

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OCTOBER 4, 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 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR <--  
12 DEFINITIONS; IN THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, FURTHER  
13 PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO VOTER IDENTIFICATION;  
14 in dates of elections and primaries and special elections,  
15 further providing for general primary and candidates to be  
16 nominated and party officers to be elected; ~~and,~~ in <--  
17 nomination of candidates, further providing for manner of  
18 signing nomination petitions and time of circulating ~~and,~~ for <--  
19 place and time of filing nomination petitions and filing  
20 fees-, FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATES, FOR PLACE AND TIME OF <--  
21 FILING NOMINATION PAPERS AND FOR OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION  
22 PETITIONS AND PAPERS; IN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS, FURTHER  
23 PROVIDING FOR SUPPLIES AND PREPARATION OF THE VOTING SYSTEM  
24 AND OF POLLING PLACES AND FOR STATISTICAL SAMPLE; IN  
25 PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS,  
26 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR MANNER OF APPLYING TO VOTE, PERSONS  
27 ENTITLED TO VOTE, VOTER'S CERTIFICATES, ENTRIES TO BE MADE IN  
28 DISTRICT REGISTER, NUMBERED LISTS OF VOTERS AND CHALLENGES;  
29 IN VOTING BY QUALIFIED ABSENTEE ELECTORS, FURTHER PROVIDING  
30 FOR DATE OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, FOR APPROVAL OF  
31 APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, FOR ENVELOPES FOR OFFICIAL

1 ABSENTEE BALLOTS, FOR DELIVERING OR MAILING BALLOTS, FOR  
2 VOTING BY ABSENTEE ELECTORS AND FOR CANVASSING OF OFFICIAL  
3 ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS; IN VOTING BY QUALIFIED  
4 MAIL-IN ELECTORS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DATE OF APPLICATION  
5 FOR MAIL-IN BALLOT, FOR ENVELOPES FOR OFFICIAL MAIL-IN  
6 BALLOTS AND FOR VOTING BY MAIL-IN ELECTORS; IN ELECTION  
7 INTEGRITY GRANT PROGRAM, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FOR  
8 ELECTIONS; AND, IN RECOUNTS AND CONTESTS, FURTHER PROVIDING  
9 FOR OPENING BALLOT BOXES UPON PETITION OF ELECTORS ALLEGING  
10 FRAUD OR ERROR AND DEPOSIT OR BOND, FOR RECANVASSING VOTING  
11 MACHINES UPON PETITION OF ELECTORS ALLEGING FRAUD OR ERROR  
12 AND FOR CORRECTION OF RETURNS, DECISION NOT TO BE FINAL AND  
13 EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION.

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

16 ~~Section 1. Sections 603, 908 and 913(d) of the act of June <--~~  
17 ~~3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election~~  
18 ~~Code, are amended to read:~~

19 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 102(Q.1) AND (Z.5), 206, 603, 908, <--  
20 913(D), 914, 953(B) AND 977 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937  
21 (P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE, ARE  
22 AMENDED 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 (Q.1) THE WORD "PRE-CANVASS" SHALL MEAN THE INSPECTION AND  
28 OPENING OF ALL ENVELOPES CONTAINING OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR  
29 MAIL-IN BALLOTS, THE REMOVAL OF SUCH BALLOTS FROM THE ENVELOPES  
30 AND [THE COUNTING, COMPUTING AND TALLYING OF THE VOTES REFLECTED  
31 ON THE BALLOTS.] THE PREPARATION OF THOSE BALLOTS FOR SCANNING,  
32 INCLUDING UNFOLDING, STRAIGHTENING AND DUPLICATING IF THE BALLOT  
33 IS DAMAGED IN SOME WAY THAT PREVENTS IT FROM BEING SCANNED BUT  
34 WHERE THE VOTER'S INTENT IS STILL CLEAR. THE TERM SHALL ALSO  
35 INCLUDE SCANNING THE BALLOT INTO A VOTING MACHINE OR OTHER  
36 AUTOMATIC TABULATING DEVICE, IF THE EQUIPMENT USED BY THE COUNTY

1 BOARD OF ELECTIONS PERMITS A BALLOT TO BE SCANNED WITHOUT  
2 TABULATING OR COUNTING THE VOTES ON THE BALLOT SCANNED. THE TERM  
3 DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RECORDING OR PUBLISHING OF THE VOTES  
4 REFLECTED ON THE BALLOTS.

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6 (Z.5) THE WORDS "PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION" SHALL MEAN:

7 [(1) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS A RELIGIOUS OBJECTION  
8 TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED, A VALID-WITHOUT-PHOTO DRIVER'S LICENSE OR  
9 A VALID-WITHOUT-PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

11 (2) FOR AN ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO VOTE UNDER SECTION 1210, A  
12 DOCUMENT THAT:

13 (I) SHOWS THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE DOCUMENT  
14 WAS ISSUED AND THE NAME SUBSTANTIALLY CONFORMS TO THE NAME OF  
15 THE INDIVIDUAL AS IT APPEARS IN THE DISTRICT REGISTER;

16 (II) SHOWS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE  
17 DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED;

18 (III) INCLUDES AN EXPIRATION DATE AND IS NOT EXPIRED,  
19 EXCEPT:

20 (A) FOR A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 TRANSPORTATION WHICH IS NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) MONTHS PAST  
22 THE EXPIRATION DATE; OR

23 (B) IN THE CASE OF A DOCUMENT FROM AN AGENCY OF THE ARMED  
24 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR THEIR RESERVE COMPONENTS,  
25 INCLUDING THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD, ESTABLISHING THAT THE  
26 ELECTOR IS A CURRENT MEMBER OF OR A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES  
27 ARMED FORCES OR NATIONAL GUARD WHICH DOES NOT DESIGNATE A  
28 SPECIFIC DATE ON WHICH THE DOCUMENT EXPIRES, BUT INCLUDES A  
29 DESIGNATION THAT THE EXPIRATION DATE IS INDEFINITE; AND

30 (IV) WAS ISSUED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.  
2 (B) THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.  
3 (C) A MUNICIPALITY OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO AN EMPLOYEE OF  
4 THAT MUNICIPALITY.  
5 (D) AN ACCREDITED PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION  
6 OF HIGHER LEARNING.  
7 (E) A PENNSYLVANIA CARE FACILITY.  
8 (3) FOR A QUALIFIED ABSENTEE ELECTOR UNDER SECTION 1301 OR A  
9 QUALIFIED MAIL-IN ELECTOR UNDER SECTION 1301-D:  
10 (I) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A CURRENT  
11 AND VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE ELECTOR'S DRIVER'S LICENSE  
12 NUMBER;  
13 (II) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED A  
14 CURRENT AND VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE  
15 ELECTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER;  
16 (III) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS A RELIGIOUS  
17 OBJECTION TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED, A COPY OF A DOCUMENT THAT  
18 SATISFIES PARAGRAPH (1); OR  
19 (IV) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED A  
20 CURRENT AND VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, A  
21 COPY OF A DOCUMENT THAT SATISFIES PARAGRAPH (2).]  
22 (1) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO VOTE UNDER  
23 SECTION 1210:  
24 (I) ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION THAT  
25 SHOWS A PHOTO OF THE ELECTOR, THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR TO WHOM  
26 THE DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED AND THE NAME SUBSTANTIALLY MATCHES THE  
27 NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN THE DISTRICT REGISTER:  
28 (A) A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE  
29 COMMONWEALTH OR AN AGENCY THEREOF.  
30 (B) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR BY A

1 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.

2 (C) A DOCUMENT FROM AN AGENCY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
3 UNITED STATES OR THEIR RESERVE COMPONENTS, INCLUDING THE  
4 PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD, ESTABLISHING THAT THE ELECTOR IS A  
5 CURRENT MEMBER OF OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES  
6 OR NATIONAL GUARD.

7 (D) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR SCHOOL  
8 DISTRICT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

9 (E) A FIREARM PERMIT.

10 (F) A STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD.

11 (G) AN EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY A PRIVATE OR  
12 PUBLIC EMPLOYER.

13 (II) IF AN ELECTOR DOES NOT HAVE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AS  
14 PROVIDED FOR IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I), THE ELECTOR MAY PRESENT TO THE  
15 ELECTION OFFICER FOR EXAMINATION ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF  
16 IDENTIFICATION THAT CONTAINS THE ELECTOR'S NAME AND THE NAME  
17 SUBSTANTIALLY MATCHES THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN  
18 THE DISTRICT REGISTER:

19 (A) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS A RELIGIOUS OBJECTION  
20 TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED, A WITHOUT-PHOTO DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A  
21 WITHOUT-PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

22 (B) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE COMMONWEALTH, OR AN AGENCY,  
23 COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH,  
24 INCLUDING A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
25 25 PA.C.S. § 1328(C) (RELATING TO APPROVAL OF REGISTRATION  
26 APPLICATIONS).

27 (C) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR BY A  
28 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.

29 (D) A DOCUMENT FROM A CARE FACILITY IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

30 (E) A UTILITY BILL, INCLUDING A BILL FROM A CELLULAR

1 TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER.

2 (F) A BANK STATEMENT.

3 (G) A PAYCHECK OR PAYSTUB.

4 (H) A GOVERNMENT CHECK.

5 (I) A PROOF OF INSURANCE DOCUMENT.

6 (J) A TAX FILING OR DOCUMENT.

7 (K) A REGISTRATION, FEE STATEMENT OR TRANSCRIPT FROM AN  
8 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

9 (L) A MORTGAGE DOCUMENT.

10 (M) A RESIDENTIAL LEASE.

11 (III) AN ELECTOR WHO IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A FORM OF  
12 IDENTIFICATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR (II) MAY PRESENT A  
13 QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT WHO CAN VOUCH FOR THE  
14 ELECTOR'S IDENTITY. THE ELECTOR AND VOUCHER SHALL SIGN AN  
15 AFFIRMATION AFFIRMING THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AND THAT THE  
16 VOUCHER PERSONALLY KNOWS THE ELECTOR. AN ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL  
17 CONFIRM THAT THE NAME PROVIDED IN THE AFFIRMATION SUBSTANTIALLY  
18 MATCHES THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN THE DISTRICT  
19 REGISTER. THE SECRETARY SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF AFFIRMATION  
20 WHICH SHALL INCLUDE DISCLOSURE OF THE PENALTIES UNDER SECTION  
21 1802.

