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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 3, 2024

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," providing for electronic poll books and for
 12 electronic poll books and election infrastructure equipment
 13 bonds; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and
 14 elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote,
 15 persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be
 16 made in district register, numbered lists of voters and
 17 challenges and for deadline for receipt of valid voter
 18 registration application; and providing for in-person early
 19 voting in elections.
 20 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 21 Statutes, in registration system, further providing for SURE
 22 system; in voter registration, further providing for methods
 23 of voter registration, providing for same-day voter
 24 registration on election day and for same-day voter

1 registration during early voting and further providing for
2 preparation and distribution of applications and for approval
3 of registration applications; and, in changes in records,
4 repealing provisions relating to removal notices, to transfer
5 of registration and to change of enrollment of political
6 party.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known
10 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding articles
11 to read:

12 ARTICLE XI-C

13 ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

14 Section 1101-C. Definitions.

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

18 "Board." The county board of elections.

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

20 "Electronic poll books." A secure and self-contained
21 electronic record system examined, approved and certified by the
22 secretary, constituting the voters' certificates, voting check
23 list, numbered lists of voters, district register and general
24 register for the county that:

25 (1) has the ability to enable a poll worker to perform
26 by electronic means each of the same functions performed
27 using a paper district register during an election;

28 (2) receives and stores electronically the name,
29 address, date of birth, identifying municipality, particular
30 election district from which the voter is registered,
31 signature of voters and any other necessary voter
32 information;

33 (3) securely downloads and uploads voter information in

1 concert with the SURE system;

2 (4) contains information regarding whether a registered
3 voter already voted in the particular election, requested an
4 absentee or mail-in ballot or returned an absentee or mail-in
5 ballot;

6 (5) allows real-time tracking of voters in a county for
7 updates to voter histories;

8 (6) verifies whether additional identifying documents or
9 proof of residency are needed to complete a voter's
10 registration under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1325.1 (relating to same-day
11 voter registration on election day);

12 (7) redirects an in-person voter to their correct
13 polling place;

14 (8) provides an auditable record of the district
15 register for a particular election; and

16 (9) has any other capability or standard deemed
17 appropriate by the secretary.

18 "Secretary." The Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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

22 (a) Standards.--Each board shall use electronic poll books
23 that meet the minimum standards published by the secretary under
24 section 1103-C in all early voting locations under Article XII-A
25 and in 50% of precincts on election day for each primary and
26 election held after December 31, 2025. Each board shall use
27 electronic poll books in all early voting locations and all
28 precincts on election day for each primary and election held
29 after December 31, 2026. Electronic poll books shall serve as
30 the district register and shall be used for all of the following

1 purposes in each voting location allowed for by law in this
2 Commonwealth:

3 (1) Voters' certificates.

4 (2) Voting check lists.

5 (3) Numbered lists of voters.

6 (4) District registers.

7 (5) For the management of district registers during
8 elections.

9 (6) Any other use deemed appropriate by the secretary.

10 (b) Poll book standards.--An electronic poll book may not be
11 used for voting unless it meets the standards established and
12 published by the secretary under section 1103-C and is examined,
13 approved and certified in accordance with the secretary's
14 directive.

15 Section 1103-C. Standards.

16 (a) General.--The secretary, in coordination with the Office
17 of Administration and Office of Information Technology, shall
18 examine commercially available electronic poll books and, upon
19 successful completion of the examination, approve certain poll
20 books for use. The secretary shall issue a directive
21 establishing requirements and specifications which shall define
22 the minimum standards required, capabilities and security
23 requirements of electronic poll books for certification by the
24 secretary. The requirements and specifications shall include
25 compatibility with the SURE system, screen size, technology
26 documentation, user safety, accessibility, durability, device
27 and system security standards, data encryption, audit log, data
28 and power backup, signature capture requirements, voter data
29 fields and any other requirements identified as necessary to
30 meet the needs for each voting location allowed by law in this

1 Commonwealth.

2 (b) Compatibility.--To have compatibility with the SURE
3 system, an electronic poll book must include the ability to
4 import the records of each registered voter in the election
5 district and county and update those records before election
6 day, to record edits to the records on election day, and to
7 export to the SURE system all of the election activity and voter
8 participation information that occurs each day and the
9 capability to generate a report of all election activity and
10 participation information for, if necessary, manual entry into
11 the SURE system.

12 (c) Prohibited interest.--The secretary, the department
13 staff involved with implementation, maintenance or upkeep of the
14 SURE system or electronic poll books or any member of a board
15 may not hold a pecuniary interest in an electronic poll book
16 company, components of an electronic poll book or in the design,
17 manufacture or sale of an electronic poll book.

18 (d) Access to poll books.--The county board shall secure
19 each electronic poll book and prohibit third-party access not
20 authorized by the secretary. The secretary shall develop
21 standards and issue a directive for secure storage of electronic
22 poll books during and at any time before or after an election.
23 Failure of a county board or election worker to comply with the
24 secretary's directive may result in a decertification or
25 decommissioning of the county's electronic poll books and fines
26 as prescribed by the secretary.

27 (e) Standards and requirements.--The secretary shall develop
28 standards and requirements for a board to ensure that a paper
29 version of the district register and all necessary documents,
30 including the numbered list of voters, are available at a

1 polling place on election day and can be updated in the event of
2 a failure of or inability to use an electronic poll book.

