

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 224 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, STREET, BARTOLOTTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, FARRY,
AUMENT, STEFANO, COSTA, SANTARSIERO AND CAPPELLETTI,
JANUARY 31, 2023

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, 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 APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT, FOR DATE OF <--

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

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 ~~Section 1. Sections 603, 908 and 913(d) of the act of June <--~~
19 ~~3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election~~
20 ~~Code, are amended to read:~~

21 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 102(Q.1) AND (Z.5), 206, 603, 908, <--
22 913(D), 914, 953(B) AND 977 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937
23 (P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE, ARE
24 AMENDED TO READ:

25 SECTION 102. DEFINITIONS.--THE FOLLOWING WORDS, WHEN USED IN
26 THIS ACT, SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS, UNLESS OTHERWISE
27 CLEARLY APPARENT FROM THE CONTEXT:

28 * * *

29 (Q.1) THE WORD "PRE-CANVASS" SHALL MEAN THE INSPECTION AND
30 OPENING OF ALL ENVELOPES CONTAINING OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR
31 MAIL-IN BALLOTS, THE REMOVAL OF SUCH BALLOTS FROM THE ENVELOPES
32 AND [THE COUNTING, COMPUTING AND TALLYING OF THE VOTES REFLECTED
33 ON THE BALLOTS.] THE PREPARATION OF THOSE BALLOTS FOR SCANNING,
34 INCLUDING UNFOLDING, STRAIGHTENING AND DUPLICATING IF THE BALLOT
35 IS DAMAGED IN SOME WAY THAT PREVENTS IT FROM BEING SCANNED BUT
36 WHERE THE VOTER'S INTENT IS STILL CLEAR. THE TERM SHALL ALSO
37 INCLUDE SCANNING THE BALLOT INTO A VOTING MACHINE OR OTHER

1 AUTOMATIC TABULATING DEVICE, IF THE EQUIPMENT USED BY THE COUNTY
2 BOARD OF ELECTIONS PERMITS A BALLOT TO BE SCANNED WITHOUT
3 TABULATING OR COUNTING THE VOTES ON THE BALLOT SCANNED. THE TERM
4 DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RECORDING OR PUBLISHING OF THE VOTES
5 REFLECTED ON THE BALLOTS.

6 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 (A) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

3 (B) THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

4 (C) A MUNICIPALITY OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO AN EMPLOYEE OF
5 THAT MUNICIPALITY.

6 (D) AN ACCREDITED PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION
7 OF HIGHER LEARNING.

8 (E) A PENNSYLVANIA CARE FACILITY.

9 (3) FOR A QUALIFIED ABSENTEE ELECTOR UNDER SECTION 1301 OR A
10 QUALIFIED MAIL-IN ELECTOR UNDER SECTION 1301-D:

11 (I) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A CURRENT
12 AND VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE ELECTOR'S DRIVER'S LICENSE
13 NUMBER;

14 (II) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED A
15 CURRENT AND VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE
16 ELECTOR'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER;

17 (III) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS A RELIGIOUS
18 OBJECTION TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED, A COPY OF A DOCUMENT THAT
19 SATISFIES PARAGRAPH (1); OR

20 (IV) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED A
21 CURRENT AND VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, A
22 COPY OF A DOCUMENT THAT SATISFIES PARAGRAPH (2).]

23 (1) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO VOTE UNDER
24 SECTION 1210:

25 (I) ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION THAT
26 SHOWS A PHOTO OF THE ELECTOR, THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR TO WHOM
27 THE DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED AND THE NAME SUBSTANTIALLY MATCHES THE
28 NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN THE DISTRICT REGISTER:

29 (A) A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE
30 COMMONWEALTH OR AN AGENCY THEREOF.

1 (B) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR BY A
2 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.

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

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

10 (E) A FIREARM PERMIT.

11 (F) A STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (E) A UTILITY BILL, INCLUDING A BILL FROM A CELLULAR
2 TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER.

