

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, BIZZARRO, CALTAGIRONE, DEAN, DONATUCCI,  
GOODMAN, MAHONEY, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, THOMAS AND  
SCHWEYER, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for the preregistration of certain  
3 persons under the required voting age.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1301 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1301. Qualifications to register.

9 (a) Eligibility.--[An] Except as provided in subsection (d),  
10 an individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the day of  
11 the next election, who has been a citizen of the United States  
12 for at least one month prior to the next election and who has  
13 resided in this Commonwealth and the election district where the  
14 individual offers to vote for at least 30 days prior to the next  
15 ensuing election and has not been confined in a penal  
16 institution for a conviction of a felony within the last five  
17 years shall be eligible to register as provided in this chapter.

18 (b) Effect.--No individual shall be permitted to vote at any

1 election unless the individual is registered under this  
2 subsection, except as provided by law or by order of a court of  
3 common pleas. No person registered under subsection (d) shall be  
4 permitted to vote until that person attains 18 years of age. No  
5 registered elector shall be required to register again for any  
6 election while the elector continues to reside at the same  
7 address.

8 (c) Removal of residence.--Except as otherwise provided by  
9 this part, a registered elector who removes residence from one  
10 place to another outside the elector's last election district  
11 shall not be entitled to vote in the election district of the  
12 elector's last residence except pursuant to the provisions of  
13 this section and sections 1501(b) (relating to removal notices),  
14 1502 (relating to transfer of registration) and 1902 (relating  
15 to procedure for voting following failure to return notification  
16 card).

17 (d) Preregistration.--A person who is otherwise qualified to  
18 register and is at least 16 years of age but will not be 18  
19 years of age by the date of the next election may preregister  
20 upon satisfactory proof of age. When a preregistrant reaches 18  
21 years of age, the SURE system will automatically register the  
22 elector.

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