3 Section 1104-C. Funding for acquisition.

4 (a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and
5 declares that funding of the acquisition of electronic poll
6 books for the management of voter data for each polling place in
7 this Commonwealth is in the best interest of this Commonwealth.

8 (b) Appropriation.--

9 (1) The General Assembly appropriates \$2,000,000 from
10 the General Fund to the department for the examination and
11 approval of commercially available electronic poll books that
12 shall be compatible with the SURE system and for the
13 development and implementation of a secure electronic poll
14 book network to be used by counties.

15 (2) Except as provided by law, any part of the
16 appropriations made in this subsection that remain
17 unexpended, uncommitted or unencumbered as of December 31,
18 2025, shall automatically lapse as of December 31, 2025.

19 ARTICLE XI-D

20 ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS AND

21 ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT BONDS

22 Section 1101-D. Definitions.

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

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

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

1 "Bond." Any type of revenue obligation, including a bond or
2 series of bonds, note, certificate or other instrument, issued
3 by the authority for the benefit of the department under this
4 article.

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

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

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

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

17 "Election infrastructure equipment." As follows:

18 (1) Hardware or software, or both, that is used by a
19 county in running elections. The term includes, but is not
20 limited to, mail-ballot processing equipment, such as
21 envelope openers, and information technology equipment, such
22 as:

23 (i) broadband, Internet or cellular infrastructure;

24 (ii) system security, including firewalls and
25 intrusion detection sensors, deployed to enhance the
26 security of electronic voting systems, electronic poll
27 books and other election systems by detecting and
28 reporting hacking attempts and other election security
29 breaches; or

30 (iii) other information technology infrastructure,

1 including data storage equipment, servers and other
2 network equipment.

3 (2) The term does not include electronic voting systems
4 or electronic poll books.

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

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

8 "Financing Law." The act of August 23, 1967 (P.L.251,
9 No.102), known as the Economic Development Financing Law.

10 Section 1102-D. Bond issuance.

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

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

17 (1) The department may be a project applicant under the
18 Financing Law and may apply to the authority for the funding
19 of electronic poll books and election infrastructure
20 equipment.

21 (2) The authority may issue bonds under the Financing
22 Law, consistent with this article, to finance a project or
23 projects consisting of funding the purchase, replacement or
24 lease of electronic poll books by the counties, the
25 reimbursement to the counties for their cost to purchase or
26 lease electronic poll books, and for the purchase or lease of
27 election infrastructure equipment by the counties.

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

1 (c) Debt or liability.--

2 (1) Bonds issued under this article shall not be a debt
3 or liability of the Commonwealth and shall not create or
4 constitute an indebtedness, liability or obligation of the
5 Commonwealth.

6 (2) Bond obligations and bond administrative expenses
7 shall be payable solely from revenues or money pledged or
8 available for repayment as authorized under this article.
9 This paragraph shall include the proceeds of any issuance of
10 bonds.

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

13 (i) the authority is obligated to pay the principal
14 or interest on the bonds only from the revenues or money
15 pledged or available for repayment as authorized under
16 this article;

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

19 (iii) the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth
20 or any county is not pledged to the payment of the
21 principal of or the interest on the bonds.

22 Section 1103-D. Criteria for bond issuance.

23 (a) Application.--

24 (1) The department shall apply to the authority to issue
25 bonds to provide financing to the department to:

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

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

30 (iii) fund the purchase or lease of election

1 infrastructure equipment.

2 (2) The choice of the funding options under paragraph
3 (1) (i) or (ii) and the choice of type of electronic poll
4 books shall be at the discretion of the Secretary of the
5 Commonwealth.

6 (b) Issuance.--Bonds may be issued in one or more series,
7 and each series may finance reimbursement grants to one or more
8 counties.

9 (c) Terms.--

10 (1) The department, with the approval of the Office of
11 the Budget, shall specify in its application to the
12 authority:

13 (i) the maximum principal amount of the bonds for
14 each bond issue; and

15 (ii) the maximum term of the bonds consistent with
16 applicable law.

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

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

23 (d) Expiration.--For the purpose of this article, the
24 authorization to issue bonds, except for the authorization to
25 issue refunding bonds, shall expire December 31, 2026.

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

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

1 (b) Service agreement authorized.--The authority and the
2 department may enter into an agreement or service agreement to
3 effectuate this article, including an agreement to secure bonds
4 issued for the purposes under section 1102-D(b), pursuant to
5 which the department shall agree to pay the bond obligations and
6 bond administrative expenses to the authority in each fiscal
7 year that the bonds or refunding bonds are outstanding in
8 amounts sufficient to timely pay in full the bond obligations,
9 bond administrative expenses and any other financing costs due
10 on the bonds issued for the purposes under section 1102-D(b).
11 The department's payment of the bond obligations, bond
12 administrative expenses and other financing costs due on the
13 bonds as service charges under an agreement or service agreement
14 shall be subject to and dependent upon the appropriation of
15 funds by the General Assembly to the department for payment of
16 the service charges. The service agreement may be amended or
17 supplemented by the authority and the department in connection
18 with the issuance of any series of bonds or refunding bonds
19 authorized under this article.

