if the absentee ballot is issued to a civilian, military or  
23 other voter during the regular or emergency application period,  
24 shall be pre-canvassed or canvassed in accordance with  
25 subsection (g). A mail-in ballot shall be pre-canvassed in  
26 accordance with subsection (g).

27 (2) If the declaration of the elector has not been correctly  
28 signed as required under sections 1306 and 1306-D, the county  
29 board of elections shall enter into the voter's record in the  
30 voter registration system that the absentee ballot or mail-in

1 ballot has an issue with the voter's declaration requiring  
2 correction in order for the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot to  
3 be counted. Absentee ballots or mail-in ballots with erroneous  
4 declaration of the elector shall be kept in a separate sealed or  
5 locked container. The following shall apply:

6 (i) Within twenty-four (24) hours of a finding under  
7 paragraph (2), the county board of elections shall notify the  
8 voter by letter, by email if the voter has provided an email  
9 address and by phone if the voter has provided a phone number,  
10 of the error and shall provide an Absentee Ballot and Mail-in  
11 Ballot Cure Form. The form shall be created by the Secretary of  
12 the Commonwealth and shall contain a location for the voter to  
13 place the voter's Pennsylvania driver's license or Department of  
14 Transportation identification card number or last four digits of  
15 the voter's Social Security number and instructions on how to  
16 return the form. Instead of providing a driver's license,  
17 Department of Transportation identification card number or the  
18 last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, a voter  
19 may provide a legible copy or photograph of a government-issued  
20 document, including an official Federal, State, county or  
21 municipal document which lists the voter's name and address, a  
22 student identification document issued by an institution of  
23 higher education as defined in section 118(c) of the act of  
24 March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code  
25 of 1949, in this Commonwealth or a utility bill, telephone bill,  
26 bank statement, government check, paycheck or tax or rent  
27 receipt which lists the voter's name and address. The cure shall  
28 include the following attestation in substantially the following  
29 form:

30 I hereby declare that I am a qualified registered elector in

1 this election who requested and returned an absentee ballot  
2 or mail-in ballot to (county) and that I have not and will  
3 not vote more than one ballot in this election.

4 (Date)

5 (Signature of Elector)

6 (ii) The Absentee Ballot and Mail-in Ballot Cure Form and  
7 instructions on how to return the form shall be made available  
8 on the Department of State and each county board's publicly  
9 accessible Internet website.

10 (iii) If the voter completes and returns the Absentee Ballot  
11 and Mail-in Ballot Cure Form before noon on the sixth day after  
12 the election, the voter's ballot shall be counted as provided  
13 under subsection (g) (4) (iii). If the voter fails to complete and  
14 return the form before noon on the sixth day after the election,  
15 the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot shall be set aside and  
16 declared void. The voter may return the Absentee Ballot and  
17 Mail-in Ballot Cure Form by email, fax, or other form of  
18 electronic submission, mail or delivery in person to the county  
19 board of elections.

20 (iv) The voter shall be provided with information on how to  
21 vote by provisional ballot on election day instead of completing  
22 an Absentee Ballot and Mail-In Ballot Cure Form.

23 (v) A missing or inaccurate date on the declaration of the  
24 elector on the outer return envelope of an absentee or mail-in  
25 ballot shall not be a fatal defect for the ballot, if the  
26 voter's declaration signature is contained in the declaration,  
27 or the signature has been cured through use of the notice and  
28 cure process under this section.

29 \* \* \*

30 (g) (1) \* \* \*

1 (ii) An absentee ballot cast by any absentee elector as  
2 defined in section 1301(i), (j), (k), (l), (m) and (n), an  
3 absentee ballot under section 1302(a.3) or a mail-in ballot cast  
4 by a mail-in elector shall be canvassed in accordance with this  
5 subsection if the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is received  
6 in the office of the county board of elections or delivered to a  
7 ballot drop box no later than eight o'clock P.M. on the day of  
8 the primary or election.

9 (1.1) The county board of elections shall meet no earlier  
10 than [seven] nine o'clock A.M. on the twenty-first day prior to  
11 election day and no later than seven o'clock A.M. on election  
12 day to pre-canvass all ballots received prior to the meeting.  
13 The pre-canvass meeting may continue until eight o'clock P.M. on  
14 election day. A county board of elections shall provide at least  
15 forty-eight hours' notice of a pre-canvass meeting by publicly  
16 posting a notice of a pre-canvass meeting on its publicly  
17 accessible Internet website. One authorized representative of  
18 each candidate in an election and one representative from each  
19 political party shall be permitted to remain in the room in  
20 which the absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are pre-  
21 canvassed. No person observing, attending or participating in a  
22 pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of  
23 any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.