22 (IV) AN ELECTOR WHO IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A FORM OF  
23 IDENTIFICATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR (II) OR A VOUCHER UNDER  
24 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) MAY PROVIDE A FORM, PRESCRIBED BY THE  
25 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND PROVIDED TO THE ELECTOR BY AN  
26 ELECTION OFFICER, ON WHICH THE ELECTOR SHALL PRINT THEIR NAME  
27 AND ADDRESS, AND AFFIRM THEIR IDENTITY. AN ELECTION OFFICER  
28 SHALL CONFIRM THAT THE NAME PROVIDED IN THE AFFIRMATION  
29 SUBSTANTIALLY MATCHES THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN  
30 THE DISTRICT REGISTER. THE AFFIRMATION SHALL INCLUDE A

1 DISCLOSURE OF THE PENALTIES UNDER SECTION 1802.

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3 SECTION 206. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO VOTER  
4 IDENTIFICATION.--(A) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL  
5 PREPARE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE  
6 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTIONS  
7 1210 AND 1302.

8 [(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF 75 PA.C.S. § 1510(B)  
9 (RELATING TO ISSUANCE AND CONTENT OF DRIVER'S LICENSE) TO THE  
10 CONTRARY, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ISSUE AN  
11 IDENTIFICATION CARD DESCRIBED IN 75 PA.C.S. § 1510(B) AT NO COST  
12 TO ANY REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO HAS MADE APPLICATION THEREFOR AND  
13 HAS INCLUDED WITH THE COMPLETED APPLICATION A STATEMENT SIGNED  
14 BY THE ELECTOR DECLARING UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION THAT THE  
15 ELECTOR DOES NOT POSSESS PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AS DEFINED IN  
16 SECTION 102(Z.5)(2) AND REQUIRES PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION FOR  
17 VOTING PURPOSES.]

18 (C) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PREPARE THE FORM  
19 OF THE STATEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) AND SHALL  
20 DISTRIBUTE THE FORM TO THE COUNTIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 TRANSPORTATION. THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, THE SECRETARY  
22 OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION SHALL  
23 DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY  
24 OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS UNDER SUBSECTION (B).]

25 Section 603. General Primary; Candidates to Be Nominated and  
26 Party Officers to Be Elected.--(a) There shall be a General  
27 primary preceding each general election which shall be held on  
28 the third Tuesday of May in all even-numbered years, except in  
29 the year of the nomination of a President of the United States,  
30 in which year the General primary shall be held on the fourth

1 Tuesday of April. Candidates for all offices to be filled at the  
2 ensuing general election shall be nominated at the General  
3 primary. The vote for candidates for the office of President of  
4 the United States, as provided for by this act, shall be cast at  
5 the General primary.

6 (b.1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the General primary  
7 for 2000 shall be held on April 4, 2000.

8 (b.2) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the General primary  
9 for 2024 shall be held on March 19, 2024.

10 Section 908. Manner of Signing Nomination Petitions; Time of  
11 Circulating.--

12 (1) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one  
13 such petition for each office to be filled, and shall declare  
14 therein that he is a registered and enrolled member of the party  
15 designated in such petition: Provided, however, That where there  
16 are to be elected two or more persons to the same office, each  
17 signer may sign petitions for as many candidates for such office  
18 as, and no more than, he could vote for at the succeeding  
19 election. He shall also declare therein that he is a qualified  
20 elector of the county therein named, and in case the nomination  
21 is not to be made or candidates are not to be elected by the  
22 electors of the State at large, of the political district  
23 therein named, in which the nomination is to be made or the  
24 election is to be held. He shall add his address where he is  
25 duly registered and enrolled, giving city, borough or township,  
26 with street and number, if any, and shall legibly print his name  
27 and add the date of signing, expressed in words or numbers:  
28 Provided, however, That if the said political district named in  
29 the petition lies wholly within any city, borough or township,  
30 or is coextensive with same, it shall not be necessary for any



1 signer of a nomination petition to state therein the city,  
2 borough or township of his residence. [No]

3 (2) Except as provided under paragraph (3), no nomination  
4 petition shall be circulated prior to the thirteenth Tuesday  
5 before the primary, and no signature shall be counted unless it  
6 bears a date affixed not earlier than the thirteenth Tuesday nor  
7 later than the tenth Tuesday prior to the primary.

8 (3) For the general primary election that occurs in 2024, no  
9 nomination petition shall be circulated prior to the ~~eleventh~~ <--  
10 TWELFTH Tuesday before the primary and no signature shall be <--  
11 counted unless it bears a date affixed not earlier than the  
12 ~~eleventh~~ TWELFTH Tuesday nor later than the ~~eighth~~ NINTH Tuesday <--  
13 prior to the primary.

14 Section 913. Place and Time of Filing Nomination Petitions;  
15 Filing Fees.--\* \* \*

16 [(d) All] (d) (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2),  
17 all nomination petitions shall be filed on or before the tenth  
18 Tuesday prior to the primary.

19 (2) For the general primary election that occurs in 2024,  
20 all nomination petitions shall be filed on or before the ~~eighth~~ <--  
21 NINTH Tuesday prior to the primary. <--

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23 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately. <--~~

24 SECTION 914. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATES.--[ANY] <--

25 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2), ANY OF THE  
26 CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION AT ANY PRIMARY MAY  
27 WITHDRAW HIS NAME AS A CANDIDATE BY A REQUEST IN WRITING, SIGNED  
28 BY HIM AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE AN OFFICER EMPOWERED TO  
29 ADMINISTER OATHS, AND FILED IN THE OFFICE IN WHICH HIS  
30 NOMINATION PETITION WAS FILED. SUCH WITHDRAWALS, TO BE

1 EFFECTIVE, MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF  
2 THE COMMONWEALTH NOT LATER THAN 5 O'CLOCK P. M. ON THE FIFTEENTH  
3 DAY NEXT SUCCEEDING THE LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS  
4 IN SAID OFFICE, AND IN THE OFFICE OF ANY COUNTY BOARD OF  
5 ELECTIONS, NOT LATER THAN THE ORDINARY CLOSING HOUR OF SAID  
6 OFFICE ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY NEXT SUCCEEDING THE LAST DAY FOR  
7 FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS IN SAID OFFICE. NO NAME SO WITHDRAWN  
8 SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT OR BALLOT LABELS. NO CANDIDATE  
9 MAY WITHDRAW ANY WITHDRAWAL NOTICE ALREADY RECEIVED AND FILED,  
10 AND THEREBY REINSTATE HIS NOMINATION PETITION.

11 (2) FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY THAT OCCURS IN 2024, ANY OF THE  
12 CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION MAY WITHDRAW HIS NAME AS A  
13 CANDIDATE BY A REQUEST IN WRITING, SIGNED BY HIM AND  
14 ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE AN OFFICER EMPOWERED TO ADMINISTER OATHS,  
15 AND FILED IN THE OFFICE IN WHICH HIS NOMINATION PETITION WAS  
16 FILED. SUCH WITHDRAWALS, TO BE EFFECTIVE, MUST BE RECEIVED IN  
17 THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH NOT LATER THAN  
18 FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE TENTH DAY NEXT SUCCEEDING THE LAST DAY  
19 FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS IN SAID OFFICE, AND IN THE  
20 OFFICE OF ANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, NOT LATER THAN THE  
21 ORDINARY CLOSING HOUR OF SAID OFFICE ON THE TENTH DAY NEXT  
22 SUCCEEDING THE LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS IN SAID  
23 OFFICE. NO NAME SO WITHDRAWN SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT OR  
24 BALLOT LABELS. NO CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW ANY WITHDRAWAL NOTICE  
25 ALREADY RECEIVED AND FILED, AND THEREBY REINSTATE HIS NOMINATION  
26 PETITION.

27 SECTION 953. PLACE AND TIME OF FILING NOMINATION PAPERS.--

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29 (B) NO NOMINATION PAPER SHALL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE  
30 [TENTH WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY] DAY FOLLOWING THE LAST

1 DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS UNDER SECTION 913, AND NO  
2 SIGNATURE SHALL BE COUNTED UNLESS IT BEARS A DATE AFFIXED NOT  
3 EARLIER THAN THE [TENTH WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY] DAY  
4 FOLLOWING THE LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS UNDER  
5 SECTION 913, NOR LATER THAN THE SECOND FRIDAY SUBSEQUENT TO THE  
6 PRIMARY.

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8 SECTION 977. OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PETITIONS AND  
9 PAPERS.--[ALL]

10 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), ALL NOMINATION  
11 PETITIONS AND PAPERS RECEIVED AND FILED WITHIN THE PERIODS  
12 LIMITED BY THIS ACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE VALID, UNLESS, WITHIN  
13 SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING SAID NOMINATION  
14 PETITION OR PAPER, A PETITION IS PRESENTED TO THE COURT  
15 SPECIFICALLY SETTING FORTH THE OBJECTIONS THERETO, AND PRAYING  
16 THAT THE SAID PETITION OR PAPER BE SET ASIDE. A COPY OF SAID  
17 PETITION SHALL, WITHIN SAID PERIOD, BE SERVED ON THE OFFICER OR  
18 BOARD WITH WHOM SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER WAS FILED.  
19 UPON THE PRESENTATION OF SUCH A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL MAKE  
20 AN ORDER FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING WHICH SHALL NOT BE LATER THAN  
21 TEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING SAID NOMINATION PETITION  
22 OR PAPER, AND SPECIFYING THE TIME AND MANNER OF NOTICE THAT  
23 SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES NAMED IN THE  
24 NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER SOUGHT TO BE SET ASIDE. ON THE DAY  
25 FIXED FOR SAID HEARING, THE COURT SHALL PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO  
26 HEAR SAID OBJECTIONS, AND SHALL GIVE SUCH HEARING PRECEDENCE  
27 OVER OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE IT, AND SHALL FINALLY DETERMINE SAID  
28 MATTER NOT LATER THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR  
29 FILING SAID NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS. IF THE COURT SHALL  
30 FIND THAT SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER IS DEFECTIVE UNDER

1 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 976, OR DOES NOT CONTAIN A SUFFICIENT  
2 NUMBER OF GENUINE SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS ENTITLED TO SIGN THE  
3 SAME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, OR WAS NOT FILED BY  
4 PERSONS ENTITLED TO FILE THE SAME, IT SHALL BE SET ASIDE. IF THE  
5 OBJECTIONS RELATE TO MATERIAL ERRORS OR DEFECTS APPARENT ON THE  
6 FACE OF THE NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER, THE COURT, AFTER  
7 HEARING, MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, PERMIT AMENDMENTS WITHIN SUCH  
8 TIME AND UPON SUCH TERMS AS TO PAYMENT OF COSTS, AS THE SAID  
9 COURT MAY SPECIFY. IN CASE ANY SUCH PETITION IS DISMISSED, THE  
10 COURT SHALL MAKE SUCH ORDER AS TO THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF  
11 THE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING WITNESS FEES, AS IT SHALL DEEM JUST.  
12 IF A PERSON SHALL SIGN ANY NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS FOR A  
13 GREATER NUMBER OF CANDIDATES THAN HE IS PERMITTED UNDER THE  
14 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, IF SAID SIGNATURES BEAR THE SAME DATE,  
15 THEY SHALL, UPON OBJECTIONS FILED THERETO, NOT BE COUNTED ON ANY  
16 PETITION OR PAPER AND IF THEY BEAR DIFFERENT DATES, THEY SHALL  
17 BE COUNTED IN THE ORDER OF THEIR PRIORITY OF DATE, FOR ONLY SO  
18 MANY PERSONS AS THERE ARE CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED.  
19 THE OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT AND THE  
20 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE VARIOUS  
21 OFFICES OF PROTHONOTARY OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SHALL BE  
22 OPEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF EIGHT-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M. AND FIVE  
23 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW AFTER FILING NOMINATION  
24 PETITIONS AND ON THE LAST DAY TO FILE OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION  
25 PETITIONS.