20 Section 1105-D. Sale of bonds.

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

25 Section 1106-D. Deposit of bond proceeds.

26 The net proceeds of bonds, other than refunding bonds,
27 exclusive of costs of issuance, reserves and any other financing
28 charges, shall be transferred by the authority to the State
29 Treasurer for deposit into a restricted account established in
30 the State Treasury and held solely for the purposes under

1 section 1102-D(b) to be known as the County Electronic Poll Book
2 and Election Infrastructure Equipment Reimbursement Account. The
3 department shall pay out the bond proceeds to the counties from
4 the account in accordance with this article.

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

6 For each fiscal year in which bond obligations and bond
7 administrative expenses will be due, the authority shall notify
8 the department of the amount of bond obligations and the
9 estimated amount of bond administrative expenses in sufficient
10 time, as determined by the department, to permit the department
11 to request an appropriation sufficient to pay bond obligations
12 and bond administrative expenses that will be due and payable in
13 the following fiscal year. The authority's calculation of the
14 amount of bond obligations and bond administrative expenses that
15 will be due shall be subject to verification by the department.

16 Section 1108-D. Commonwealth not to impair bond-related
17 obligations.

18 The Commonwealth pledges that it shall not do any of the
19 following:

20 (1) Limit or alter the rights and responsibilities of
21 the authority or the department under this article, including
22 the responsibility to:

23 (i) pay bond obligations and bond administrative
24 expenses; and

25 (ii) comply with any other instrument or agreement
26 pertaining to bonds.

27 (2) Alter or limit the service agreement under section
28 1104-D(b).

29 (3) Impair the rights and remedies of the holders of
30 bonds, until each bond issued and the interest on the bond

1 are fully met and discharged.

2 Section 1109-D. Personal liability.

3 The members, directors, officers and employees of the
4 department and the authority shall not be personally liable as a
5 result of good faith exercise of the rights and responsibilities
6 granted under this article.

7 Section 1110-D. Annual report.

8 No later than March 1 of the year following the first full
9 year in which bonds have been issued under this article and for
10 each year thereafter in which bond obligations existed in the
11 prior year, the department shall submit an annual report to the
12 chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the
13 Senate, the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations
14 Committee of the House of Representatives, the chair and
15 minority chair of the State Government Committee of the Senate
16 and the chair and minority chair of the State Government
17 Committee of the House of Representatives and publish the report
18 on the department's publicly accessible Internet website
19 providing all data available on bonds issued or existing in the
20 prior year. The report shall include existing and anticipated
21 bond principal, interest and administrative costs, revenue,
22 repayments, refinancing, overall benefits to counties and any
23 other relevant data, facts and statistics that the department
24 believes necessary in the content of the report.

25 Section 1111-D. Reimbursement of county electronic poll book
26 and election infrastructure expenses.

27 (a) Application.--

28 (1) A county may apply to the department to receive
29 funding:

30 (i) to be reimbursed for its cost to purchase or

1 lease electronic poll books;
2 (ii) to fund its purchase or lease of electronic
3 poll books; or
4 (iii) to fund its purchase or lease of election
5 infrastructure equipment.

6 (2) Each county shall apply for funding on a form
7 containing information and documentation prescribed by the
8 department no later than July 1, 2025. The department may
9 allow a county to submit one or more applications.

10 (b) Documentation for prior purchase or lease.--If a county
11 seeks reimbursement of the county's cost to purchase or lease by
12 capital lease electronic poll books or election infrastructure
13 equipment that the county purchased or leased before the date
14 that the county submits its application to the department, the
15 county's application shall include documentation prescribed by
16 the department to substantiate the county's cost to purchase or
17 lease the electronic poll books or election infrastructure
18 equipment, including copies of fully executed electronic poll
19 book contracts, fully executed copies of election infrastructure
20 equipment contracts, invoices and proof of payment to the vendor
21 of the electronic poll book or election infrastructure
22 equipment.

23 (c) Documentation for subsequent purchase or lease.--If a
24 county seeks funding to purchase or lease electronic poll books
25 or election infrastructure equipment that the county will
26 purchase or lease after the date that the county submits its
27 application to the department, the county's application shall
28 include documentation prescribed by the department to
29 substantiate the county's estimate to purchase or lease the
30 electronic poll books or election infrastructure equipment,

1 including copies of fully executed electronic poll book
2 contracts or election infrastructure equipment bids or price
3 quotes submitted to the county and other price estimates or cost
4 proposals.

5 (d) Review.--The department shall review each county's
6 application on a rolling basis and shall either approve or deny
7 each county's application within 90 days of the date the
8 application is received by the department. A county may
9 supplement or amend submitted applications during the 90-day
10 review period in consultation with the department.

11 (e) Approval for prior purchase or lease.--If the department
12 approves a county's application submitted under subsection (b),
13 the department and the county shall enter into a written grant
14 agreement through which the department shall reimburse the
15 county at the amount determined under subsection (g).

16 (f) Approval for subsequent purchase or lease.--If the
17 department approves a county's application submitted under
18 subsection (c), the department and the county shall enter into a
19 written grant agreement through which the department shall
20 provide funding to the county to purchase or lease electronic
21 poll books or election infrastructure equipment at the amount
22 determined under subsection (g). The county shall hold the grant
23 money in an account of the county that is separate from each
24 other county account. The county shall deliver quarterly reports
25 to the department of the electronic poll book costs or election
26 infrastructure equipment costs paid from the grant money in a
27 form prescribed by the department. The county shall return any
28 unspent grant money to the department within 30 days of the
29 expiration of the grant agreement.