24 \* \* \*

25 (4) All absentee ballots which have not been challenged  
26 under section 1302.2(c) and all mail-in ballots which have not  
27 been challenged under section 1302.2-D(a)(2) and that have been  
28 verified under paragraph (3) shall be counted and included with  
29 the returns of the applicable election district as follows:

30 \* \* \*



1 (ii) If any of the envelopes on which are printed, stamped  
2 or endorsed the words "Official Election Ballot" contain any  
3 text, mark or symbol which reveals the identity of the elector,  
4 the elector's political affiliation or the elector's candidate  
5 preference, [the envelopes and the ballots contained therein  
6 shall be set aside and declared void.] or the ballot is not  
7 sealed inside the Official Election Ballot envelope, the county  
8 board of elections shall place the voted absentee ballot or  
9 voted mail-in ballot into an Official Election Ballot envelope  
10 in a manner as to maintain the secrecy of the voted absentee  
11 ballot or voted mail-in ballot. The Official Election Ballot  
12 envelope shall be sealed and shall be pre-canvassed or canvassed  
13 in accordance with subparagraph (iii).

14 (iii) The county board shall then break the seals of such  
15 envelopes, remove the ballots and count, compute and tally the  
16 votes. If an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is damaged or  
17 defective so that the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot cannot  
18 properly be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment, a  
19 true duplicate copy shall be made and substituted for the  
20 damaged absentee ballot or mail-in ballot. Each duplicate  
21 absentee ballot or mail-in ballot shall be clearly labeled  
22 "duplicate" and shall bear a serial number which shall be  
23 recorded on the damaged or defective absentee ballot or mail-in  
24 ballot.

25 \* \* \*

26 (8) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may develop an  
27 electronic system through which qualified electors may track and  
28 verify the status of the qualified elector's absentee or mail-in  
29 ballot, including, but not limited to, the dates that the ballot  
30 was mailed by the county board, received by the county board,

1 pre-canvassed and accepting for counting, pre-canvassed and in  
2 need of cure or rejected for a flaw not subject to cure.

3 \* \* \*

4 Section 12. Section 1302.1-D(a) of the act is amended and  
5 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

6 Section 1302.1-D. Date of application for mail-in ballot.

7 (a) General rule.--Applications for mail-in ballots shall be  
8 received in the office of the county board of elections not  
9 earlier than 50 days before the primary or election, except that  
10 if a county board of elections determines that it would be  
11 appropriate to the county board of elections' operational needs,  
12 any applications for mail-in ballots received more than 50 days  
13 before the primary or election may be processed before that  
14 time. [Applications] Except as provided in subsection (a.1),  
15 applications for mail-in ballots shall be processed if received  
16 not later than five o'clock P.M. [of the first Tuesday] on the  
17 fifteenth day prior to the day of any primary or election.

18 (a.1) Exception.--Notwithstanding subsection (a), an  
19 application for a mail-in ballot received from an applicant who  
20 presents his or her own application at an office of the county  
21 board shall be processed if received not later than five o'clock  
22 P.M. of the day prior to the day of any primary or election.

23 \* \* \*

24 Section 13. Section 1302.2-D(a)(3) of the act, amended March  
25 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), is amended to read:

26 Section 1302.2-D. Approval of application for mail-in ballot.

27 (a) Approval process.--The county board of elections, upon  
28 receipt of any application of a qualified elector under section  
29 1301-D, shall determine the qualifications of the applicant by  
30 verifying the proof of identification and comparing the

1 information provided on the application with the information  
2 contained on the applicant's permanent registration card. The  
3 following shall apply:

4 \* \* \*

5 (3) Challenges must be made to the county board of  
6 elections prior to five o'clock p.m. on the Friday prior to  
7 the election or prior to the pre-canvass of an elector's  
8 mail-in ballot, whichever is earlier: Provided, however, That  
9 a challenge to an application for a mail-in ballot shall not  
10 be permitted on the grounds that the elector used an  
11 application for a mail-in ballot instead of an application  
12 for an absentee ballot or on the grounds that the elector  
13 used an application for an absentee ballot instead of an  
14 application for a mail-in ballot.

15 \* \* \*

16 Section 14. Sections 1304-D(a) and 1306-D(a) and (c) of the  
17 act, amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), are amended and the  
18 sections are amended by adding subsections to read:

19 Section 1304-D. Envelopes for official mail-in ballots.

20 (a) Additional envelopes.--The county boards of election  
21 shall provide two additional envelopes for each official mail-in  
22 ballot of a size and shape as shall be prescribed by the  
23 Secretary of the Commonwealth, in order to permit the placing of  
24 one within the other and both within the mailing envelope. On  
25 the smaller of the two envelopes to be enclosed in the mailing  
26 envelope shall be printed, stamped or endorsed the words  
27 "Official Election Ballot," and nothing else. On the larger of  
28 the two envelopes, to be enclosed within the mailing envelope,  
29 shall be printed, stamped or endorsed the United States Postal  
30 Service's Official Election Mail logo, a prepaid reply mail

1 option pursuant to subsection (a.1), the form of the declaration  
2 of the elector and the name and address of the county board of  
3 election of the proper county. The larger envelope shall also  
4 contain information indicating the local election district of  
5 the mail-in voter.