26 (2) FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY THAT OCCURS IN 2024, ALL  
27 NOMINATION PETITIONS AND PAPERS RECEIVED AND FILED WITHIN THE  
28 PERIODS LIMITED BY THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE VALID  
29 UNLESS, WITHIN SIX (6) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING THE  
30 NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER, A PETITION IS PRESENTED TO THE

1 COURT SPECIFICALLY SETTING FORTH THE OBJECTIONS THERETO AND  
2 PRAYING THAT THE PETITION OR PAPER BE SET ASIDE. A COPY OF THE  
3 PETITION SHALL, WITHIN THE PERIOD, BE SERVED ON THE OFFICER OR  
4 BOARD WITH WHOM SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER WAS FILED.  
5 UPON THE PRESENTATION OF A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL MAKE AN  
6 ORDER FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING WHICH SHALL NOT BE LATER THAN  
7 TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING SAID NOMINATION  
8 PETITION OR PAPER AND SPECIFYING THE TIME AND MANNER OF NOTICE  
9 THAT SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES NAMED IN THE  
10 NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER SOUGHT TO BE SET ASIDE. ON THE DAY  
11 FIXED FOR THE HEARING, THE COURT SHALL PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO  
12 HEAR SAID OBJECTIONS, AND SHALL GIVE THE HEARING PRECEDENCE OVER  
13 OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE IT, AND SHALL FINALLY DETERMINE THE MATTER  
14 NOT LATER THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING  
15 THE NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS. IF THE COURT SHALL FIND THAT  
16 THE NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER IS DEFECTIVE UNDER THE  
17 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 976.1 OR DOES NOT CONTAIN A SUFFICIENT  
18 NUMBER OF GENUINE SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS ENTITLED TO SIGN THE  
19 SAME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, OR WAS NOT FILED BY  
20 PERSONS ENTITLED TO FILE THE SAME, IT SHALL BE SET ASIDE. IF THE  
21 OBJECTIONS RELATE TO MATERIAL ERRORS OR DEFECTS APPARENT ON THE  
22 FACE OF THE NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER, THE COURT, AFTER  
23 HEARING, MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, PERMIT AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE  
24 TIME AND UPON THE TERMS AS TO PAYMENT OF COSTS, AS THE COURT MAY  
25 SPECIFY. IF A PETITION IS DISMISSED, THE COURT SHALL MAKE AN  
26 ORDER AS TO THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS,  
27 INCLUDING WITNESS FEES, AS IT SHALL DEEM JUST. IF A PERSON SIGNS  
28 ANY NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS FOR A GREATER NUMBER OF  
29 CANDIDATES THAN HE IS PERMITTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
30 ACT, IF THE SIGNATURES BEAR THE SAME DATE, THEY SHALL, UPON

1 OBJECTIONS FILED THERETO, NOT BE COUNTED ON ANY PETITION OR  
2 PAPER, AND IF THEY BEAR DIFFERENT DATES THEY SHALL BE COUNTED IN  
3 THE ORDER OF THEIR PRIORITY OF DATE FOR ONLY SO MANY PERSONS AS  
4 THERE ARE CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED. THE OFFICE OF  
5 THE PROTHONOTARY OF COMMONWEALTH COURT AND THE OFFICE OF THE  
6 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF  
7 PROTHONOTARY OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SHALL BE OPEN BETWEEN  
8 THE HOURS OF EIGHT-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M. AND FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON  
9 THE LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW AFTER FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS AND  
10 ON THE LAST DAY TO FILE OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PETITIONS.

11 SECTION 2. SECTION 1110-A OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING  
12 SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

13 SECTION 1110-A. SUPPLIES; PREPARATION OF THE VOTING SYSTEM  
14 AND OF POLLING PLACES.--\* \* \*

15 (A.1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL USE A CHAIN OF CUSTODY LOG TO  
16 MAINTAIN AND DOCUMENT AN UNINTERRUPTED CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR EACH  
17 BALLOT CAST AND EACH BALLOT STORAGE CONTAINER, INCLUDING IN  
18 PERSON, PROVISIONAL, MAIL-IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS. CHAIN OF  
19 CUSTODY LOGS SHALL BE IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY AND,  
20 AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF EACH BALLOT  
21 STORAGE CONTAINER AND THE NUMBER OF A TAMPER-EVIDENT SEAL  
22 AFFIXED TO EACH BALLOT STORAGE CONTAINER. CHAIN OF CUSTODY LOGS  
23 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AFTER THE  
24 COMPUTATION AND CANVASSING OF RETURNS IS COMPLETED, SUBJECT TO  
25 ANY REDACTIONS THE COUNTY BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE  
26 SAFETY AND PRIVATE INFORMATION OF INDIVIDUAL CUSTODIANS.

27 (A.2) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH, AND ISSUE BY DIRECTIVE,  
28 WRITTEN PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY, CONFIDENTIALITY AND  
29 INTEGRITY OF BALLOTS, CAST VOTE RECORDS OR ANY OTHER DATA  
30 COLLECTED, STORED OR OTHERWISE USED IN THE ELECTION.

1 (A.3) THE PROCEDURES UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A.2) AND (A.3) SHALL  
2 BE PUBLISHED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET  
3 WEBSITE.

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5 SECTION 3. SECTION 1117-A OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

6 SECTION 1117-A. [STATISTICAL SAMPLE.--THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
7 ELECTIONS, AS PART OF THE COMPUTATION AND CANVASS OF RETURNS,  
8 SHALL CONDUCT A STATISTICAL RECOUNT OF A RANDOM SAMPLE OF  
9 BALLOTS AFTER EACH ELECTION USING MANUAL, MECHANICAL OR  
10 ELECTRONIC DEVICES OF A TYPE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE USED FOR THE  
11 SPECIFIC ELECTION. THE SAMPLE SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO (2) PER  
12 CENTUM OF THE VOTES CAST OR TWO THOUSAND (2,000) VOTES WHICHEVER  
13 IS THE LESSER.] RISK-LIMITING AUDIT.--(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 STATE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, SHALL  
15 CONDUCT RISK-LIMITING AUDITS AFTER EACH PRIMARY, GENERAL AND  
16 MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION OF THE  
17 CONTESTS CHOSEN BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO BE  
18 SUBJECT TO A RISK-LIMITING AUDIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
19 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

20 (B) THE AUDIT SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

21 (1) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL RANDOMLY  
22 DETERMINE WHAT CONTESTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A RISK-LIMITING  
23 AUDIT.

24 (2) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE  
25 OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE RANDOM SELECTION OF THE AUDIT UNITS  
26 TO BE MANUALLY TALLIED AND OF THE TIMES AND PLACES OF THE  
27 AUDITS.

28 (3) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE  
29 TO THE PUBLIC A REPORT OF THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS FOR THE CONTEST  
30 PRIOR TO THE RANDOM SELECTION OF AUDIT UNITS TO BE MANUALLY

1 TALLIED AND PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE AUDIT.

2 (4) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL CONDUCT THE AUDIT  
3 UPON THE TABULATION OF THE UNOFFICIAL RETURNS.

4 (5) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL CONDUCT THE AUDIT IN  
5 PUBLIC VIEW BY MANUALLY INTERPRETING THE BALLOTS ACCORDING TO  
6 RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY.

7 (C) IF A RISK-LIMITING AUDIT OF A CONTEST LEADS TO A FULL  
8 MANUAL TALLY OF THE BALLOTS CAST USING THE VOTING SYSTEM, THE  
9 VOTE COUNTS ACCORDING TO THAT MANUAL TALLY SHALL REPLACE THE  
10 VOTE.

11 (D) THE RESULTS OF AUDITS CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL  
12 BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITHIN  
13 FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF BEING ACCEPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE  
14 COMMONWEALTH. IF THE AUDIT INVOLVED A MANUAL TALLY OF ONE OR  
15 MORE ENTIRE PRECINCTS, THE NAMES AND NUMBERS OF ALL PRECINCTS  
16 AUDITED AND A COMPARISON OF THE VOTE TABULATOR RESULTS WITH THE  
17 HAND COUNTS FOR EACH PRECINCT SHALL BE PUBLISHED WITH THE AUDIT  
18 RESULTS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE  
19 INTERNET WEBSITE.

20 (E) ANY AUDIT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT COMMENCE  
21 FOR ANY ELECTION SUBJECT TO A RECOUNT UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF  
22 THE RECOUNT.

23 (F) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PROMULGATE  
24 RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
25 SECTION.

26 (G) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL  
27 HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

28 "AUDIT UNIT" MEANS A PRECINCT, A SET OF BALLOTS OR A SINGLE  
29 BALLOT. A PRECINCT, A SET OF BALLOTS OR A SINGLE BALLOT MAY BE  
30 USED AS AN AUDIT UNIT FOR PURPOSES OF THE SECTION ONLY IF ALL OF



1 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED:

2 (1) THE RELEVANT VOTE-TABULATING DEVICE IS ABLE TO PRODUCE A  
3 REPORT OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE PRECINCT, SET OF BALLOTS OR  
4 SINGLE BALLOT; AND

5 (2) EACH BALLOT IS ASSIGNED TO NOT MORE THAN ONE AUDIT UNIT.