30 (g) Payments.--

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

4 (2) Except as provided under paragraph (3), a county
5 which has had an application approved under subsection (e) or
6 (f) may receive as reimbursement or payment no more than 100%
7 of the total amount submitted in their application.

8 (3) If the total amount of reimbursement or payment
9 approved by the department under subsections (e) and (f)
10 exceeds the total amount available for reimbursement or
11 payment, a county may receive as reimbursement or payment a
12 portion of the amount available that is equal to the total
13 amount approved by the department for that respective county
14 divided by the total amount approved by the department for
15 all counties under subsection (b) or (c).

16 (4) The department shall prioritize the funding of
17 electronic poll books over the funding of election
18 infrastructure equipment.

19 Section 2. Section 1210(a.4)(5)(i) and (ii) of the act are
20 amended to read:

21 Section 1210. Manner of Applying to Vote; Persons Entitled
22 to Vote; Voter's Certificates; Entries to Be Made in District
23 Register; Numbered Lists of Voters; Challenges.--* * *

24 (a.4) * * *

25 (5) (i) Except as provided in subclause (ii), if it is
26 determined that the individual was registered and entitled to
27 vote at the election district where the ballot was cast,
28 including where the individual registers under 25 Pa.C.S. §
29 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter registration on election day)
30 and casts a provisional ballot, the county board of elections

1 shall compare the signature on the provisional ballot envelope
2 with the signature on the elector's registration form and, if
3 the signatures are determined to be genuine, shall count the
4 ballot if the county board of elections confirms that the
5 individual did not cast any other ballot, including an absentee
6 ballot, in the election.

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

8 (A) either the provisional ballot envelope under clause (3)
9 or the affidavit under clause (2) is not signed by the
10 individual;

11 (B) the signature required under clause (3) and the
12 signature required under clause (2) are either not genuine or
13 are not executed by the same individual;

14 (C) a provisional ballot envelope does not contain a secrecy
15 envelope;

16 (D) in the case of a provisional ballot that was cast under
17 subsection (a.2)(1)(i), within six calendar days following the
18 election the elector fails to appear before the county board of
19 elections to execute an affirmation or the county board of
20 elections does not receive an electronic, facsimile or paper
21 copy of an affirmation affirming, under penalty of perjury, that
22 the elector is the same individual who personally appeared
23 before the district election board on the day of the election
24 and cast a provisional ballot and that the elector is indigent
25 and unable to obtain proof of identification without the payment
26 of a fee;

27 (E) in the case of a provisional ballot that was cast under
28 subsection (a.2)(1)(ii), within six calendar days following the
29 election, the elector fails to appear before the county board of
30 elections to present proof of identification and execute an

1 affirmation or the county board of elections does not receive an
2 electronic, facsimile or paper copy of the proof of
3 identification and an affirmation affirming, under penalty of
4 perjury, that the elector is the same individual who personally
5 appeared before the district election board on the day of the
6 election and cast a provisional ballot; [or]

7 (F) the elector's absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is
8 timely received by a county board of elections[.], unless the
9 county board of elections determines that the elector's absentee
10 or mail-in ballot will not be counted; or

11 (G) an application for voter registration was made under 25
12 Pa.C.S. § 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter registration on
13 election day), but the application was rejected by the
14 appropriate commission.

15 * * *

16 Section 3. Section 1231(b) of the act is amended by adding a
17 paragraph to read:

18 Section 1231. Deadline for Receipt of Valid Voter
19 Registration Application.--* * *

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

24 * * *

25 (3.1) In the case of same-day voter registration under 25
26 Pa.C.S. § 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter registration on
27 election day), if the valid voter registration application of
28 the applicant is accepted in the appropriate electoral district
29 by the presiding election officer.

30 * * *

1 Section 4. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

2 ARTICLE XII-A

3 IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING IN ELECTIONS

4 Section 1201-A. Conduct.

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

8 (b) Issuance of ballots and voting booths.--

9 (1) A registered elector may request to vote early in
10 person at any early voting location in the county of their
11 residence. The county board shall issue a ballot to the
12 registered elector or, in the case of an electronic voting
13 system under Article XI-A, permit the registered elector to
14 vote on the county voting system for in-person early voting.
15 Except as otherwise provided under this article, a registered
16 elector who appears for early voting must vote on the
17 premises designated by the county board for early voting and
18 must be offered the same voting system in use by the county
19 on election day.

20 (2) During the period for early voting prescribed under
21 section 1203-A, each county board shall provide ballots or
22 voting booths with electronic voting systems certified by the
23 secretary and other suitable equipment for voting on the
24 premises of the county board and at all other early voting
25 locations established by the county board for the conduct of
26 early voting in accordance with this article. Each ballot
27 style must be available in each early voting location,
28 allowing any registered voter of the county to vote in any of
29 the early voting locations.

30 (3) In conducting early voting under this article, an

1 early voting election official shall verify the signature of
2 the early voter by comparison with the signature on the
3 district register and shall verify:

4 (i) that the voter is a registered elector;

5 (ii) the election district in which the voter is
6 registered;

7 (iii) that the voter has not already voted;

8 (iv) the proper ballot of the election district in
9 which the registered elector resides and is entitled to
10 vote before providing an early voting ballot to the
11 applicant, in accordance with section 1210; and

12 (v) the voter's registration from the most recent
13 district register provided by the county board. If the
14 voter is not listed, the election official shall contact
15 the office of the county board to determine what further
16 action the voter must take to register or vote.