6 (a.1) Prepaid postage.--The county board of elections shall  
7 provide prepaid postage for the larger of the two additional  
8 envelopes. The county board of elections shall utilize a United  
9 States Postal Service prepaid reply mail option.

10 (a.2) Mail tracking.--The county board of elections shall  
11 include a United States Postal Service Intelligent Mail barcode  
12 or successor system allowing mail tracking as specified by the  
13 Secretary of the Commonwealth, on both the mailing envelope and  
14 larger envelope.

15 \* \* \*

16 Section 1306-D. Voting by mail-in electors.

17 (a) General rule.--At any time after receiving an official  
18 mail-in ballot, but on or before eight o'clock P.M. the day of  
19 the primary or election, the mail-in elector shall, in secret,  
20 proceed to mark the ballot only in black lead pencil, indelible  
21 pencil or blue, black or blue-black ink, in fountain pen or ball  
22 point pen, and then fold the ballot, enclose and securely seal  
23 the same in the envelope on which is printed, stamped or  
24 endorsed "Official Election Ballot." This envelope shall then be  
25 placed in the second one, on which is printed the form of  
26 declaration of the elector, and the address of the elector's  
27 county board of election and the local election district of the  
28 elector. The elector shall then fill out, date and sign the  
29 declaration printed on such envelope. Such envelope shall then  
30 be securely sealed and the elector shall send same by mail,

1 postage prepaid, except where franked, or deliver it in person  
2 to either said county board of election or at a ballot drop box.

3 \* \* \*

4 (c) Deadline.--Except as provided under 25 Pa.C.S. § 3511  
5 (relating to receipt of voted ballot), a completed mail-in  
6 ballot must be received in the office of the county board of  
7 elections or delivered to a ballot drop box no later than eight  
8 o'clock P.M. on the day of the primary or election.

9 (d) Construction.--Nothing under this section shall be  
10 construed to prohibit an elector from returning the completed  
11 ballot of another member of the elector's household, registered  
12 at the same residential address and unit number.

13 Section 15. Section 1222(c) of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania  
14 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
15 § 1222. SURE system.

16 \* \* \*

17 (c) Requirements.--The SURE system shall be developed as a  
18 single, uniform integrated computer system. All commissions  
19 shall be connected electronically to the SURE system and shall  
20 maintain their registration records in the system. The SURE  
21 system shall, at a minimum, do all of the following:

22 \* \* \*

23 (22) Facilitate the use of electronic poll books.

24 \* \* \*

25 Section 16. Section 1301(a) and (b) of Title 25 are amended  
26 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
27 § 1301. Qualifications to register.

28 (a) Eligibility.--An individual who will be at least 18  
29 years of age on the day of the next election, who has been a  
30 citizen of the United States for at least one month prior to the

1 next election and who has resided in this Commonwealth and the  
2 election district where the individual offers to vote for at  
3 least 30 days prior to the next ensuing election [and has not  
4 been confined in a penal institution for a conviction of a  
5 felony within the last five years] shall be eligible to register  
6 as provided in this chapter.

7 (a.1) Preregistration.--The following shall apply:

8 (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), every individual who  
9 is otherwise qualified to register and is 16 years of age or  
10 older but will not have reached 18 years of age by the date  
11 of the next election may preregister and update the  
12 individual's preregistered information by any means  
13 authorized under this part for individuals 18 years of age or  
14 older. Upon reaching 18 years of age, the individual is  
15 automatically registered.

16 (2) An individual preregistered under paragraph (1) who  
17 is 17 years of age on the date of a primary election and who  
18 will be 18 years of age on the date of the next November  
19 election is entitled to vote in the primary election.

20 (b) Effect.--No individual shall be permitted to vote at any  
21 election unless the individual is registered under this  
22 [subsection] section, except as provided in subsection (a.1)(2)  
23 or otherwise by law or by order of a court of common pleas. No  
24 registered elector shall be required to register again for any  
25 election while the elector continues to reside at the same  
26 address.

27 \* \* \*

28 Section 17. Section 1321 of Title 25 is amended by adding a  
29 paragraph to read:

30 § 1321. Methods of voter registration.

1 An individual qualified to register to vote under section  
2 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to register) may apply to  
3 register as follows:

4 \* \* \*

5 (5) Under section 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter  
6 registration).

7 Section 18. Sections 1323(c) (1), (2), (3), (3.1) and (4) and  
8 1325(a) and (b) (4) of Title 25 are amended to read:

9 § 1323. Application with driver's license application.

10 \* \* \*

11 (c) Transmission.--

12 (1) The Department of Transportation shall forward  
13 completed applications or contents of the completed voter  
14 registration applications in [machine-readable] an electronic  
15 format to the department by the close of registration for the  
16 ensuing election.