6 "CONTEST" MEANS AN ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE.

7 "RISK-LIMITING AUDIT" MEANS A MANUAL TALLY EMPLOYING A  
8 STATISTICAL METHOD THAT ENSURES A LARGE, PREDETERMINED MINIMUM  
9 CHANCE OF REQUIRING A FULL MANUAL TALLY WHEN A FULL MANUAL TALLY  
10 WOULD SHOW AN ELECTORAL OUTCOME THAT DIFFERS FROM THE OUTCOME  
11 REPORTED BY THE VOTE-TABULATING SYSTEM FOR THE AUDITED CONTEST.  
12 A RISK-LIMITING AUDIT SHALL BEGIN WITH A HAND TALLY OF THE VOTES  
13 IN ONE OR MORE AUDIT UNITS AND SHALL CONTINUE TO HAND TALLY  
14 VOTES IN ADDITIONAL AUDIT UNITS UNTIL THERE IS STRONG  
15 STATISTICAL EVIDENCE THAT THE ELECTORAL OUTCOME IS CORRECT. IN  
16 THE EVENT THAT COUNTING ADDITIONAL AUDIT UNITS DOES NOT PROVIDE  
17 STRONG STATISTICAL EVIDENCE THAT THE ELECTORAL OUTCOME IS  
18 CORRECT, THE AUDIT SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN A FULL  
19 MANUAL TALLY TO DETERMINE THE CORRECT ELECTORAL OUTCOME OF THE  
20 AUDITED CONTEST.

21 SECTION 4. SECTION 1210(A), (A.2), (A.4)(4) AND (5)(II)(D),  
22 (E) AND (F) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED, SUBSECTION (A.4) IS AMENDED  
23 BY ADDING CLAUSES AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
24 SUBSECTION TO READ:

25 SECTION 1210. MANNER OF APPLYING TO VOTE; PERSONS ENTITLED  
26 TO VOTE; VOTER'S CERTIFICATES; ENTRIES TO BE MADE IN DISTRICT  
27 REGISTER; NUMBERED LISTS OF VOTERS; CHALLENGES.--(A) [AT EVERY  
28 PRIMARY AND ELECTION EACH ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO VOTE AND WHO  
29 DESIRES TO VOTE SHALL FIRST PRESENT TO AN ELECTION OFFICER PROOF  
30 OF IDENTIFICATION.]

1 THE ELECTION OFFICER SHALL EXAMINE THE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION  
2 PRESENTED BY THE ELECTOR AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THIS  
3 HAS BEEN DONE.

4 (A.2) IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY, THE ELECTOR SHALL BE  
5 PERMITTED TO CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
6 SUBSECTION (A.4):

7 (1) THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO PRODUCE PROOF OF  
8 IDENTIFICATION:

9 (I) ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE ELECTOR IS INDIGENT AND UNABLE  
10 TO OBTAIN PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF A FEE;  
11 OR

12 (II) ON ANY OTHER GROUNDS.

13 (2) THE ELECTOR'S PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IS CHALLENGED BY

14 THE JUDGE OF ELECTIONS.] AT EVERY PRIMARY AND ELECTION EACH  
15 ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO VOTE IN PERSON SHALL FIRST PRESENT PROOF  
16 OF IDENTIFICATION TO AN ELECTION OFFICER. THE ELECTION OFFICER  
17 SHALL EXAMINE THE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT  
18 STATING THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE.

19 (A.1) IF AN ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO PRODUCE PROOF OF  
20 IDENTIFICATION, THE ELECTOR SHALL BE PERMITTED TO CAST A  
21 PROVISIONAL BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A.4).

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23 (A.4) \* \* \*

24 (4) WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS OF THE ELECTION, THE COUNTY  
25 BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL EXAMINE EACH PROVISIONAL BALLOT  
26 ENVELOPE THAT IS RECEIVED TO DETERMINE IF THE INDIVIDUAL VOTING  
27 THAT BALLOT WAS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN THE  
28 ELECTION. ONE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CANDIDATE IN AN  
29 ELECTION [AND], ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY, A  
30 VOTER WHO CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND THEIR ATTORNEY AND A

1 NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION WHO HAS NO STAKE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE  
2 ELECTION BUT WHOSE MISSION INCLUDES ADVANCING VOTING RIGHTS FOR  
3 ALL VOTERS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE ROOM IN WHICH THE  
4 DETERMINATION IS BEING MADE. A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY  
5 ESTABLISH REASONABLE LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PERMITTED  
6 IN THE ROOM. REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE PERMITTED TO KEEP A LIST  
7 OF THOSE PERSONS WHO CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND SHALL BE  
8 ENTITLED TO CHALLENGE ANY DETERMINATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
9 ELECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTING OR PARTIAL COUNTING OF  
10 THE BALLOT UNDER THIS SECTION. UPON CHALLENGE OF ANY PROVISIONAL  
11 BALLOT UNDER THIS CLAUSE, THE BALLOT ENVELOPE SHALL BE MARKED  
12 "CHALLENGED" TOGETHER WITH THE REASON FOR THE CHALLENGE, AND THE  
13 PROVISIONAL BALLOT SHALL BE SET ASIDE PENDING FINAL  
14 DETERMINATION OF THE CHALLENGE ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING  
15 PROCEDURE:

16 (I) PROVISIONAL BALLOTS MARKED "CHALLENGED" SHALL BE PLACED  
17 UNOPENED IN A SECURE, SAFE AND SEALED CONTAINER IN THE CUSTODY  
18 OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS UNTIL IT SHALL FIX A TIME AND  
19 PLACE FOR A FORMAL HEARING OF ALL SUCH CHALLENGES, AND NOTICE  
20 SHALL BE GIVEN WHERE POSSIBLE TO ALL PROVISIONAL ELECTORS THUS  
21 CHALLENGED AND TO EVERY ATTORNEY, WATCHER OR CANDIDATE WHO MADE  
22 THE CHALLENGE. THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

23 (A) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO  
24 ANY ELECTOR WHOSE PROVISIONAL BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED AND ANY  
25 ELECTOR WHOSE BALLOT HAS BEEN CHALLENGED. NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN  
26 BY MAIL, EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR  
27 (24) HOURS OF A FORMAL HEARING BEING SCHEDULED. THE PROVISIONAL  
28 ELECTOR SHALL BE ADVISED OF THE GROUNDS UPON WHICH THEIR BALLOT  
29 HAS BEEN REJECTED OR CHALLENGED AND BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY  
30 TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS OR EVIDENCE ELECTRONICALLY OR PHYSICALLY TO

1 OVERCOME THE CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE  
2 HEARING EITHER IN PERSON, BY PHONE OR VIRTUALLY.

3 (B) IF THE ELECTOR DOES NOT RESPOND AFTER NOTICE UNDER  
4 CLAUSE (A) IS ATTEMPTED, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL SEND A  
5 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ADDRESS OF THE VOTER TO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT  
6 THE VOTER PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED HEARING, AND IF NECESSARY,  
7 LEAVE A NOTICE OF THE HEARING POSTED ON THE ELECTOR'S DOOR.

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10 (II) A PROVISIONAL BALLOT SHALL NOT BE COUNTED IF:

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12 [(D) IN THE CASE OF A PROVISIONAL BALLOT THAT WAS CAST UNDER  
13 SUBSECTION (A.2) (1) (I), WITHIN SIX CALENDAR DAYS FOLLOWING THE  
14 ELECTION THE ELECTOR FAILS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
15 ELECTIONS TO EXECUTE AN AFFIRMATION OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
16 ELECTIONS DOES NOT RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC, FACSIMILE OR PAPER  
17 COPY OF AN AFFIRMATION AFFIRMING, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT  
18 THE ELECTOR IS THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO PERSONALLY APPEARED  
19 BEFORE THE DISTRICT ELECTION BOARD ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION  
20 AND CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND THAT THE ELECTOR IS INDIGENT  
21 AND UNABLE TO OBTAIN PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION WITHOUT THE PAYMENT  
22 OF A FEE;]

23 (E) IN THE CASE OF A PROVISIONAL BALLOT THAT WAS CAST UNDER  
24 SUBSECTION [(A.2) (1) (II)] (A.1), WITHIN SIX CALENDAR DAYS  
25 FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, THE ELECTOR FAILS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE  
26 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PRESENT PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND  
27 EXECUTE AN AFFIRMATION OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DOES NOT  
28 RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC, FACSIMILE OR PAPER COPY OF THE PROOF OF  
29 IDENTIFICATION AND AN AFFIRMATION AFFIRMING, UNDER PENALTY OF  
30 PERJURY, THAT THE ELECTOR IS THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO PERSONALLY

1 APPEARED BEFORE THE DISTRICT ELECTION BOARD ON THE DAY OF THE  
2 ELECTION AND CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT; OR

3 (F) THE ELECTOR'S ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL-IN BALLOT IS  
4 TIMELY RECEIVED BY A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS [.] UNLESS THE  
5 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT THE ELECTOR'S ABSENTEE  
6 OR MAIL-IN BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

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8 (11.1) FOR ANY ELECTOR THAT SUBMITS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT,  
9 THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO THE PROVISIONAL ELECTOR BY  
10 MAIL, EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24)  
11 HOURS OF THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT BEING SUBMITTED OF THE  
12 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE BALLOT TO BE CANVASSED AND  
13 THE PROCESS TO SUBMIT THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

14 (11.2) FOR A PROVISIONAL BALLOT THAT IS REJECTED FOR ANY  
15 REASON, THE COUNTY SHALL NOTIFY THE ELECTOR BY MAIL, EMAIL,  
16 TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE OF THE REASON THEIR PROVISIONAL BALLOT  
17 WAS REJECTED AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO APPEAL THE DECISION.

