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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to voter  
3 registration, further providing for definitions; in  
4 registration system, further providing for SURE system; in  
5 voter registration, further providing for qualifications to  
6 register and for government agencies, providing for  
7 preregistration data entry and further providing for  
8 preparation and distribution of applications; and, in changes  
9 in records, further providing for death of registrant.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 1102 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania  
13 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:  
14 § 1102. Definitions.

15 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
16 provisions of this part which are applicable to specific  
17 provisions of this part, the following words and phrases when  
18 used in this part shall have the meanings given to them in this  
19 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 \* \* \*

21 "Preregistrant." A person who is at least 16 years of age,

1 but not yet 18 years of age, who is otherwise eligible to  
2 register to vote in accordance with this part.

3 "Preregistration." A process in which a preregistrant  
4 submits the information necessary for voter registration and  
5 inclusion into the SURE system in accordance with this part  
6 prior to the time at which the preregistrant is eligible to  
7 actively register to vote under section 1301 (relating to  
8 qualifications to register).

9 \* \* \*

10 Section 2. Section 1222(c) of Title 25 is amended by adding  
11 paragraphs to read:

12 § 1222. SURE system.

13 \* \* \*

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

19 \* \* \*

20 (22) Contain a code to enable identification and  
21 tracking of preregistration status.

22 (23) Automatically activate the registration of a  
23 preregistrant no later than the preregistrant's 18th  
24 birthday.

25 \* \* \*

26 Section 3. Section 1301(a) of Title 25 is amended and the  
27 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

28 § 1301. Qualifications to register.

29 (a) Eligibility.--[An] Except as provided in subsection  
30 (a.1), an individual [who] shall be eligible to register to vote

1 if the individual:

2       (1) will be at least 18 years of age on the day of the  
3 next election[, who];

4       (2) has been a citizen of the United States for at least  
5 one month prior to the next election and [who] has resided in  
6 this Commonwealth and the election district where the  
7 individual offers to vote for at least 30 days prior to the  
8 next ensuing election; and

9       (3) has not been confined in a penal institution for a  
10 conviction of a felony within the last five years shall be  
11 eligible to register as provided in this chapter.

12       (a.1) Preregistration.--Notwithstanding subsection (a) (1), a  
13 preregistrant may preregister to vote, provided that the  
14 preregistrant may not vote in any election before reaching 18  
15 years of age. The department shall provide guidance within 90  
16 days of the effective date of this subsection to assist  
17 commissions in implementing preregistration.

18       \* \* \*

19       Section 4. Section 1325(b) (4) of Title 25 is amended to  
20 read:

21 § 1325. Government agencies.

22       \* \* \*

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

27       \* \* \*

28       (4) The statement "In order to be qualified to register  
29 to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age on the day of  
30 the next election, you must have been a citizen of the United

1 States for at least one month prior to the next election and  
2 have resided in Pennsylvania and the election district where  
3 you plan to vote for at least 30 days prior to the next  
4 election, and you must not have been confined in a penal  
5 institution for a conviction of a felony within the last five  
6 years[."]. You may preregister to vote if you are at least 16  
7 years of age, provided you may not vote in an election until  
8 you reach 18 years of age."

9 \* \* \*

10 Section 5. Title 25 is amended by adding a section to read:  
11 § 1326.1. Preregistration data entry.

12 In the case of preregistration, each commission shall enter  
13 preregistration information into the SURE system upon receipt of  
14 the information and ensure that each preregistrant is actively  
15 registered to vote no later than the preregistrant's 18th  
16 birthday.

17 Section 6. Sections 1327(a)(4)(iii) and (b)(1)(ii) and  
18 1505(a) of Title 25 are amended to read:

19 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

20 (a) Form.--

21 \* \* \*

22 (4) A voter registration application shall be printed on  
23 stock of good quality and shall be of suitable uniform size.  
24 Nothing in this part shall prohibit the design and use of an  
25 electronic voter registration application which includes the  
26 applicant's digitized or electronic signature. The  
27 registration application shall contain the following  
28 information; however, the information may be provided on a  
29 separate form for voter registration made under section 1323  
30 or 1325:

1 \* \* \*

2 (iii) Notice that the applicant must be a citizen of  
3 the United States for at least one month prior to the  
4 next election and a resident of this Commonwealth and the  
5 election district for at least 30 days and must be at  
6 least 18 years of age by the day of the next ensuing  
7 election, unless the individual is at least 16 years of  
8 age and preregisters to vote, and has not been confined  
9 in a penal institution for a conviction of a felony  
10 within the last five years. The notice required in this  
11 subparagraph shall be in print identical to the  
12 declaration under subsection (b).

13 \* \* \*

14 (b) Registration declaration.--

15 (1) The official voter registration application shall  
16 contain a registration declaration. On the declaration, the  
17 applicant shall state all of the following:

18 \* \* \*

19 (ii) On the day of the next ensuing election, the  
20 applicant shall be at least 18 years of age[.], unless  
21 the applicant is preregistering to vote in the next  
22 election in which the individual reaches 18 years of age.

23 \* \* \*

24 § 1505. Death of registrant.

25 (a) Department of Health.--A commission shall cancel the  
26 registration of a registered elector or the preregistration of a  
27 preregistrant reported dead by the Department of Health. The  
28 Department of Health shall, within 60 days of receiving notice  
29 of the death of an individual [18] 16 years of age or older,  
30 send the name and address of residence of that individual to a

1 commission in a manner and on a form prescribed by the  
2 department. The commission shall promptly update information  
3 contained in its registration records.

4 \* \* \*

5 Section 7. This act shall take effect in 60 days.