17 (2) The department shall transmit the material to the  
18 appropriate commission [within ten days] on the next business  
19 day after the date of its receipt by the Department of  
20 Transportation. [If a voter registration application is  
21 received by the Department of Transportation within five days  
22 before the last day to register before an election, the  
23 application shall be transmitted to the appropriate  
24 commission not later than five days after the date of its  
25 receipt by the Department of Transportation.]

26 (3) Upon receipt of the completed voter registration  
27 information from the department, the commission shall make a  
28 record of the date of the receipt of the application and  
29 process the application. [No applicant shall be deemed  
30 eligible to vote until the commission has received and

1 approved the application.

2 (3.1) After the Department of Transportation is  
3 connected to the SURE system and notwithstanding paragraphs  
4 (1), (2) and (3), the Department of Transportation shall  
5 transmit electronically the contents of a completed voter  
6 registration application within five days of receipt of the  
7 application. Upon receipt of the information from the  
8 Department of Transportation, a commission shall make a  
9 record of the date of the receipt of the application and  
10 process the application in accordance with section 1328  
11 (relating to approval of registration applications). If the  
12 commission of the county of residence has not been connected  
13 to the SURE system, the Department of Transportation shall  
14 forward the completed application or contents of the  
15 completed application to the department in accordance with  
16 paragraph (1). No applicant shall be deemed eligible to vote  
17 until the commission has received and approved an application  
18 in accordance with section 1328.]

19 (4) [Changes of address shall comply with] If the  
20 application submitted under subsection (a) (3) is for change  
21 of address, the following shall apply:

22 (i) [Before the Department of Transportation is  
23 connected to the SURE system, the Department of  
24 Transportation shall notify the department of changes of  
25 address received under subsection (a) (3). The department  
26 shall notify the commission of the county of the  
27 registrant's former residence. After the Department of  
28 Transportation is connected to the SURE system, the  
29 Department of Transportation shall notify the commission  
30 of the county of the registrant's former residence.] If



1 the registrant has moved to an address outside this  
2 Commonwealth, the [commission] department shall notify  
3 the commission of the county of the registrant's former  
4 residence, which shall verify the address change in  
5 accordance with section 1901 (relating to removal of  
6 electors). [Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), if  
7 the registrant confirms in accordance with section  
8 1901(d) that he has moved to another county, the  
9 commission shall cancel the registration and forward the  
10 registrant's registration information to the commission  
11 of the registrant's new county of residence. Except as  
12 provided in subparagraph (ii), if the registrant has  
13 moved to an address within the commission's jurisdiction,  
14 the commission shall promptly update the registration  
15 record of the registrant in accordance with section 1328.  
16 All changes of address received by the Department of  
17 Transportation under this section at least 30 days before  
18 an election must be processed by the commission for the  
19 ensuing election. For the purpose of this paragraph, the  
20 term "registration information" means the registration  
21 card and any other record of registration maintained by a  
22 commission.

23 (ii) In the case of changes of address received by  
24 the Department of Transportation which do not contain a  
25 signature of the registrant, the commission receiving the  
26 change of address notification shall mail a notice to the  
27 registrant at the new residence address requesting  
28 verification of the address change. If the change of  
29 address is to a new residence outside the commission's  
30 jurisdiction, the commission shall mail the following

1 notice:

2 Date.....

3 Office of the Registration Commission

4 ..... County, Pennsylvania

5 ..... (Address and Telephone No. of County)

6 We have been notified by the Department of Transportation  
7 that you recently changed your address

8 from ..... (old residence address)

9 to ..... (new residence address) and that this

10 change of address is to serve as a change of address for  
11 voter registration purposes. Unless you notify this

12 office within ten days from the date of this notice that  
13 this information is not correct, your voter registration

14 will be transferred to ..... County. You may notify  
15 this office by writing your residence address, the date

16 and your signature on the bottom of this form and mailing  
17 this notice to this office. You need not notify this

18 office if this information is correct.

19 .....

20 Chief Clerk

21 If the address change is within the commission's  
22 jurisdiction, the commission shall mail a voter's  
23 identification card to the registrant at the new  
24 residence address.

25 (iii) If the registrant does not return the notice  
26 under subparagraph (ii) within the ten-day period, the  
27 commission shall process the change of address according  
28 to subparagraph (i). If the registrant notifies the  
29 commission that the information is incorrect and the  
30 commission is satisfied with the registrant's explanation

1 of the discrepancy, the address of the registrant's  
2 registration shall remain unchanged. If the verification  
3 notification or voter identification card is returned by  
4 the post office as undeliverable as addressed or with a  
5 forwarding address, the commission shall send a  
6 confirmation notice to the registrant's address of former  
7 residence in accordance with section 1901(d)(2).]