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19 SECTION 5. SECTION 1302.1(A) AND (A.3) (1) AND (2) OF THE ACT  
20 ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO  
21 READ:

22 SECTION 1302.1. DATE OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT.--

23 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A.3), APPLICATIONS FOR  
24 ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE RECEIVED IN [THE] AN OFFICE OF THE  
25 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOT EARLIER THAN FIFTY (50) DAYS  
26 BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, EXCEPT THAT IF A COUNTY BOARD OF  
27 ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ITS  
28 OPERATIONAL NEEDS, ANY APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
29 RECEIVED MORE THAN FIFTY (50) DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR  
30 ELECTION MAY BE PROCESSED BEFORE THAT TIME. APPLICATIONS FOR

1 ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE PROCESSED IF RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN  
2 FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. OF THE [FIRST TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE  
3 DAY OF ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

4 (A.3) (1) THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF ELECTORS MAY APPLY  
5 FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, IF OTHERWISE  
6 QUALIFIED:

7 (I) AN ELECTOR WHOSE PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR ILLNESS  
8 PREVENTED THE ELECTOR FROM APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT  
9 BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE [FIRST TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR  
10 TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

11 (II) AN ELECTOR WHO, BECAUSE OF THE ELECTOR'S BUSINESS,  
12 DUTIES OR OCCUPATION, WAS UNABLE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT  
13 BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE [FIRST TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR  
14 TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

15 (III) AN ELECTOR WHO BECOMES SO PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR ILL  
16 AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE [FIRST TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR  
17 TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION THAT THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE  
18 TO APPEAR AT THE POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR  
19 ELECTION.

20 (IV) AN ELECTOR WHO, BECAUSE OF THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTOR'S  
21 BUSINESS, DUTIES OR OCCUPATION, WILL NECESSARILY BE ABSENT FROM  
22 THE ELECTOR'S MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE ON THE DAY OF THE  
23 PRIMARY OR ELECTION, WHICH FACT WAS NOT AND COULD NOT REASONABLY  
24 BE KNOWN TO THE ELECTOR ON OR BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE  
25 [FIRST TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR  
26 ELECTION.

27 (2) AN ELECTOR DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) MAY SUBMIT AN  
28 APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT ANY TIME UP UNTIL THE TIME  
29 OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR  
30 ELECTION. THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE A DECLARATION DESCRIBING

1 THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVENTED THE ELECTOR FROM APPLYING FOR  
2 AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE [FIRST  
3 TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION  
4 OR THAT PREVENT THE ELECTOR FROM APPEARING AT THE POLLING PLACE  
5 ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, AND THE ELECTOR'S  
6 QUALIFICATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1). THE DECLARATION SHALL BE  
7 MADE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 18 PA.C.S. § 4904 (RELATING TO  
8 UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).

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10 (E) A QUALIFIED ELECTOR MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN  
11 ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON AT AN OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
12 ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE SATURDAY PRIOR  
13 TO THE DAY OF A PRIMARY OR ELECTION AND THE FOLLOWING PROCESS  
14 SHALL APPLY:

15 (1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL IMMEDIATELY  
16 DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPLICANT BY VERIFYING THE  
17 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED  
18 ON THE APPLICATION WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE  
19 APPLICANT'S PERMANENT REGISTRATION CARD.

20 (2) IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT THE APPLICANT IS  
21 QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE  
22 APPLICATION SHALL BE MARKED "APPROVED."

23 (3) THE ELECTOR SHALL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT  
24 AND THE TWO ENVELOPES FOR THE OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT.

25 (4) THE ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL BE PROCESSED IN ACCORDANCE  
26 WITH THE OTHER PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THIS ARTICLE.

27 SECTION 6. SECTIONS 1302.2(C), 1304 AND 1305(A) OF THE ACT  
28 ARE AMENDED TO READ:

29 SECTION 1302.2. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE  
30 BALLOT.--

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2 (C) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, UPON RECEIPT OF ANY  
3 APPLICATION OF A QUALIFIED ELECTOR REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED  
4 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PRECEDING SECTION 1301, SHALL DETERMINE  
5 THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SUCH APPLICANT BY VERIFYING THE PROOF OF  
6 IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARING THE INFORMATION SET FORTH ON SUCH  
7 APPLICATION WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE APPLICANT'S  
8 PERMANENT REGISTRATION CARD. IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT THE  
9 APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT,  
10 THE APPLICATION SHALL BE MARKED "APPROVED." SUCH APPROVAL  
11 DECISION SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING, EXCEPT THAT CHALLENGES MAY  
12 BE MADE ONLY ON THE GROUND THAT THE APPLICANT WAS NOT A  
13 QUALIFIED ELECTOR. SUCH CHALLENGES MUST BE MADE TO THE COUNTY  
14 BOARD OF ELECTIONS [PRIOR TO] BY FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE  
15 [FRIDAY] EIGHTH DAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION: PROVIDED, HOWEVER,  
16 THAT A CHALLENGE TO AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL  
17 NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE ELECTOR USED AN  
18 APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTEAD OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
19 A MAIL-IN BALLOT OR ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE ELECTOR USED AN  
20 APPLICATION FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT INSTEAD OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
21 AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

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23 SECTION 1304. ENVELOPES FOR OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS.--  
24 THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION SHALL PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL  
25 ENVELOPES FOR EACH OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT OF SUCH SIZE AND  
26 SHAPE AS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE  
27 COMMONWEALTH, IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE PLACING OF ONE WITHIN THE  
28 OTHER AND BOTH WITHIN THE MAILING ENVELOPE. ON THE SMALLER OF  
29 THE TWO ENVELOPES TO BE ENCLOSED IN THE MAILING ENVELOPE SHALL  
30 BE PRINTED, STAMPED OR ENDORSED THE WORDS "OFFICIAL ELECTION



1 BALLOT," AND NOTHING ELSE. ON THE LARGER OF THE TWO ENVELOPES,  
2 TO BE ENCLOSED WITHIN THE MAILING ENVELOPE, SHALL BE PRINTED THE  
3 FORM OF THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR, AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS  
4 OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION OF THE PROPER COUNTY. THE LARGER  
5 ENVELOPE SHALL ALSO CONTAIN INFORMATION INDICATING THE LOCAL  
6 ELECTION DISTRICT OF THE ABSENTEE VOTER. SAID FORM OF  
7 DECLARATION AND ENVELOPE SHALL BE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY  
8 OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND SHALL CONTAIN AMONG OTHER THINGS A  
9 STATEMENT OF THE ELECTORS QUALIFICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH A  
10 STATEMENT THAT SUCH ELECTOR HAS NOT ALREADY VOTED IN SUCH  
11 PRIMARY OR ELECTION. THE MAILING ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE  
12 ELECTOR SHALL CONTAIN THE TWO ENVELOPES, THE OFFICIAL ABSENTEE  
13 BALLOT, LISTS OF CANDIDATES, WHEN AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1303  
14 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS ACT, THE UNIFORM INSTRUCTIONS IN FORM AND  
15 SUBSTANCE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND  
16 NOTHING ELSE. USE OF THE INNER ENVELOPE IS AT THE DISCRETION OF  
17 THE VOTER. A FAILURE TO USE THE INNER ENVELOPE SHALL NOT BE AN  
18 ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR DISQUALIFYING THE BALLOT.

19 SECTION 1305. DELIVERING OR MAILING BALLOTS.--

20 (A) [THE] (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), THE  
21 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS UPON RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF AN  
22 APPLICATION FILED BY ANY ELECTOR QUALIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
23 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1301, SUBSECTIONS (A) TO (H),  
24 INCLUSIVE, SHALL NOT LATER THAN FIFTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF  
25 THE PRIMARY OR NOT LATER THAN SEVENTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF  
26 THE ELECTION COMMENCE TO DELIVER OR MAIL TO SUCH ELECTOR WHO HAS  
27 INCLUDED WITH SAID APPLICATION A STATEMENT THAT HE OR SHE IS  
28 UNABLE TO VOTE DURING THE REGULAR ABSENTEE BALLOTING PERIOD BY  
29 REASON OF LIVING OR PERFORMING MILITARY SERVICE IN AN EXTREMELY  
30 REMOTE OR ISOLATED AREA OF THE WORLD, AND NOT LATER THAN FORTY-

1 FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION COMMENCE  
2 TO DELIVER OR MAIL TO ALL OTHER SUCH ELECTORS AS PROVIDED FOR IN  
3 SECTION 1301, SUBSECTIONS (A) TO (H), INCLUSIVE, OFFICIAL  
4 ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR SPECIAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS  
5 PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION (D) OF SECTION 1303 WHEN OFFICIAL  
6 ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE NOT YET PRINTED; AS ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS  
7 OF SUCH ELECTORS ARE RECEIVED, THE BOARD SHALL DELIVER OR MAIL  
8 OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR SPECIAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
9 WHEN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE NOT YET PRINTED TO SUCH  
10 ADDITIONAL ELECTORS WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER APPROVAL OF  
11 THEIR APPLICATION. IF THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION WOULD  
12 MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH THE FORTY-FIVE DAY DELIVERY OR  
13 MAILING REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION, THEN THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
14 ELECTIONS SHALL MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR SPECIAL WRITE-IN  
15 ABSENTEE BALLOTS WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE COUNTY BOARD'S RECEIPT  
16 OF THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PREPARE SAID BALLOTS.

17 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) AND 25 PA.C.S. § 3508(B)  
18 (RELATING TO TRANSMISSION OF UNVOTED BALLOTS), FOR THE GENERAL  
19 PRIMARY THAT OCCURS IN 2024, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, UPON  
20 RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FILED BY ANY ELECTOR  
21 QUALIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1301(A),  
22 (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G) AND (H), INCLUSIVE, SHALL, NOT  
23 LATER THAN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY,  
24 COMMENCE TO DELIVER OR MAIL TO THE ELECTOR WHO HAS INCLUDED WITH  
25 THE APPLICATION A STATEMENT THAT HE OR SHE IS UNABLE TO VOTE  
26 DURING THE REGULAR ABSENTEE BALLOTING PERIOD BY REASON OF LIVING  
27 OR PERFORMING MILITARY SERVICE IN AN EXTREMELY REMOTE OR  
28 ISOLATED AREA OF THE WORLD.

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30 SECTION 7. SECTION 1306 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A

1 SUBSECTION TO READ:

2 SECTION 1306. VOTING BY ABSENTEE ELECTORS.--\* \* \*

3 (D) THE DATE WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE SHALL BE THE DATE THE  
4 ELECTOR HAS SIGNED THE DECLARATION. FAILURE TO DATE THE ENVELOPE  
5 OR SIGNING THE ENVELOPE WITH A DATE THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE TIME  
6 PERIOD BETWEEN THE DATE THE BALLOT WAS RECEIVED BY THE VOTER AND  
7 WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION SHALL NOT  
8 DISQUALIFY THE BALLOT IF THE DECLARATION IS OTHERWISE PROPERLY  
9 EXECUTED.