17 (4) The election official shall maintain a list of all
18 voters who appeared to vote in person. At the end of each
19 early voting day, the list of voters who appeared and cast an
20 early voting ballot shall be transmitted to the county board
21 and entered into the SURE system.

22 (c) Lists of early voters.--The county board shall maintain
23 a list of each registered elector in each election district who
24 votes. The list must be maintained for each election district in
25 the county and updated daily. The county board shall deliver an
26 updated district register listing voters who have already voted
27 at each early voting location before the start of early voting
28 the following day. All electronic poll books shall be updated to
29 reflect the same.

30 (d) General register.--The county board shall indicate in

1 the general register, or any other system used to update voter
2 histories in real time, whether a voter has voted early in the
3 election. A voter who is listed in the general register as
4 having voted early shall not be permitted to vote by any other
5 method permitted by law, including at their polling place on any
6 primary or election day.

7 (e) Provisional ballot.--Notwithstanding any other provision
8 in this section, a voter who believes they have been erroneously
9 listed as having voted shall be permitted to vote a provisional
10 ballot in accordance with section 1210.

11 Section 1202-A. Early voting locations.

12 (a) Minimum location requirement.--A county board shall
13 establish at least two early voting locations for in-person
14 early voting in the county. At least one location shall be at an
15 office of the county board.

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

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

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

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

1 county board.

2 (f) Factors.--For an early voting location established under
3 this section or section 1204-A and not located at an office of
4 the county board, the site must be geographically located to
5 provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a
6 ballot, as much as practicable, and must provide sufficient
7 nonpermitted parking to accommodate the anticipated number of
8 voters. The county board shall consider the following factors:

9 (1) proximity to public transportation lines and
10 availability of parking;

11 (2) proximity to communities which will provide the
12 greatest opportunity for residents of rural areas to vote
13 during the early voting period;

14 (3) proximity to nursing homes, hospitals, long-term
15 care facilities, and public universities or community
16 colleges;

17 (4) travel time to the early voting location;

18 (5) commuter traffic patterns;

19 (6) geographic features that may affect an elector's
20 equitable access to early voting locations;

21 (7) population density;

22 (8) use of existing voting locations that typically
23 serve a significant number of electors;

24 (9) use of public buildings that are known to electors
25 in the county, especially to the extent that using the
26 buildings results in cost savings compared to other potential
27 locations; and

28 (10) if private locations are considered or designated
29 as early voting locations, methods and standards to ensure
30 the security of voting conducted at the locations.

1 (g) Accessibility.--Early voting locations shall be
2 accessible to persons with disabilities and provide accessible
3 voting systems or a means for a person with a disability to
4 vote.

5 (h) Prohibition.--An individual within an early voting
6 location or temporary early voting location may not electioneer
7 or solicit votes for a political party, political body,
8 candidate or in support or opposition of a ballot question.
9 Written or printed material may not be posted within the early
10 voting location or temporary early voting location, except as
11 required under this act.

12 (i) Distance.--All persons except for an appointed election
13 officer, county designated election official, clerk, machine
14 inspector, overseer, watcher, person in the course of voting,
15 including a person delivering an absentee or mail-in ballot to a
16 ballot drop box located in the early voting location, person
17 lawfully giving assistance to a voter and peace or police
18 officer, when permitted under this act, must remain at least 10
19 feet distant from the early voting location or temporary early
20 voting location during the progress of the voting.

21 (j) Early voting location officials.--

22 (1) The county board shall designate a county employee
23 or, if a county employee is unavailable, appoint a duly
24 elected judge of elections from any election district in the
25 county to serve as the presiding election officer in charge
26 at an early voting location.

27 (2) The county board shall also appoint as many
28 additional election officials and clerks as needed to
29 sufficiently staff and operate an early voting location.

30 (3) If appointing election officials at early voting

1 locations, the county board shall appoint individuals from
2 different political parties, including nonaffiliated voters.

3 (4) The duties of the election officials in carrying out
4 the procedures of voting at early voting locations shall
5 comply with the duties of district election officers under
6 this act.

7 (5) All individuals appointed to serve at early voting
8 locations must attend training provided by the county board
9 before they can serve at the early voting location.

10 (6) An election officer, elected or appointed in an
11 election district, may be appointed as an election official
12 or clerk in an early voting location, unless prohibited by
13 law.

14 (7) The secretary shall issue requirements and
15 qualifications for training and appropriate daily rates, as
16 permitted by law, for compensation of staff at early voting
17 locations.

18 (8) All early voting location officials and staff must
19 be registered voters of the county.

20 (k) Watcher.--Each candidate and each party or political
21 body may appoint one watcher consistent with section 417 who
22 shall be present within the early voting location or temporary
23 early voting location from the time that county designees meet
24 prior to the opening of the early voting location or temporary
25 early voting location until the time that county designees
26 depart the early voting location or temporary early voting
27 location. A watcher must be a qualified elector of the county in
28 which the watcher serves and must show their certificate if
29 requested to do so.

30 (l) Voters permitted to vote.--When the hour for closing the

1 early voting location arrives, all qualified electors who have
2 already qualified, and are inside the enclosed space, shall be
3 permitted to vote. Qualified electors who are in the early
4 voting location outside the enclosed space waiting to vote and
5 voters who are in line either inside or outside of the early
6 voting location waiting to vote, shall be permitted to vote.
7 Section 1203-A. Period for early voting.