3 (F) A BANK STATEMENT.

4 (G) A PAYCHECK OR PAYSTUB.

5 (H) A GOVERNMENT CHECK.

6 (I) A PROOF OF INSURANCE DOCUMENT.

7 (J) A TAX FILING OR DOCUMENT.

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

10 (L) A MORTGAGE DOCUMENT.

11 (M) A RESIDENTIAL LEASE.

12 (III) AN ELECTOR WHO IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A FORM OF
13 IDENTIFICATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR (II) MAY PRESENT A
14 QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT WHO CAN VOUCH FOR THE
15 ELECTOR'S IDENTITY. THE ELECTOR AND VOUCHER SHALL SIGN AN
16 AFFIRMATION AFFIRMING THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AND THAT THE
17 VOUCHER PERSONALLY KNOWS THE ELECTOR. AN ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL
18 CONFIRM THAT THE NAME PROVIDED IN THE AFFIRMATION SUBSTANTIALLY
19 MATCHES THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN THE DISTRICT
20 REGISTER. THE SECRETARY SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF AFFIRMATION
21 WHICH SHALL INCLUDE DISCLOSURE OF THE PENALTIES UNDER SECTION
22 1802.

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

1 THE DISTRICT REGISTER. THE AFFIRMATION SHALL INCLUDE A
2 DISCLOSURE OF THE PENALTIES UNDER SECTION 1802.

3 * * *

4 SECTION 206. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO VOTER
5 IDENTIFICATION.--(A) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL
6 PREPARE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE
7 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTIONS
8 1210 AND 1302.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 or is coextensive with same, it shall not be necessary for any
2 signer of a nomination petition to state therein the city,
3 borough or township of his residence. [No]

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

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

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

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

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

23 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 * * *

30 (B) NO NOMINATION PAPER SHALL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE

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

8 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 COLLECTED, STORED OR OTHERWISE USED IN THE ELECTION.

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

5 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

29 (3) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE
30 TO THE PUBLIC A REPORT OF THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS FOR THE CONTEST

1 PRIOR TO THE RANDOM SELECTION OF AUDIT UNITS TO BE MANUALLY
2 TALLIED AND PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE AUDIT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 "AUDIT UNIT" MEANS A PRECINCT, A SET OF BALLOTS OR A SINGLE
30 BALLOT. A PRECINCT, A SET OF BALLOTS OR A SINGLE BALLOT MAY BE

1 USED AS AN AUDIT UNIT FOR PURPOSES OF THE SECTION ONLY IF ALL OF
2 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED:

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

6 (2) EACH BALLOT IS ASSIGNED TO NOT MORE THAN ONE AUDIT UNIT.
7 "CONTEST" MEANS AN ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE.

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

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

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

1 OF IDENTIFICATION.

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

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

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

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

13 (II) ON ANY OTHER GROUNDS.

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

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

23 * * *

24 (A.4) * * *

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

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

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

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

1 ~~TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS OR EVIDENCE ELECTRONICALLY OR PHYSICALLY TO~~
2 ~~OVERCOME THE CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE~~
3 ~~HEARING EITHER IN PERSON, BY PHONE OR VIRTUALLY.~~

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

9 * * *

10 (5) * * *

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

12 * * *

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

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

1 PERJURY, THAT THE ELECTOR IS THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO PERSONALLY
2 APPEARED BEFORE THE DISTRICT ELECTION BOARD ON THE DAY OF THE
3 ELECTION AND CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT; OR

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

8 * * *

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

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

19 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (2) AN ELECTOR DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) MAY SUBMIT AN
29 APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT ANY TIME UP UNTIL THE TIME
30 OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR

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

10 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 SECTION 1302.2. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE

1 BALLOT.--

2 * * *

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

23 * * *

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

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

20 SECTION 1305. DELIVERING OR MAILING BALLOTS.--

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

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

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

30 * * *

1 SECTION 7. SECTION 1306 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
2 SUBSECTION TO READ:

3 SECTION 1306. VOTING BY ABSENTEE ELECTORS.--* * *

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

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

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

30 (1) IF THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR HAS BEEN COMPLETED AS

1 REQUIRED UNDER SECTIONS 1306 AND 1306-D, THE ABSENTEE AND MAIL-
2 IN BALLOTS SHALL SAFELY BE KEPT IN SEALED OR LOCKED CONTAINERS
3 UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE TO BE PRE-CANVASSED OR CANVASSED BY THE
4 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, NOTWITHSTANDING
5 IF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT IS ISSUED TO A CIVILIAN, MILITARY OR
6 OTHER VOTER DURING THE REGULAR OR EMERGENCY APPLICATION PERIOD,
7 SHALL BE PRE-CANVASSED OR CANVASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
8 SUBSECTION (G). A MAIL-IN BALLOT SHALL BE PRE-CANVASSED IN
9 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G).

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

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

1 PROVIDE A LEGIBLE COPY OR PHOTOGRAPH OF A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION
2 THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 102(Z.5) (1) (I) AND (II).
3 THE CURE FORM SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ATTESTATION IN
4 SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM:

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

10 (DATE)

11 (SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR)

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

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

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

29 (V) A MISSING OR INACCURATE DATE ON THE DECLARATION OF THE
30 ELECTOR ON THE OUTER RETURN ENVELOPE OF AN ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN

1 BALLOT SHALL NOT BE A FATAL DEFECT FOR THE BALLOT, IF THE
2 VOTER'S DECLARATION SIGNATURE IS CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION,
3 OR THE SIGNATURE HAS BEEN CURED THROUGH USE OF THE NOTICE AND
4 CURE PROCESS UNDER THIS SECTION.

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

9 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 ELECTORS WHOSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR MAIL-IN BALLOTS ARE TO BE
2 PRE-CANVASSED OR CANVASSED.

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 * * *

1 SECTION 8.1. SECTION 1302-D(G) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO
2 READ:

3 SECTION 1302-D. APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOTS.

4 * * *

5 (G) PERMANENT MAIL-IN VOTING LIST.--

6 (1) ANY QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR MAY REQUEST TO BE
7 PLACED ON A PERMANENT MAIL-IN BALLOT LIST [FILE] AT ANY TIME
8 DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR[. A] BY SUBMITTING A MAIL-IN BALLOT
9 APPLICATION. [SHALL BE MAILED TO EVERY PERSON OTHERWISE
10 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATION BY THE FIRST
11 MONDAY IN FEBRUARY EACH YEAR OR WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT OF
12 THE REQUEST, WHICHEVER IS LATER, SO LONG AS THE PERSON DOES
13 NOT LOSE THE PERSON'S VOTING RIGHTS BY FAILURE TO VOTE AS
14 OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THIS ACT. A MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATION
15 MAILED TO AN ELECTOR UNDER THIS SECTION, WHICH IS COMPLETED
16 AND TIMELY RETURNED BY THE ELECTOR, SHALL SERVE AS AN
17 APPLICATION FOR ANY AND ALL PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL
18 ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN THE REMAINDER OF THAT CALENDAR YEAR
19 AND FOR ALL SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BEFORE THE THIRD
20 MONDAY IN FEBRUARY OF THE SUCCEEDING YEAR.] IF THE
21 APPLICATION IS APPROVED, THE QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR
22 SHALL BE PLACED ON THE PERMANENT MAIL-IN VOTING LIST AND
23 RECEIVE PERMANENT MAIL-IN VOTER STATUS UNDER THIS SECTION. A
24 QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO HAS REQUESTED AND BEEN
25 APPROVED FOR PERMANENT MAIL-IN VOTER STATUS SHALL RECEIVE A
26 MAIL-IN BALLOT FOR ALL PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS
27 UNTIL THE ELECTOR REVOKES THEIR PERMANENT MAIL-IN VOTER
28 STATUS OR CEASES BEING A QUALIFIED ELECTOR AS PROVIDED IN
29 THIS ACT.