10 SECTION 8. SECTION 1308(A), (G)(1), (1.1), (2) AND (3) AND  
11 (H) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED AND SUBSECTION (G) IS AMENDED BY  
12 ADDING PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

13 SECTION 1308. CANVASSING OF OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND  
14 MAIL-IN BALLOTS.--(A) THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION, UPON  
15 RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN SEALED OFFICIAL ABSENTEE  
16 BALLOT ENVELOPES AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND MAIL-IN  
17 BALLOTS AS IN SEALED OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT ENVELOPES AS  
18 PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE XIII-D, SHALL [SAFELY KEEP THE BALLOTS IN  
19 SEALED OR LOCKED CONTAINERS UNTIL THEY ARE TO BE CANVASSED BY  
20 THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, WHETHER  
21 ISSUED TO A CIVILIAN, MILITARY OR OTHER VOTER DURING THE REGULAR  
22 OR EMERGENCY APPLICATION PERIOD, SHALL BE CANVASSED IN  
23 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G). A MAIL-IN BALLOT SHALL BE  
24 CANVASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G).] MARK THE DATE OF  
25 RECEIPT IN THE VOTER'S RECORD AND SHALL EXAMINE THE BALLOT  
26 ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR TO VERIFY  
27 COMPLETION OF THE DECLARATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTIONS 1306  
28 AND 1306-D. THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

29 (1) IF THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR HAS BEEN COMPLETED AS  
30 REQUIRED UNDER SECTIONS 1306 AND 1306-D, THE ABSENTEE AND MAIL-

1 IN BALLOTS SHALL SAFELY BE KEPT IN SEALED OR LOCKED CONTAINERS  
2 UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE TO BE PRE-CANVASSED OR CANVASSED BY THE  
3 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, NOTWITHSTANDING  
4 IF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT IS ISSUED TO A CIVILIAN, MILITARY OR  
5 OTHER VOTER DURING THE REGULAR OR EMERGENCY APPLICATION PERIOD,  
6 SHALL BE PRE-CANVASSED OR CANVASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
7 SUBSECTION (G). A MAIL-IN BALLOT SHALL BE PRE-CANVASSED IN  
8 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G).

9 (2) IF THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR HAS NOT BEEN CORRECTLY  
10 SIGNED AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTIONS 1306 AND 1306-D, THE COUNTY  
11 BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL ENTER INTO THE VOTER'S RECORD IN THE  
12 VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM THAT THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL-IN  
13 BALLOT HAS AN ISSUE WITH THE VOTER'S DECLARATION REQUIRING  
14 CORRECTION IN ORDER FOR THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL-IN BALLOT TO  
15 BE COUNTED. ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR MAIL-IN BALLOTS WITH ERRONEOUS  
16 DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR SHALL BE KEPT IN A SEPARATE SEALED OR  
17 LOCKED CONTAINER. THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

18 (I) WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS OF A FINDING UNDER THIS  
19 PARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL NOTIFY THE VOTER  
20 BY EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE OF THE ERROR AND SHALL  
21 PROVIDE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND MAIL-IN BALLOT CURE FORM. THE  
22 FORM SHALL BE CREATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND  
23 SHALL CONTAIN A LOCATION FOR THE VOTER TO PLACE THE VOTER'S  
24 PENNSYLVANIA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
25 IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER OR LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE VOTER'S  
26 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RETURN THE  
27 FORM. INSTEAD OF PROVIDING A DRIVER'S LICENSE, DEPARTMENT OF  
28 TRANSPORTATION IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER OR THE LAST FOUR  
29 DIGITS OF THE VOTER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, A VOTER MAY  
30 PROVIDE A LEGIBLE COPY OR PHOTOGRAPH OF A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION

1 THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 102(Z.5) (1) (I) AND (II).  
2 THE CURE FORM SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ATTESTATION IN  
3 SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM:

4 I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM A QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR IN  
5 THIS ELECTION WHO REQUESTED AND RETURNED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT OR  
6 MAIL-IN BALLOT TO (COUNTY) AND THAT I HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT VOTE  
7 MORE THAN ONE BALLOT, OTHER THAN A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AS  
8 PERMITTED BY LAW, IN THIS ELECTION.

9 (DATE)

10 (SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR)

11 (II) THE ABSENTEE BALLOT AND MAIL-IN BALLOT CURE FORM AND  
12 INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RETURN THE FORM SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE  
13 ON THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND EACH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION'S  
14 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

15 (III) IF THE VOTER COMPLETES AND RETURNS THE ABSENTEE BALLOT  
16 AND MAIL-IN BALLOT CURE FORM BEFORE NOON ON THE SIXTH DAY AFTER  
17 THE ELECTION, THE VOTER'S BALLOT SHALL BE COUNTED AS PROVIDED  
18 UNDER SUBSECTION (G) (4) (III). IF THE VOTER FAILS TO COMPLETE AND  
19 RETURN THE FORM BEFORE NOON ON THE SIXTH DAY AFTER THE ELECTION,  
20 THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL-IN BALLOT SHALL BE SET ASIDE AND  
21 DECLARED VOID. THE VOTER MAY RETURN THE ABSENTEE BALLOT AND  
22 MAIL-IN BALLOT CURE FORM BY EMAIL, FACSIMILE, TEXT MESSAGE OR  
23 OTHER FORM OF ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION, MAIL OR DELIVERY IN PERSON  
24 TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

25 (IV) THE VOTER SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO  
26 VOTE BY PROVISIONAL BALLOT ON ELECTION DAY INSTEAD OF COMPLETING  
27 AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND MAIL-IN BALLOT CURE FORM.

28 (V) A MISSING OR INACCURATE DATE ON THE DECLARATION OF THE  
29 ELECTOR ON THE OUTER RETURN ENVELOPE OF AN ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN  
30 BALLOT SHALL NOT BE A FATAL DEFECT FOR THE BALLOT, IF THE

1 VOTER'S DECLARATION SIGNATURE IS CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION,  
2 OR THE SIGNATURE HAS BEEN CURED THROUGH USE OF THE NOTICE AND  
3 CURE PROCESS UNDER THIS SECTION.

4 (VI) WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS OF A FINDING UNDER THIS  
5 PARAGRAPH, COUNTIES SHALL COMPILE A LIST OF VOTERS ELIGIBLE TO  
6 CURE DEFECTIVE BALLOTS AND MUST MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE TO THE  
7 PUBLIC.

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9 (G) (1) (I) AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CAST BY ANY ABSENTEE  
10 ELECTOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1301(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F),  
11 (G) AND (H) SHALL BE CANVASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
12 SUBSECTION IF THE BALLOT IS CAST, SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED IN  
13 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 25 PA.C.S. CH. 35 (RELATING TO  
14 UNIFORM MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS).

15 (II) AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CAST BY ANY ABSENTEE ELECTOR AS  
16 DEFINED IN SECTION 1301(I), (J), (K), (L), (M) AND (N), AN  
17 ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER SECTION [1302(A.3)] 1302.1(A.3) OR A MAIL-  
18 IN BALLOT CAST BY A MAIL-IN ELECTOR SHALL BE CANVASSED IN  
19 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION IF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL-  
20 IN BALLOT IS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
21 ELECTIONS NO LATER THAN EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE  
22 PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

23 (1.1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL MEET NO EARLIER  
24 THAN [SEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. ON] THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION  
25 DAY TO PRE-CANVASS ALL BALLOTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING. A  
26 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT  
27 HOURS' NOTICE OF A PRE-CANVASS MEETING BY PUBLICLY POSTING A  
28 NOTICE OF A PRE-CANVASS MEETING ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE  
29 INTERNET WEBSITE. [ONE] IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1.2), ONE  
30 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CANDIDATE IN AN ELECTION AND

1 ONE REPRESENTATIVE [FROM] OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE  
2 PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE ROOM IN WHICH THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
3 AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS ARE PRE-CANVASSED. NO PERSON OBSERVING,  
4 ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN A PRE-CANVASS MEETING MAY DISCLOSE  
5 THE RESULTS OF ANY PORTION OF ANY PRE-CANVASS MEETING PRIOR TO  
6 THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS.

7 (1.2) AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1.1)  
8 SHALL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO VIEW AND OBSERVE THE ENTIRE PROCESS  
9 OF PRE-CANVASSING OR CANVASSING, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT  
10 THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL NOT DISTRACT, HINDER OR  
11 OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH THE PRE-CANVASSING OR CANVASSING  
12 PROCESS. A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL  
13 TO RECEIVE CONCERNS REPORTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.  
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR AN  
15 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO REPORT A CONCERN ARISING FROM A  
16 PRE-CANVASS MEETING AND THEN INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE  
17 CONCERN RAISED.

18 (1.3) A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL RECORD THE PRE-  
19 CANVASSING AND CANVASSING MEETINGS WITH AUDIO AND VISUAL  
20 RECORDINGS. THE RECORDINGS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE STORED AS  
21 AN ENCRYPTED FILE. THE RECORDING MAY BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S  
22 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE IN THE ENCRYPTED FORMAT.  
23 THE PASSWORD OR ENCRYPTION SOFTWARE MAY BE DISTRIBUTED AS  
24 NECESSARY.

25 (2) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL MEET NO EARLIER THAN  
26 THE CLOSE OF POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION AND NO LATER THAN  
27 EIGHT O'CLOCK A.M. THE [THIRD] DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO  
28 BEGIN CANVASSING ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS NOT  
29 INCLUDED IN THE PRE-CANVASS MEETING. THE MEETING UNDER THIS  
30 PARAGRAPH SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL-IN

1 BALLOTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS HAVE BEEN  
2 CANVASSED. THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL NOT RECORD OR  
3 PUBLISH ANY VOTES REFLECTED ON THE BALLOTS PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF  
4 THE POLLS. THE CANVASS PROCESS SHALL CONTINUE THROUGH THE EIGHTH  
5 DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION FOR VALID MILITARY-OVERSEAS BALLOTS  
6 TIMELY RECEIVED UNDER 25 PA.C.S. § 3511 (RELATING TO RECEIPT OF  
7 VOTED BALLOT). A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE AT  
8 LEAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS' NOTICE OF A CANVASS MEETING BY PUBLICLY  
9 POSTING A NOTICE ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.  
10 ONE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CANDIDATE IN AN ELECTION  
11 AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE  
12 PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE ROOM IN WHICH THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
13 AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS ARE CANVASSED.