8 (a) Commencement and ending.--The period for in-person early
9 voting shall begin on the 17th day preceding the date of an
10 election and extend through 8 p.m. on the Sunday before election
11 day.

12 (b) Schedule.--Except as provided under subsection (c), each
13 early voting location must remain open beginning the 17th day
14 before an election during the hours of 7 a.m. through 8 p.m. the
15 Sunday before election day.

16 (c) Emergency closure.--Notwithstanding subsection (b), a
17 county board may close an early voting location if the building
18 in which the early voting location is located has been closed in
19 response to a severe weather emergency or other emergency. The
20 county board shall notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of
21 each closure and shall make reasonable efforts to provide notice
22 to the public of an alternative early voting location under
23 section 1204-A.

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

28 (1) At the beginning of each day of early voting, the
29 early voting location officials shall examine every ballot
30 box, scanner and tabulator, if applicable, to ensure that

1 they remain locked and sealed. Upon completion of their
2 examination, the early voting location officials shall sign a
3 declaration attesting to the same on a form prescribed by the
4 Secretary of the Commonwealth.

5 (2) At the end of each day of early voting, the early
6 voting location officials shall examine every ballot box,
7 scanner and tabulator, if applicable, to ensure that they
8 remain locked and sealed. Upon completion of their
9 examination, the early voting location officials shall sign a
10 declaration attesting to the same on a form prescribed by the
11 Secretary of the Commonwealth.

12 (3) All voting equipment and materials shall be secured
13 each day in a manner that ensures that access shall be
14 limited only to designated election officials. A daily
15 written record of persons who entered the secured locations
16 shall be kept and transmitted to the county board at the end
17 of the early voting period.

18 (4) At the conclusion of each day of early voting, the
19 ballot box containing paper ballots or voter verified paper
20 records shall be emptied and the paper ballots or voter
21 verified paper records shall be placed in a secure transit
22 container, locked and sealed with a tamper evident seal. The
23 ballots shall be transported by at least two election
24 officials from the early voting location or others designated
25 by the county board, each from a different major political
26 party, to the county board for secure storage until official
27 canvass of votes.

28 (5) At the conclusion of the early voting period,
29 election officials shall follow the procedures for closing
30 the polls as provided for in this act. All voting materials,

1 paper ballots, voter verified paper records and all digital
2 storage devices shall be securely transmitted to the county
3 board for inclusion in the official tally of the election
4 returns. Provided, that no results of early voting shall be
5 disclosed until after the close of the polls on primary or
6 election day.

7 (6) The secretary shall issue directives or instructions
8 for secure chain of custody protocols for early voting
9 locations consistent with national best practices.

10 Section 1204-A. Designation of temporary early voting
11 locations.

12 (a) Temporary early voting locations.--In addition to early
13 voting locations established under section 1202-A, the county
14 board may establish temporary early voting locations for early
15 voting due to an emergency closure under section 1202-A or to
16 provide sufficient access to voters in the county. Temporary
17 early voting locations may be located in any location eligible
18 to be selected as a polling place under Article V.

19 (b) Applicability of schedule.--

20 (1) The schedule for the conduct of early voting under
21 section 1203-A(b) shall apply to temporary early voting
22 locations unless an exception is granted by the secretary.
23 Early voting at temporary early voting locations may be
24 conducted on one or more days and during hours within the
25 early voting period established for in-person early voting
26 under section 1203-A(b) if permitted by the secretary.

27 (2) The schedule for the conduct of early voting at a
28 temporary early voting location shall not need to be uniform
29 among the temporary early voting locations if approved by the
30 secretary.

1 (3) Publication of temporary early voting locations and
2 schedules under section 1206-A shall occur at least 10 days
3 before early voting begins unless the temporary early voting
4 location is established within 10 days of early voting
5 beginning or is established after early voting begins, in
6 which case:

7 (i) a notice of the temporary early voting location
8 shall be posted at the original early voting location
9 with the address for the temporary early voting location
10 and the hours of operation;

11 (ii) as soon as the county board determines the
12 temporary voting location, notice of the address and
13 schedule shall be published; and

14 (iii) notice of the early voting location and
15 schedule shall be posted on the county's publicly
16 accessible Internet website.

17 Section 1205-A. Public buildings.

18 (a) Early voting locations.--

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

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

29 (b) Use of school.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
30 law, a school may only be used as an in-person early voting

1 location if voting can occur separately without access to other
2 areas of the school or school children and the location and
3 access comply with the general security procedures in force at
4 the school.

5 Section 1206-A. Publication of early voting locations and
6 schedules.

7 (a) Notice.--No later than 30 days before an election, the
8 county board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation
9 in the county a schedule stating:

10 (1) the location of each early voting location;

11 (2) the location of each temporary early voting
12 location; and

13 (3) the dates and hours that early voting will be
14 conducted at each early voting and temporary early voting
15 location.

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

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

26 (d) Electronic posting.--

27 (1) If the county board maintains a publicly accessible
28 Internet website, the county board shall make the schedule
29 available on the website no later than 30 days before the
30 election.

1 (2) A municipality within the county that maintains a
2 publicly accessible Internet website shall also make the
3 schedule available on the website no later than 30 days
4 before the election.

5 (e) Prohibition and exception after schedule publication.--

6 (1) Additional early voting locations may not be
7 established after the schedule is published under this
8 section.