8 (ii) If the registrant has moved to another county  
9 within this Commonwealth, the department shall notify the  
10 commission of the county of the registrant's new  
11 residence, which shall process the application in  
12 accordance with section 1328(b)(5) (relating to approval  
13 of registration applications).

14 (iii) If the registrant has moved to a different  
15 address in the same county, the department shall notify  
16 the commission of the county of the registrant, which  
17 shall update the registration record of the registrant in  
18 accordance with section 1328.

19 \* \* \*

20 § 1325. Government agencies.

21 (a) General rule.--The secretary shall administer a system  
22 whereby all offices in this Commonwealth that provide public  
23 assistance, each county clerk of orphans' court, including each  
24 marriage license bureau, all offices in this Commonwealth that  
25 provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing  
26 services to persons with disabilities [and], each institution  
27 that is part of the State System of Higher Education, all armed  
28 forces recruitment centers and additional offices as designated  
29 by the secretary, do all of the following:

30 (1) Distribute voter registration applications with each

1 application; reapplication; and application for  
2 recertification, renewal or change of address.

3 (2) Assist applicants with completion of the  
4 registration application unless assistance is refused.

5 (3) Accept completed registration applications.

6 (4) Transmit completed applications to the appropriate  
7 commission.

8 (b) Forms.--An agency designated in subsection (a) shall  
9 provide a form for office visits or, if the agency provides  
10 services to persons with disabilities, for home visits which  
11 contains all of the following:

12 \* \* \*

13 (4) The statement "In order to be qualified to register  
14 to vote, you must be at least 16 years of age to preregister  
15 and must be at least 17 years of age and turning 18 years of  
16 age on or before the date of the next November election to be  
17 eligible to vote in a primary election and must be 18 years  
18 of age on the day of the next ensuing election to vote in any  
19 other election, you must have been a citizen of the United  
20 States for at least one month prior to the next election and  
21 have resided in Pennsylvania and the election district where  
22 you plan to vote for at least 30 days prior to the next  
23 election, and you must not have been confined in a penal  
24 institution for a conviction of a felony within the last five  
25 years."

26 \* \* \*

27 Section 19. Title 25 is amended by adding a section to read:  
28 Section 1325.1. Same-day voter registration.

29 (a) General rule.--A qualified elector may register on  
30 election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the

1 electoral district in which the individual maintains residence  
2 by completing and submitting a registration application to the  
3 judge of election and providing proof of identification and  
4 residence.

5 (b) Acceptable forms of identification.--

6 (1) In addition to providing a completed voter  
7 registration form, an applicant must provide a valid form of  
8 identification, including any of the following forms of photo  
9 identification:

10 (i) A valid driver's license or identification card  
11 issued by the Department of Transportation.

12 (ii) A valid identification card issued by any other  
13 agency of the Commonwealth.

14 (iii) A valid identification card issued by the  
15 Federal Government.

16 (iv) A valid United States passport.

17 (v) A valid student identification card.

18 (vi) A valid employee identification card.

19 (vii) A valid identification card issued by the  
20 armed forces of the United States.

21 (2) Where the applicant does not have photo  
22 identification as provided for in paragraph (1), the  
23 applicant shall present for examination one of the following  
24 forms of identification that show the name and address of the  
25 elector:

26 (i) Nonphoto identification issued by the  
27 Commonwealth or an agency thereof.

28 (ii) Nonphoto identification issued by the Federal  
29 Government or an agency thereof.

30 (iii) A firearm permit.

- 1           (iv) A current utility bill.
- 2           (v) A current bank statement.
- 3           (vi) A paycheck.
- 4           (vii) A government check.

5   (c) Procedures for same-day registration.--

6           (1) Upon certifying the eligibility of the qualified  
7           elector, the judge of election at the polling place shall  
8           issue a provisional ballot, provided by the county board of  
9           elections, which shall be completed by the qualified elector  
10           and sealed in an envelope, unless the county board approves a  
11           registration application under section 1328 (relating to  
12           approval of registration applications) while the applicant is  
13           at the polling place, in which case, the qualified elector  
14           shall be entitled to vote at the polling place in accordance  
15           with section 1210(a.3) of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,  
16           No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, as if the  
17           qualified elector's name appears in the district register.

18           (2) Within seven calendar days of an election, each  
19           commission shall approve or deny a voter registration  
20           application as provided under section 1328.

21           (3) The provisional ballot may not be counted unless the  
22           commission of that county has approved the voter registration  
23           application.

24           (4) The qualified elector shall be notified in writing  
25           by the commission as to the approval or denial of a voter  
26           registration application.