30 (2) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH [MAY] SHALL

1 DEVELOP AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH ALL QUALIFIED
2 ELECTORS MAY APPLY FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT AND REQUEST PERMANENT
3 MAIL-IN VOTER STATUS UNDER THIS SECTION, PROVIDED THE SYSTEM
4 IS ABLE TO CAPTURE A DIGITIZED OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF THE
5 APPLICANT. A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL TREAT AN
6 APPLICATION OR REQUEST RECEIVED THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM
7 AS IF THE APPLICATION OR REQUEST HAD BEEN SUBMITTED ON A
8 PAPER FORM OR ANY OTHER FORMAT USED BY THE COUNTY.

9 (3) THE TRANSFER OF A QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR ON A
10 PERMANENT MAIL-IN VOTING LIST FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER
11 COUNTY SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE
12 QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR.

13 (4) BY THE FIRST MONDAY IN FEBRUARY EACH YEAR, A NOTICE
14 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE SENT TO EACH ELECTOR ON
15 THE PERMANENT MAIL-IN BALLOT LIST ADVISING THE ELECTOR THAT
16 THEY WILL RECEIVE A MAIL-IN BALLOT FOR ANY PRIMARY, GENERAL
17 OR SPECIAL ELECTION UNTIL THE ELECTOR REVOKES THEIR PERMANENT
18 MAIL-IN VOTER STATUS OR CEASES BEING A QUALIFIED ELECTOR.

19 SECTION 9. SECTION 1302.1-D(A) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED AND THE
20 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

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

22 (A) GENERAL RULE.--APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS SHALL BE
23 RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOT
24 EARLIER THAN 50 DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, EXCEPT THAT
25 IF A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT IT WOULD BE
26 APPROPRIATE TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS' OPERATIONAL NEEDS,
27 ANY APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS RECEIVED MORE THAN 50 DAYS
28 BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION MAY BE PROCESSED BEFORE THAT
29 TIME. APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS SHALL BE PROCESSED IF
30 RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. OF THE [FIRST TUESDAY]

1 TENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

2 * * *

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

8 (1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL IMMEDIATELY
9 DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPLICANT BY VERIFYING
10 THE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARING THE INFORMATION
11 PROVIDED ON THE APPLICATION WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
12 THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD.

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

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

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

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

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

23 * * *

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

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

28 * * *

29 (D) DATE.--THE DATE WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE SHALL BE THE
30 DATE THE ELECTOR HAS SIGNED THE DECLARATION. FAILURE TO DATE THE

1 ENVELOPE OR SIGNING THE ENVELOPE WITH A DATE THAT IS NOT WITHIN
2 THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN THE DATE THE BALLOT WAS RECEIVED BY THE
3 VOTER AND WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION
4 SHALL NOT DISQUALIFY THE BALLOT IF THE DECLARATION IS OTHERWISE
5 PROPERLY EXECUTED.

6 SECTION 11. SECTION 1602-A(J) (1) AND (2) OF THE ACT, ADDED
7 JULY 11, 2022 (P.L.1577, NO.88), ARE AMENDED TO READ:
8 SECTION 1602-A. FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS.

9 * * *

10 (J) GRANT AGREEMENT.--THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
11 DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE
12 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTIES:

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

17 (2) THE COUNTY SHALL BEGIN CANVASSING MAIL-IN BALLOTS
18 AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS AT 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY AND SHALL
19 CONTINUE DAY TO DAY WITHOUT UNNECESSARY INTERRUPTION UNTIL
20 EACH BALLOT HAS BEEN CANVASSED.