9 (2) Additional temporary early voting locations may be
10 established after the schedule is published if the temporary
11 early voting locations are open to each registered elector.
12 The locations, dates and hours of each additional temporary
13 early voting location shall be reported to the Secretary of
14 the Commonwealth and posted on the publicly accessible
15 Internet website of the county board, the county and any
16 municipality located within the county.

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

18 No later than 30 days before the commencement of early
19 voting, each county board shall provide the Secretary of the
20 Commonwealth with a list of each early voting location and the
21 hours each location will be open for early voting. The secretary
22 shall develop a tool on the department's publicly accessible
23 Internet website for voters find early voting location and
24 temporary early voting locations in their counties.

25 Section 1208-A. Results.

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

29 Section 1209-A. Directives of secretary.

30 (a) General rule.--The secretary shall issue a directive to

1 counties specifying in-person early voting polling procedures
2 and best practices to ensure uniform implementation in every
3 county.

4 (b) Additional directives.--The secretary may issue
5 additional directives as necessary in order to facilitate the
6 administration of early voting and temporary early voting
7 locations.

8 Section 5. Sections 1222(c) and 1321 of Title 25 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding
10 paragraphs to read:

11 § 1222. SURE system.

12 * * *

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

18 * * *

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

20 * * *

21 § 1321. Methods of voter registration.

22 An individual qualified to register to vote under section
23 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to register) may apply to
24 register as follows:

25 * * *

26 (5) Under section 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter
27 registration on election day).

28 Section 6. Title 25 is amended by adding sections to read:

29 § 1325.1. Same-day voter registration on election day.

30 (a) General rule.--A qualified elector who is not registered

1 to vote in this Commonwealth, or was previously registered to
2 vote and has moved to a different address, may register on
3 election day and vote by appearing in person at the polling
4 place for the electoral district in which the individual
5 maintains residence by completing and submitting a registration
6 application to the judge of election, or other designated
7 official, and providing proof of identification and residence.

8 (b) Valid forms of identification.--

9 (1) In addition to providing a completed voter
10 registration form, an applicant must provide a valid form of
11 identification, including any of the following:

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

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

16 (iii) A valid identification card issued by the
17 Federal Government.

18 (iv) A valid identification card issued by a county,
19 municipality or school district of this Commonwealth.

20 (v) A valid United States passport.

21 (vi) A valid student identification card.

22 (vii) A valid employee identification card.

23 (viii) A valid identification card issued by the
24 armed forces of the United States.

25 (ix) A valid identification card issued by a
26 federally recognized tribal government certifying tribal
27 membership.

28 (x) A birth certificate.

29 (xi) A valid identification card issued by another
30 state if proof of current residency in the Commonwealth

1 and district is also presented under paragraph (2).

2 (2) If the applicant does not have photo identification
3 as provided for in paragraph (1) or the proof of
4 identification provided by the applicant does not include
5 proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant
6 shall present for examination one of the following forms of
7 identification that show the name and address of the elector:

8 (i) Nonphoto identification issued by the
9 Commonwealth or an agency thereof.

10 (ii) Nonphoto identification issued by the Federal
11 Government or an agency thereof.

12 (iii) A firearm permit.

13 (iv) Nonphoto identification issued by any county,
14 municipality or school district of this Commonwealth.

15 (v) A current utility bill that has a due date not
16 later than 30 days after the election, including a bill
17 from a cellular telecommunications provider.

18 (vi) A current bank statement that was issued not
19 more than 30 days before the election.

20 (vii) A paycheck that was issued not more than 30
21 days before the election.

22 (viii) A government check that was issued not more
23 than 30 days before the election.

24 (ix) In the case of an applicant who is a student at
25 an institution of higher education, a registration or fee
26 statement from the institution that has the applicant's
27 name and current address.

28 (x) A current residential lease.

29 (c) Distribution of voter registration form.--The commission
30 shall distribute to each polling place in the county, including

1 early voting locations, the voter registration application forms
2 as required by section 1327 (relating to preparation and
3 distribution of applications) for use in registering voters on
4 election day. The secretary shall approve the form of the
5 application and is authorized to issue directives that shall
6 include instructions to inform the applicant of the same-day
7 voter registration application process and the process for
8 counting the applicant's vote and verifying the applicant's
9 eligibility.

10 (d) Third-party verification.--An applicant who is unable to
11 provide one of the acceptable forms of identification under
12 subsection (b) may establish identity and residency in the
13 election district by having a qualified elector who is
14 registered to vote in the election district sign an affidavit in
15 the presence of the judge of elections affirming that the
16 qualified elector personally knows that the individual is a
17 resident of the election district. A qualified elector who is
18 registered to vote in the election district may sign up to four
19 proof-of-residence affidavits on any election day. An applicant
20 who has been vouched for on election day may not sign a proof of
21 residence affirmation vouching for any other individual on that
22 election day. The secretary shall prescribe the form of
23 affidavit for vouching for an election day registrant. An
24 applicant who is unable to provide satisfactory proof of
25 identification and residency and unable to obtain a voucher may
26 vote a provisional ballot in accordance with section 1210 of the
27 act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the
28 Pennsylvania Election Code.