27   Section 20. Section 1327(a) (4) (iii) and (b) (1) of Title 25  
28 are amended and (c) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
29 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

30       (a) Form.--

1 \* \* \*

2 (4) A voter registration application shall be printed on  
3 stock of good quality and shall be of suitable uniform size.  
4 Nothing in this part shall prohibit the design and use of an  
5 electronic voter registration application which includes the  
6 applicant's digitized or electronic signature. The  
7 registration application shall contain the following  
8 information; however, the information may be provided on a  
9 separate form for voter registration made under section 1323  
10 or 1325:

11 \* \* \*

12 (iii) Notice that the applicant must be a citizen of  
13 the United States for at least one month prior to the  
14 next election and a resident of this Commonwealth and the  
15 election district for at least 30 days and must be at  
16 least 16 years of age to preregister, and must be at  
17 least 17 years of age and turning 18 years of age on or  
18 before the date of the next November election to be  
19 eligible to vote in a primary election, and must be at  
20 least 18 years of age by the day of the next ensuing  
21 election [and has not been confined in a penal  
22 institution for a conviction of a felony within the last  
23 five years] to vote in any other election. The notice  
24 required in this subparagraph shall be in print identical  
25 to the declaration under subsection (b).

26 \* \* \*

27 (b) Registration declaration.--

28 (1) The official voter registration application shall  
29 contain a registration declaration. On the declaration, the  
30 applicant shall state all of the following:

1 (i) The applicant has been a citizen of the United  
2 States for at least one month prior to the next election.

3 (ii) [On the day of the next ensuing election, the]  
4 The applicant shall be at least 16 years of age to  
5 preregister and shall be at least 17 years of age and  
6 turning 18 years of age on or before the date of the next  
7 November election to be eligible to vote in a primary  
8 election and shall be at least 18 years of age by the day  
9 of the next ensuing election to vote in any other  
10 election.

11 (iii) On the day of the next ensuing election, the  
12 applicant shall have resided in this Commonwealth and in  
13 the election district for at least 30 days.

14 (iv) [The applicant has not been confined in a penal  
15 institution for a conviction of a felony within the last  
16 five years.] (Reserved).

17 (v) The applicant is legally qualified to vote.

18 \* \* \*

19 (c) Distribution.--

20 \* \* \*

21 (7) Each commission shall print and distribute same-day  
22 voter registration applications to all polling places  
23 throughout the county. The secretary shall approve the form  
24 of the applications and shall include instructions to inform  
25 the applicant of the same-day voter registration application  
26 process and the process for counting the applicant's vote and  
27 verifying the applicant's eligibility.

28 \* \* \*

29 Section 21. Section 1328(b)(4), (5), (6) and (7), (c)(2) and  
30 (d) of Title 25 are amended and subsection (b) is amended by



1 adding a paragraph to read:

2 § 1328. Approval of registration applications.

3 \* \* \*

4 (b) Decision.--A commission shall do one of the following:

5 \* \* \*

6 (4) [Process a voter registration application in  
7 accordance with subsection (c) and update its registration  
8 records] Promptly update the applicant's existing

9 registration record if the commission finds during its  
10 examination under subsection (a) all of the following:

11 (i) The application requests [registration] any  
12 change of information on the applicant's registration  
13 record other than a change under paragraph (7) or (8).

14 (ii) The application contains the required  
15 information indicating that the applicant is a qualified  
16 elector of the county.

17 (iii) The applicant is currently a registered  
18 elector of the county.

19 (4.1) Take no further action if the commission finds  
20 during its examination under subsection (a) all of the  
21 following:

22 (i) The application requests registration.

23 (ii) The application contains the required  
24 information indicating that the applicant is a qualified  
25 elector of the county.

26 (iii) The applicant is currently a registered  
27 elector of the county.

28 (iv) The information on the application exactly  
29 matches the information contained in the SURE system.

30 (5) [Process a voter registration application in

1 accordance with subsection (c) and request transfer of  
2 registration records] Transfer the registration record in  
3 accordance with subsection (d) if the commission finds during  
4 its examination under subsection (a) all of the following:

5 (i) The application requests registration.

6 (ii) The application contains the required  
7 information indicating that the applicant is a qualified  
8 elector of the county.

9 (iii) The applicant is currently a registered  
10 elector of another county.

11 (6) [Process a voter registration application in  
12 accordance with subsection (c) and request transfer of  
13 registration records in accordance with subsection (d) if the  
14 commission finds during its examination under subsection (a)  
15 all of the following:

16 (i) The application requests a transfer of  
17 registration.

18 (ii) The application contains the required  
19 information indicating that the applicant is a qualified  
20 elector of the county.

21 (iii) The applicant is currently a registered  
22 elector of another county.] (Reserved).

23 (7) Process a voter registration application in  
24 accordance with subsection (c) and update its registration if  
25 the commission finds during its examination under subsection  
26 (a) all of the following:

27 (i) The application requests a change of address, change of party or any other change affecting the voter's  
28 identification card other than a change of name.

30 (ii) The application contains the required

1 information indicating that the applicant is a qualified  
2 elector of the county.

3 (iii) The applicant is currently a registered  
4 elector of the county.