14 (3) WHEN THE COUNTY BOARD MEETS TO PRE-CANVASS OR CANVASS  
15 ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1), (1.1)  
16 AND (2), THE BOARD SHALL [EXAMINE]:

17 (I) EXAMINE THE DECLARATION ON THE ENVELOPE OF EACH BALLOT  
18 NOT SET ASIDE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) AND SHALL COMPARE THE  
19 INFORMATION THEREON WITH THAT CONTAINED IN THE ["REGISTERED  
20 ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTERS FILE," THE] ABSENTEE VOTERS' LIST  
21 [AND/OR] OR THE "MILITARY VETERANS AND EMERGENCY CIVILIANS  
22 ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE," WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.

23 (II) IF THE COUNTY BOARD HAS VERIFIED THE PROOF OF  
24 IDENTIFICATION AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT AND IS SATISFIED THAT  
25 THE DECLARATION IS SUFFICIENT AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN  
26 THE ["REGISTERED ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTERS FILE," THE]  
27 ABSENTEE VOTERS' LIST AND/OR THE "MILITARY VETERANS AND  
28 EMERGENCY CIVILIANS ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE" VERIFIES HIS RIGHT TO  
29 VOTE, [THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL] PROVIDE A LIST OF THE NAMES OF  
30 ELECTORS WHOSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR MAIL-IN BALLOTS ARE TO BE



1 PRE-CANVASSED OR CANVASSED.

2 (III) PLACE AND SEAL AN ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL-IN BALLOT  
3 THAT DOES NOT HAVE A BALLOT ENVELOPE OR HAS UNIDENTIFIABLE MARKS  
4 ON THE ENVELOPE INTO AN EMPTY OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT ENVELOPE  
5 AND SECURE THE ENVELOPE WITH THE OTHER REMOVED OFFICIAL ELECTION  
6 BALLOT ENVELOPES TO BE TABULATED.

7 (3.1) A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY USE AN AUTOMATED  
8 SORTING OR EXTRACTING MACHINE TO ASSIST IN THE PROCESSING OF  
9 ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS.

10 (H) FOR THOSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR WHICH  
11 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED OR COULD NOT BE  
12 VERIFIED:

13 (1) WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS OF A FINDING UNDER THIS  
14 SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL NOTIFY THE  
15 VOTER BY EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE OF THE MISSING PROOF  
16 OF IDENTIFICATION AND SHALL PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO  
17 SUBMIT A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD THAT MEETS  
18 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 102(Z.5) (1) (I) AND (II) VIA EMAIL,  
19 TEXT MESSAGE, FACSIMILE, MAIL OR IN PERSON.

20 (2) IF THE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED  
21 PRIOR TO THE SIXTH CALENDAR DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, THEN THE  
22 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL CANVASS THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND  
23 MAIL-IN BALLOTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
24 SUBSECTION (G) (2) .

25 (3) IF AN ELECTOR FAILS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION  
26 [THAT CAN BE VERIFIED BY] TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY  
27 THE SIXTH CALENDAR DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, THEN THE ABSENTEE  
28 BALLOT OR MAIL-IN BALLOT SHALL NOT BE COUNTED.

29 \* \* \*

30 SECTION 9. SECTION 1302.1-D(A) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED AND THE

1 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

2 SECTION 1302.1-D. DATE OF APPLICATION FOR MAIL-IN BALLOT.

3 (A) GENERAL RULE.--APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS SHALL BE  
4 RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOT  
5 EARLIER THAN 50 DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, EXCEPT THAT  
6 IF A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT IT WOULD BE  
7 APPROPRIATE TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS' OPERATIONAL NEEDS,  
8 ANY APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS RECEIVED MORE THAN 50 DAYS  
9 BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION MAY BE PROCESSED BEFORE THAT  
10 TIME. APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS SHALL BE PROCESSED IF  
11 RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. OF THE [FIRST TUESDAY]  
12 TENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

13 \* \* \*

14 (C) IN-PERSON REQUEST FOR MAIL-IN BALLOT.--A QUALIFIED  
15 ELECTOR MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT IN PERSON  
16 AT AN OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOT LATER THAN  
17 FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. OF THE SATURDAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF A PRIMARY  
18 OR ELECTION AND THE FOLLOWING PROCESS SHALL APPLY:

19 (1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL IMMEDIATELY  
20 DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPLICANT BY VERIFYING THE  
21 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED  
22 ON THE APPLICATION WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE  
23 APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD.

24 (2) IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT THE APPLICANT IS  
25 QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT, THE APPLICATION  
26 SHALL BE MARKED "APPROVED."

27 (3) THE ELECTOR SHALL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT AND  
28 THE TWO ENVELOPES FOR THE OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT.

29 (4) THE MAIL-IN BALLOT SHALL BE PROCESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
30 THE OTHER PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THIS ARTICLE.

1 SECTION 10. SECTIONS 1304-D AND 1306-D OF THE ACT ARE  
2 AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

3 SECTION 1304-D. ENVELOPES FOR OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOTS.

4 \* \* \*

5 (E) INNER ENVELOPE.--USE OF THE INNER ENVELOPE IS AT THE  
6 DISCRETION OF THE VOTER. A FAILURE TO USE THE INNER ENVELOPE  
7 SHALL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR DISQUALIFYING THE BALLOT.

8 SECTION 1306-D. VOTING BY MAIL-IN ELECTORS.

9 \* \* \*

10 (D) DATE.--THE DATE WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE SHALL BE THE  
11 DATE THE ELECTOR HAS SIGNED THE DECLARATION. FAILURE TO DATE THE  
12 ENVELOPE OR SIGNING THE ENVELOPE WITH A DATE THAT IS NOT WITHIN  
13 THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN THE DATE THE BALLOT WAS RECEIVED BY THE  
14 VOTER AND WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION  
15 SHALL NOT DISQUALIFY THE BALLOT IF THE DECLARATION IS OTHERWISE  
16 PROPERLY EXECUTED.

17 SECTION 11. SECTION 1602-A(J) (1) AND (2) OF THE ACT, ADDED  
18 JULY 11, 2022 (P.L.1577, NO.88), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

19 SECTION 1602-A. FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS.

20 \* \* \*

21 (J) GRANT AGREEMENT.--THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
22 DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE  
23 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTIES:

24 (1) THE COUNTY SHALL BEGIN PRE-CANVASSING AT [7] 9 A.M.  
25 ON THE THIRD DAY PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY [AND SHALL CONTINUE  
26 WITHOUT INTERRUPTION UNTIL EACH MAIL-IN BALLOT AND ABSENTEE  
27 BALLOT RECEIVED BY 7 A.M. ON ELECTION DAY IS PRE-CANVASSED].

28 (2) THE COUNTY SHALL BEGIN CANVASSING MAIL-IN BALLOTS  
29 AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS AT 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY AND SHALL  
30 CONTINUE DAY TO DAY WITHOUT UNNECESSARY INTERRUPTION UNTIL

1 EACH BALLOT HAS BEEN CANVASSED.

2 \* \* \*

3 SECTION 12. SECTIONS 1701(A), (A.1)(2)(II), (B), (D) AND  
4 (E), 1702(A)(1) AND (2)(II)(B), (A.1), (B.1) AND (B.2) AND  
5 1703(A)(1) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:

6 SECTION 1701. OPENING BALLOT BOXES UPON PETITION OF ELECTORS  
7 ALLEGING FRAUD OR ERROR; DEPOSIT OR BOND.--(A) EXCEPT AS SET  
8 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A.1), THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, OR A JUDGE  
9 THEREOF, OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH ANY ELECTION DISTRICT IS LOCATED  
10 IN WHICH BALLOTS WERE USED, SHALL OPEN THE BALLOT BOX OF SUCH  
11 ELECTION DISTRICT USED AT ANY GENERAL, MUNICIPAL, SPECIAL OR  
12 PRIMARY ELECTION HELD THEREIN, AND CAUSE THE ENTIRE VOTE THEREOF  
13 TO BE CORRECTLY COUNTED BY PERSONS DESIGNATED BY SUCH COURT OR  
14 JUDGE, IF THREE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT  
15 SHALL FILE, AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, A PETITION DULY VERIFIED BY  
16 THEM, ALLEGING THAT UPON INFORMATION WHICH THEY CONSIDER  
17 RELIABLE THEY BELIEVE THAT FRAUD OR ERROR, ALTHOUGH NOT MANIFEST  
18 ON THE GENERAL RETURN OF VOTES MADE THEREFROM, WAS COMMITTED IN  
19 THE COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST FOR ALL OFFICES OR FOR ANY  
20 PARTICULAR OFFICE OR OFFICES IN SUCH ELECTION DISTRICT, OR IN  
21 THE MARKING OF THE BALLOTS, OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH  
22 BALLOTS. IT SHALL [NOT] BE NECESSARY FOR THE PETITIONERS TO  
23 SPECIFY IN THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF FRAUD OR ERROR  
24 WHICH THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, [NOR] AND TO OFFER  
25 EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR PETITION.

26 (A.1) IN CASES RESULTING FROM A RECOUNT OR RECANVASS ORDER  
27 BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH UNDER SECTION 1404(G), ALL  
28 OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

29 \* \* \*

30 (2) TO OBTAIN RELIEF UNDER CLAUSE (1):

1 \* \* \*

2 (II) IT IS [NOT] NECESSARY FOR THE PETITIONERS TO SPECIFY IN  
3 THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF FRAUD OR ERROR WHICH THEY  
4 BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED [NOR] AND TO OFFER EVIDENCE TO  
5 SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR PETITION.

6 (B) EVERY PETITION FOR THE OPENING OF A BALLOT BOX UNDER THE  
7 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
8 PROTHONOTARY OF THE PROPER COUNTY, ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT OF  
9 CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY  
10 (\$850) DOLLARS, OR BY A BOND SIGNED BY THE PETITIONERS AS  
11 PRINCIPALS AND BY A CORPORATE SURETY TO BE APPROVED BY THE  
12 COURT, IN THE AMOUNT OF [ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)] ONE THOUSAND  
13 FIVE HUNDRED (\$1,500) DOLLARS, CONDITIONED UPON THE PAYMENT TO  
14 THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY OF THE SUM OF  
15 [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, IN THE  
16 EVENT THAT, UPON THE OPENING OF THE BALLOT BOX, IT SHALL NOT  
17 APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS COMMITTED IN THE  
18 COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN,  
19 OR FRAUD IN THE MARKING OF THE BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR  
20 OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH BALLOTS.