21 * * *

22 SECTION 12. SECTIONS 1701(A), (A.1) (2) (II), (B), (D) AND
23 (E), 1702(A) (1) AND (2) (II) (B), (A.1), (B.1) AND (B.2) AND
24 1703(A) (1) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:

25 SECTION 1701. OPENING BALLOT BOXES UPON PETITION OF ELECTORS
26 ALLEGING FRAUD OR ERROR; DEPOSIT OR BOND.--(A) EXCEPT AS SET
27 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A.1), THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, OR A JUDGE
28 THEREOF, OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH ANY ELECTION DISTRICT IS LOCATED
29 IN WHICH BALLOTS WERE USED, SHALL OPEN THE BALLOT BOX OF SUCH
30 ELECTION DISTRICT USED AT ANY GENERAL, MUNICIPAL, SPECIAL OR

1 PRIMARY ELECTION HELD THEREIN, AND CAUSE THE ENTIRE VOTE THEREOF
2 TO BE CORRECTLY COUNTED BY PERSONS DESIGNATED BY SUCH COURT OR
3 JUDGE, IF THREE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT
4 SHALL FILE, AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, A PETITION DULY VERIFIED BY
5 THEM, ALLEGING THAT UPON INFORMATION WHICH THEY CONSIDER
6 RELIABLE THEY BELIEVE THAT FRAUD OR ERROR, ALTHOUGH NOT MANIFEST
7 ON THE GENERAL RETURN OF VOTES MADE THEREFROM, WAS COMMITTED IN
8 THE COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST FOR ALL OFFICES OR FOR ANY
9 PARTICULAR OFFICE OR OFFICES IN SUCH ELECTION DISTRICT, OR IN
10 THE MARKING OF THE BALLOTS, OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH
11 BALLOTS. IT SHALL [NOT] BE NECESSARY FOR THE PETITIONERS TO
12 SPECIFY IN THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF FRAUD OR ERROR
13 WHICH THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, [NOR] AND TO OFFER
14 EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR PETITION.

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

18 * * *

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

20 * * *

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

25 (B) EVERY PETITION FOR THE OPENING OF A BALLOT BOX UNDER THE
26 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
27 PROTHONOTARY OF THE PROPER COUNTY, ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT OF
28 CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY
29 (\$850) DOLLARS, OR BY A BOND SIGNED BY THE PETITIONERS AS
30 PRINCIPALS AND BY A CORPORATE SURETY TO BE APPROVED BY THE

1 COURT, IN THE AMOUNT OF [ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)] ONE THOUSAND
2 FIVE HUNDRED (\$1,500) DOLLARS, CONDITIONED UPON THE PAYMENT TO
3 THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY OF THE SUM OF
4 [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, IN THE
5 EVENT THAT, UPON THE OPENING OF THE BALLOT BOX, IT SHALL NOT
6 APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS COMMITTED IN THE
7 COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN,
8 OR FRAUD IN THE MARKING OF THE BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR
9 OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH BALLOTS.

10 * * *

11 (D) IF, UPON OPENING ANY SUCH BALLOT BOX, IT SHALL APPEAR
12 THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS COMMITTED IN THE COMPUTATION
13 OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR FRAUD IN
14 THE MARKING OF THE BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR OTHERWISE IN
15 CONNECTION WITH SUCH BALLOTS, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE COURT
16 TO CERTIFY SUCH FACT TO THE PROTHONOTARY AND THEREUPON THE
17 PROTHONOTARY SHALL RETURN TO THE PETITIONERS THE SAID SUM OF
18 [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, OR IF THE
19 PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE FILED A BOND IN LIEU OF CASH, TO MARK
20 SAID BOND CANCELLED AND NOTIFY THE PETITIONERS THAT HE HAS DONE
21 SO.