5 \* \* \*

6 (c) Processing of voter registration.--

7 \* \* \*

8 (2) When a commission has accepted a voter registration  
9 application under subsection [(b) (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8),]  
10 (b) (7) or (8), or has transferred a registration record under  
11 subsection (d), the commission shall mail a wallet-sized  
12 voter's identification card to the individual by first class  
13 nonforwardable mail, return postage guaranteed, which shall  
14 serve as notice of the acceptance of the application. The  
15 card shall contain all of the following:

16 (i) Name and address of the individual.

17 (ii) Name of municipality of residence.

18 (iii) Identification of the individual's ward and  
19 district.

20 (iv) The effective date of registration.

21 (v) Designation of party enrollment and date of  
22 enrollment.

23 (vi) A space for the individual's signature or mark.

24 (vii) The SURE registration number of the  
25 individual.

26 (viii) A statement that the individual must notify  
27 the commission within ten days from the date it was  
28 mailed if any information on the card is incorrect;  
29 otherwise, the information shall be deemed correct for  
30 voter registration purposes.

1 \* \* \*

2 (d) Transfer of registration records.--

3 (1) If, during application under section 1322 (relating  
4 to in-person voter registration), 1323 (relating to  
5 application with driver's license application), including a  
6 change of address under section 1323(c)(4)(ii), 1324  
7 (relating to application by mail), 1325 (relating to  
8 government agencies) or 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter  
9 registration), an individual discloses that the individual is  
10 a registered elector of another county or is found to be  
11 registered in another county, the commission of the  
12 individual's new county of residence shall transfer the voter  
13 record from the commission of the individual's former county  
14 of residence, process the application under subsection (c)  
15 (2), and direct a [cancellation] notice of transfer to the  
16 commission of the individual's former county of residence in  
17 accordance with regulations promulgated under this part.

18 (2) [Upon receipt of a notice transmitted in accordance  
19 with paragraph (1), the commission of the individual's former  
20 county of residence shall investigate. If the commission  
21 finds that the individual is a registered elector of the  
22 county, the commission shall verify the address change with  
23 the registered elector in accordance with this part. Upon  
24 verifying that the registered elector has moved to another  
25 county of residence, the commission shall cancel the  
26 registered elector's registration, transfer a copy of the  
27 canceled registration record to the commission of the  
28 registered elector's new county of residence and retain a  
29 record of the transfer. The commission of both counties shall  
30 promptly update information contained in their registration

1 records.] (Reserved).

2 \* \* \*

3 Section 22. Sections 1501, 1502 and 1503 of Title 25 are  
4 repealed:

5 [§ 1501. Removal notices.]

6 (a) Form.--

7 (1) A commission shall make removal notices available to  
8 electors who are registered in the county.

9 (2) The notice shall be printed upon cards suitable for  
10 mailing, addressed to the office of the commission. The  
11 notice shall provide the following information:

12 (i) The address of present residence, including  
13 municipality.

14 (ii) The address of last registration, including  
15 municipality.

16 (iii) Date of removal to present residence.

17 (iv) Signature.

18 (3) The notice shall contain a statement that the  
19 registered elector may, by filling out properly and signing a  
20 removal notice and returning it to the office of the  
21 commission, secure the transfer of registration effective as  
22 to elections at least 30 days after the date of removal into  
23 the new district.

24 (4) The notice shall contain a warning to the registered  
25 elector that the notice will not be accepted as an  
26 application for transfer of the elector's registration unless  
27 the signature thereon can be identified by the commission as  
28 the elector's signature as it appears on file with the  
29 commission.

30 (5) The notice shall contain a warning to the registered

1 elector that the notice must be received by the commission  
2 not later than 30 days before an election. If mailed, the  
3 notice must be postmarked not later than the deadline for  
4 registration or, in the case of an illegible or missing  
5 postmark, received within five days of the close of  
6 registration.

7 (b) Use.--A registered elector who removes residence from  
8 one place to another within the same county must notify the  
9 commission by filing a removal notice under subsection (a) or a  
10 signed request for renewal that contains the information  
11 required in subsection (a) with the commission not later than  
12 the registration deadline before an election. If mailed, the  
13 notice or request must be postmarked not later than the deadline  
14 for registration or, in the case of an illegible or missing  
15 postmark, received within five days of the close of  
16 registration. The following apply:

17 (1) An official registration application of an elector  
18 who has registered by mail qualifies as a removal notice.

19 (2) A registered elector who removes residence from one  
20 place to another within the same county and who has not yet  
21 filed a removal notice with the commission shall be permitted  
22 to vote once at the elector's former polling place following  
23 removal if, at the time of signing the voter's certificate,  
24 the elector files with the judge of election a signed removal  
25 notice properly filled out. Removal notices under this  
26 paragraph shall be returned to the commission with the voting  
27 check list, and the commission shall proceed to transfer the  
28 registration of the elector under section 1502 (relating to  
29 transfer of registration) and shall promptly update  
30 information contained in its registration records. A

1 registered elector may vote in the election district of the  
2 elector's former residence not more than one time following  
3 the elector's removal.