21 \* \* \*

22 (D) IF, UPON OPENING ANY SUCH BALLOT BOX, IT SHALL APPEAR  
23 THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS COMMITTED IN THE COMPUTATION  
24 OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR FRAUD IN  
25 THE MARKING OF THE BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR OTHERWISE IN  
26 CONNECTION WITH SUCH BALLOTS, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE COURT  
27 TO CERTIFY SUCH FACT TO THE PROTHONOTARY AND THEREUPON THE  
28 PROTHONOTARY SHALL RETURN TO THE PETITIONERS THE SAID SUM OF  
29 [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, OR IF THE  
30 PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE FILED A BOND IN LIEU OF CASH, TO MARK

1 SAID BOND CANCELLED AND NOTIFY THE PETITIONERS THAT HE HAS DONE  
2 SO.

3 (E) IF, UPON OPENING ANY BALLOT BOX UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF  
4 THIS SECTION, IT SHALL NOT APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL  
5 ERROR WAS COMMITTED IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE  
6 BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR FRAUD IN THE MARKING OF THE  
7 BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH  
8 BALLOTS, THE PERSONS UPON WHOSE PETITION SUCH BALLOT BOX SHALL  
9 HAVE BEEN OPENED SHALL FORFEIT TO THE COUNTY THE SUM OF [FIFTY  
10 (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS. IF SAID  
11 PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE DEPOSITED THE SAID SUM IN CASH WITH THE  
12 PROTHONOTARY AT THE TIME OF FILING THE PETITION, THE  
13 PROTHONOTARY, UPON CERTIFICATION OF THE COURT THAT FRAUD OR  
14 SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS NOT DISCOVERED, SHALL PAY SAID SUM  
15 DEPOSITED WITH HIM TO THE COUNTY TREASURER; AND IF THE  
16 PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE FILED WITH THEIR PETITION A BOND IN THE  
17 SUM OF [ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)] ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
18 (\$1,500) DOLLARS, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE COUNTY TREASURER  
19 FORTHWITH TO COLLECT FROM THE PRINCIPALS OR SURETY ON SAID BOND,  
20 THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS,  
21 AND COSTS OF SUIT, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE, HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED  
22 TO INSTITUTE ANY NECESSARY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. WHEN SO COLLECTED,  
23 THE SAID SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850)  
24 DOLLARS SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE COUNTY TREASURER.

25 \* \* \*

26 SECTION 1702. RECANVASSING VOTING MACHINES UPON PETITION OF  
27 ELECTORS ALLEGING FRAUD OR ERROR.--(A) JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
28 SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

29 (1) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (2), THE COURT OF COMMON  
30 PLEAS, OR A JUDGE THEREOF, OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH ANY ELECTION

1 DISTRICT IS LOCATED, SHALL MAKE VISIBLE THE REGISTERING COUNTERS  
2 OF THE VOTING MACHINE OR MACHINES USED IN SUCH ELECTION DISTRICT  
3 AT ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION, AND WITHOUT UNLOCKING THE MACHINE  
4 AGAINST VOTING, SHALL RECANVASS THE VOTE CAST THEREIN, IF THREE  
5 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT SHALL FILE A  
6 PETITION, DULY VERIFIED BY THEM, ALLEGING THAT, UPON INFORMATION  
7 WHICH THEY CONSIDER RELIABLE, THEY BELIEVE THAT FRAUD OR ERROR,  
8 ALTHOUGH NOT MANIFEST ON THE GENERAL RETURN OF VOTES MADE  
9 THEREFROM, WAS COMMITTED IN THE CANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST ON  
10 SUCH MACHINE OR MACHINES. IT SHALL [NOT] BE NECESSARY FOR THE  
11 PETITIONERS TO SPECIFY IN THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF  
12 FRAUD OR ERROR THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, [NOR] AND TO  
13 OFFER EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR  
14 PETITION.

15 (2) IN CASES RESULTING FROM A RECOUNT OR RECANVASS ORDERED  
16 BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH UNDER SECTION 1404(G), ALL  
17 OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

18 \* \* \*

19 (II) TO OBTAIN RELIEF UNDER SUBCLAUSE (I):

20 \* \* \*

21 (B) IT IS [NOT] NECESSARY FOR THE PETITIONERS TO SPECIFY IN  
22 THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF FRAUD OR ERROR THEY BELIEVE  
23 TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED [NOR] AND TO OFFER EVIDENCE TO  
24 SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE PETITION.

25 (A.1) EVERY PETITION FOR THE RECANVASSING OF VOTES CAST IN  
26 THE VOTING MACHINE, OR VOTING MACHINES OF AN ELECTION DISTRICT,  
27 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE FILED IN THE  
28 OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY OF THE PROPER COUNTY ACCOMPANIED BY A  
29 DEPOSIT OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT HUNDRED  
30 FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, OR BY A BOND SIGNED BY THE PETITIONERS AS

1 PRINCIPALS AND BY A CORPORATE SURETY TO BE APPROVED BY THE COURT  
2 IN THE AMOUNT OF [ONE HUNDRED (\$100)] ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
3 (\$1,500) DOLLARS, CONDITIONED UPON THE PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY  
4 TREASURER FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY OF THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)]  
5 EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, IN THE EVENT THAT UPON THE  
6 RECANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST IN A VOTING MACHINE OR VOTING  
7 MACHINES, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS  
8 COMMITTED IN THE CANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST ON SUCH MACHINE OR  
9 OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH VOTING MACHINES.

10 \* \* \*

11 (B.1) IF, UPON THE RECANVASSING OF THE VOTES IN ANY VOTING  
12 MACHINE, IT SHALL APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS  
13 COMMITTED IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE VOTING  
14 MACHINE OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH VOTING MACHINE, IT  
15 SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE COURT TO CERTIFY SUCH FACT TO THE  
16 PROTHONOTARY, AND THEREUPON THE PROTHONOTARY SHALL RETURN TO THE  
17 PETITIONERS THE SAID SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY  
18 (\$850) DOLLARS, OR IF THE PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE FILED A BOND,  
19 IN LIEU OF CASH, TO MARK SAID BOND CANCELLED AND NOTIFY THE  
20 PETITIONERS THAT HE HAS DONE SO.

21 (B.2) IF, UPON THE RECANVASSING OF THE VOTES IN ANY VOTING  
22 MACHINE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, IT SHALL NOT  
23 APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS COMMITTED IN THE  
24 COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE VOTING MACHINE OR OTHERWISE  
25 IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH VOTING MACHINE, THE PERSONS UPON WHOSE  
26 PETITION SUCH VOTING MACHINE WAS RECANVASSED SHALL FORFEIT TO  
27 THE COUNTY THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850)  
28 DOLLARS. IF SAID PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE DEPOSITED THE SAID SUM  
29 IN CASH WITH THE PROTHONOTARY AT THE TIME OF FILING THE  
30 PETITION, THE PROTHONOTARY, UPON CERTIFICATION OF THE COURT THAT



1 FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH  
2 MACHINE WAS NOT DISCOVERED, SHALL PAY SAID SUM DEPOSITED WITH  
3 HIM TO THE COUNTY TREASURER, AND IF THE PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE  
4 FILED WITH THEIR PETITION A BOND IN THE SUM OF [ONE HUNDRED  
5 (\$100)] ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$1,500) DOLLARS, IT SHALL BE  
6 THE DUTY OF THE COUNTY TREASURER FORTHWITH TO COLLECT FROM THE  
7 PRINCIPALS OR SURETY ON SAID BOND THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT  
8 HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS AND COSTS OF SUIT, AND FOR THIS  
9 PURPOSE HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE ANY NECESSARY LEGAL  
10 PROCEEDINGS. WHEN SO COLLECTED, THE SAID SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)]  
11 EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE  
12 COUNTY TREASURER.

13 \* \* \*

14 SECTION 1703. CORRECTION OF RETURNS; DECISION NOT TO BE  
15 FINAL; EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION.--

16 (A) (1) ANY PETITION TO OPEN A BALLOT BOX OR TO RECANVASS  
17 THE VOTES ON A VOTING MACHINE OR AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM  
18 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1701 AND 1702 SHALL BE FILED NO LATER THAN  
19 [FIVE (5)] THREE (3) DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE  
20 COMPUTATIONAL CANVASSING OF ALL RETURNS OF THE COUNTY BY THE  
21 COUNTY BOARD. IF ANY ERROR OR FRAUD IS FOUND THE COURT SHALL  
22 GRANT THE INTERESTED PARTIES AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) DAYS TO FILE  
23 PETITIONS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL BALLOT BOXES TO BE OPENED OR  
24 VOTING MACHINES OR ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS TO BE RECANVASSED.

25 (I) [EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBCLAUSE (II)] THE FOLLOWING  
26 APPLY:

27 (A) A RECOUNT OR RECANVASS SHALL INCLUDE ALL ELECTION  
28 DISTRICTS IN WHICH BALLOTS WERE CAST FOR THE OFFICE IN QUESTION;  
29 AND

30 (B) PETITIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPROPRIATE MONEY OR BOND,

1 MUST BE FILED IN EACH ELECTION DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
2 ACT.

3 [(II) SUBCLAUSE (I) SHALL NOT APPLY IF A PETITIONER UNDER  
4 SECTION 1701 OR 1702 PLEADS THAT A PARTICULAR ACT OF FRAUD OR  
5 ERROR OCCURRED AND OFFERS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE  
6 ALLEGATION.]

7 (III) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL HAVE THREE (3) DAYS TO FILE A  
8 RESPONSE TO ANY PETITION FOR RECOUNT FILE WITH THE COURT.

9 \* \* \*

10 SECTION 13. THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF SECTIONS 102(Z.5),  
11 206, 1210(A), (A.1) AND (A.2), 1308(A)(2)(I) RELATING TO PROOF  
12 OF IDENTIFICATION AND 1308(H) OF THE ACT SHALL NOT APPLY TO AN  
13 ELECTION OCCURRING BEFORE THE 2025 PRIMARY ELECTION.

14 SECTION 14. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

15 (1) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF SECTIONS 102(Z.5), 206,  
16 1210(A), (A.1) AND (A.2), 1308(A)(2)(I) CONCERNING SECTION  
17 102(Z.5) AND 1308(H) OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1,  
18 2025.

19 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT  
20 IMMEDIATELY.