29 (e) Registration.--Registration at the polling place on
30 election day shall be conducted by the judges of election. The

1 county boards of election are permitted to appoint two election
2 clerks, in addition to those authorized under section 404 of the
3 Pennsylvania Election Code, to assist with election day
4 registration. Upon receiving a voter registration application by
5 a qualified elector who desires to register, the judge of
6 election shall check the current SURE voter registration
7 database to determine if the voter is not currently registered
8 or is registered in another locality. The county board of
9 elections shall provide a method for the judges of election to
10 verify the registration database. If the judge of elections
11 determines that the applicant is not already an elector and the
12 proof of identification and residency are sufficient, or the
13 voter's identity and residency have been vouched for under
14 subsection (d), the voter shall be permitted to vote by regular
15 ballot. Before receiving a ballot, the voter shall sign an
16 affirmation in accordance with subsection (f). An applicant
17 unable to sign shall affix a mark before the judge of election
18 or early voting election officer, and that official shall insert
19 their name, signature, and address as a witness.

20 (f) Declaration.--An elector shall complete an affirmation
21 and shall declare under penalty of perjury that the applicant
22 has not previously voted in the election. The affirmation shall
23 be in the form substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

24 I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty of false
25 statement, (perjury) that:

26 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the
27 election district indicated.

28 2. I am eligible to vote in the election for which I am
29 appearing in the election district indicated.

30 3. The information on my voter registration application

1 is correct and complete.

2 4. I reside at the address that I have set forth in the
3 voter registration application.

4 5. If previously registered at another location in
5 Pennsylvania, I have provided my previous address to the
6 judge of elections and hereby request cancellation of my
7 previous registration.

8 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee or mail
9 ballot and I will not vote otherwise than by this ballot
10 at this election.

11 7. I have been a citizen of the United States for at
12 least one month prior to the election.

13 8. I have resided in this Commonwealth and the election
14 district where I am offering to vote for at least 30 days
15 prior to the election.

16 (Signature of voter)

17 (g) Processing of applications by commission.--The judges of
18 election shall secure and safeguard all election day
19 registration applications and transmit those applications to the
20 county board of elections after the close of the polls. The
21 registration commission shall review all applications in
22 accordance with section 1328 (relating to approval of
23 registration applications).

24 (h) Standards and practices.--The Department of State shall
25 establish standards and practices for comprehensive training of
26 all county election officials, district election officers poll
27 workers and early voting election officers on election day
28 registration rules and practices, and counties shall certify
29 compliance with training. The Department of State shall create
30 training modules and materials for counties to provide training

1 to their election workers.

2 § 1325.2. Same-day voter registration during early voting.

3 A qualified elector who is not registered to vote or who was
4 previously registered in Pennsylvania and has moved to a
5 different address, may register and vote or update their address
6 of registration and vote during any period of early voting
7 permitted by law, by appearing in person at any early voting
8 location in the elector's county of residence. The election
9 officer in charge at the early voting location shall follow the
10 process for election day registration under section 1325.1
11 (relating to same-day voter registration on election day).

12 Section 7. Section 1327(c) of the act is amended by adding a
13 paragraph to read:

14 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

15 * * *

16 (c) Distribution.--

17 * * *

18 (7) Each commission shall print and distribute same-day
19 voter registration applications to each polling place
20 throughout the county. The secretary shall approve the form
21 of the applications, advise the counties on appropriate
22 numbers of applications to have at each polling place and
23 include instructions to inform the applicant of the same-day
24 voter registration application process and the process for
25 counting the applicant's vote and verifying the applicant's
26 eligibility.

27 * * *

28 Section 8. Section 1328(b)(4), (5), (6) and (7), (c)(2) and
29 (d) of Title 25 are amended and subsection (b) is amended by
30 adding a paragraph to read:

1 § 1328. Approval of registration applications.

2 * * *

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

4 * * *

5 (4) [Process a voter registration application in
6 accordance with subsection (c) and update its registration
7 records] Promptly update the applicant's existing
8 registration record if the commission finds during its
9 examination under subsection (a) all of the following:

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

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

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

18 (4.1) Take no further action if the commission finds
19 during its examination under subsection (a) all of the
20 following:

21 (i) The application requests registration.

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

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

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

29 (5) [Process a voter registration application in
30 accordance with subsection (c) and request transfer of

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

4 (i) The application requests registration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (ii) The application contains the required
30 information indicating that the applicant is a qualified

1 elector of the county.

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

4 * * *

5 (c) Processing of voter registration.--

6 * * *

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

15 (i) Name and address of the individual.

16 (ii) Name of municipality of residence.

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

19 (iv) The effective date of registration.

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

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

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

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

30 * * *

1 (d) Transfer of registration records.--

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

24 (1) The following provisions shall take effect
25 immediately:

26 (i) The following additions to the act of June 3,
27 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania
28 Election Code:

29 (A) Article XI-C.

30 (B) Article XI-D.

1 (ii) The addition of 25 Pa.C.S. § 1222(c)(22).

2 (iii) This section.

3 (2) The following provisions shall take effect January
4 1, 2025, or immediately, whichever is later:

5 (i) The following amendments or additions to the
6 Pennsylvania Election Code:

7 (A) Section 1210(a.4)(5)(ii)(F).

8 (B) (Reserved).

9 (ii) (Reserved).

10 (3) The following provisions shall take effect January
11 1, 2027:

12 (i) The addition of Article XII-A of the
13 Pennsylvania Election Code.

14 (ii) (Reserved).

15 (4) The remainder of this act shall take effect January
16 1, 2026.