

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 470 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, FONTANA, KANE, DILLON,
STREET, COSTA, SANTARSIERO, CAPPELLETTI, TARTAGLIONE AND
COMITTA, MARCH 14, 2023

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 14, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
11 elections," in preparation for and conduct of primaries and
12 elections, providing for employment leave for voters.

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

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

18 Section 1210.1. Employment Leave for Voters.--An employer in
19 this Commonwealth shall permit an employe who is qualified and
20 registered to vote in an election time off necessary to vote,
21 not to exceed two hours' absence from work, on the day of the
22 election. The employer may specify the hours during which the

1 employee may be absent.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.