4 (3) A registered elector who removes residence from one  
5 county to another county and who is not registered to vote in  
6 the new county of residence shall be permitted to vote in the  
7 election district in the former county of residence if, at  
8 the time of signing the elector's certificate, the elector  
9 files with the judge of election a signed affirmation  
10 declaring the elector's new residence. A registered elector  
11 may vote in the election district of the elector's former  
12 residence not more than one time following the elector's  
13 removal. Affirmations made under this paragraph shall be  
14 returned to the commission of the elector's former county of  
15 residence with the voting checklist, and that commission  
16 shall proceed to transfer the registration of the elector  
17 under section 1502. Upon receipt of the transfer notice, the  
18 commission of the elector's new county of residence shall  
19 immediately process the transfer of the elector in accordance  
20 with section 1328 (relating to approval of registration  
21 applications). Both commissions shall promptly update  
22 information contained in their registration records.

23 § 1502. Transfer of registration.

24 (a) General rule.--Upon timely receipt of notification of  
25 removal under section 1501(b) (relating to removal notices), the  
26 commission shall proceed as follows:

27 (1) The signature on the notification document shall be  
28 compared with the signature of the registered elector as it  
29 appears on file with the commission.

30 (2) If the signature appears authentic, the commission

1 shall enter the change of residence on the registered  
2 elector's registration records.

3 (3) If a request for transfer which is determined to be  
4 authentic under paragraph (2) shows a removal within the  
5 period of 30 days preceding an election, the commission,  
6 after such election, shall enter the change of residence on  
7 the registered elector's registration record. The commission  
8 shall advise the registered elector promptly in writing of  
9 its action.

10 (4) When a registered elector has filed with a  
11 commission a notice that the elector has moved from the  
12 county to another county, if the signature appears authentic  
13 the commission shall enter the change of residence on the  
14 elector's registration records, cancel the registration of  
15 the elector and notify the commission of the elector's new  
16 county of residence to register the elector. Upon receipt of  
17 the transfer notice, the commission of the elector's new  
18 county of residence shall immediately process the transfer of  
19 the elector in accordance with section 1328 (relating to  
20 approval of registration applications).

21 (5) If a request for transfer which is determined to be  
22 authentic under paragraph (4) shows a removal within the  
23 period of 30 days preceding an election, the commission,  
24 after such election, shall enter the change of residence on  
25 the elector's registration records, cancel the registration  
26 of the elector and notify the commission of the elector's new  
27 county of residence to register the elector. Upon receipt of  
28 the transfer notice, the commission of the elector's new  
29 county of residence shall immediately process the transfer of  
30 the elector in accordance with section 1328.



1 (6) A commission shall promptly update information  
2 contained in its registration records.

3 (b) Electors unable to write.--A registered elector who is  
4 unable to sign the notification document may affix a mark to the  
5 notification document. The mark must be affixed in the presence  
6 of a witness who must sign the notification document.

7 § 1503. Change of enrollment of political party.

8 By the deadline for registration, a registered elector who  
9 desires to change the enrollment of political designation or  
10 who, although registered, has not previously enrolled as a  
11 member of a party may appear before a commissioner, registrar or  
12 clerk or may submit an application by mail under section 1324  
13 (relating to application by mail) and state in a signed writing  
14 the political party in which the registered elector desires to  
15 be enrolled. If the signature of the elector is verified by  
16 comparison with the registered elector's signature as it appears  
17 on file with the commission, the commissioner, registrar or  
18 clerk shall make the change in its registration records. If  
19 supported by other evidence of identity, a mark may be made in  
20 lieu of a signature by a registered elector who is unable to  
21 write. The mark must be made in the presence of a witness who  
22 must sign the registration application.]

23 Section 23. Section 1505(b) of Title 25 is amended to read:

24 § 1505. Death of registrant.

25 \* \* \*

26 (b) Other sources.--A commission may also utilize  
27 information obtained from the department through the  
28 department's membership with the Electronic Registration  
29 Information Center or its successor, published newspaper  
30 obituaries, letters testamentary or letters of administration

1 issued by the office of the registrar of wills to cancel and  
2 remove the registration of an elector, provided that such  
3 removals are uniform, nondiscriminatory and in compliance with  
4 the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-110, 42 U.S.C. §  
5 1973 et seq.). The commission shall promptly update information  
6 contained in its registration records.

7 \* \* \*

8 Section 24. The provisions of this act are severable. If any  
9 provision of this act or its application to any person or  
10 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
11 other provisions or applications of this act which can be given  
12 effect without the invalid provision or application.

13 Section 25. This act shall take effect as follows:

14 (1) The addition of 25 Pa.C.S. § 1325.1 shall take  
15 effect in 180 days.

16 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60  
17 days.