22 (E) IF, UPON OPENING ANY BALLOT BOX UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
23 THIS SECTION, IT SHALL NOT APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL
24 ERROR WAS COMMITTED IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE
25 BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR FRAUD IN THE MARKING OF THE
26 BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN, OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH
27 BALLOTS, THE PERSONS UPON WHOSE PETITION SUCH BALLOT BOX SHALL
28 HAVE BEEN OPENED SHALL FORFEIT TO THE COUNTY THE SUM OF [FIFTY
29 (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS. IF SAID
30 PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE DEPOSITED THE SAID SUM IN CASH WITH THE

1 PROTHONOTARY AT THE TIME OF FILING THE PETITION, THE
2 PROTHONOTARY, UPON CERTIFICATION OF THE COURT THAT FRAUD OR
3 SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS NOT DISCOVERED, SHALL PAY SAID SUM
4 DEPOSITED WITH HIM TO THE COUNTY TREASURER; AND IF THE
5 PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE FILED WITH THEIR PETITION A BOND IN THE
6 SUM OF [ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00)] ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
7 (\$1,500) DOLLARS, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE COUNTY TREASURER
8 FORTHWITH TO COLLECT FROM THE PRINCIPALS OR SURETY ON SAID BOND,
9 THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS,
10 AND COSTS OF SUIT, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE, HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED
11 TO INSTITUTE ANY NECESSARY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. WHEN SO COLLECTED,
12 THE SAID SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50.00)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850)
13 DOLLARS SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE COUNTY TREASURER.

14 * * *

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

18 (1) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (2), THE COURT OF COMMON
19 PLEAS, OR A JUDGE THEREOF, OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH ANY ELECTION
20 DISTRICT IS LOCATED, SHALL MAKE VISIBLE THE REGISTERING COUNTERS
21 OF THE VOTING MACHINE OR MACHINES USED IN SUCH ELECTION DISTRICT
22 AT ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION, AND WITHOUT UNLOCKING THE MACHINE
23 AGAINST VOTING, SHALL RECANVASS THE VOTE CAST THEREIN, IF THREE
24 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT SHALL FILE A
25 PETITION, DULY VERIFIED BY THEM, ALLEGING THAT, UPON INFORMATION
26 WHICH THEY CONSIDER RELIABLE, THEY BELIEVE THAT FRAUD OR ERROR,
27 ALTHOUGH NOT MANIFEST ON THE GENERAL RETURN OF VOTES MADE
28 THEREFROM, WAS COMMITTED IN THE CANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST ON
29 SUCH MACHINE OR MACHINES. IT SHALL [NOT] BE NECESSARY FOR THE
30 PETITIONERS TO SPECIFY IN THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF

1 FRAUD OR ERROR THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, [NOR] AND TO
2 OFFER EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR
3 PETITION.

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

7 * * *

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

9 * * *

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

14 (A.1) EVERY PETITION FOR THE RECANVASSING OF VOTES CAST IN
15 THE VOTING MACHINE, OR VOTING MACHINES OF AN ELECTION DISTRICT,
16 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE FILED IN THE
17 OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY OF THE PROPER COUNTY ACCOMPANIED BY A
18 DEPOSIT OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT HUNDRED
19 FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, OR BY A BOND SIGNED BY THE PETITIONERS AS
20 PRINCIPALS AND BY A CORPORATE SURETY TO BE APPROVED BY THE COURT
21 IN THE AMOUNT OF [ONE HUNDRED (\$100)] ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
22 (\$1,500) DOLLARS, CONDITIONED UPON THE PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY
23 TREASURER FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY OF THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)]
24 EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, IN THE EVENT THAT UPON THE
25 RECANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST IN A VOTING MACHINE OR VOTING
26 MACHINES, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS
27 COMMITTED IN THE CANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST ON SUCH MACHINE OR
28 OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH VOTING MACHINES.

29 * * *

30 (B.1) IF, UPON THE RECANVASSING OF THE VOTES IN ANY VOTING

1 MACHINE, IT SHALL APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS
2 COMMITTED IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE VOTING
3 MACHINE OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH VOTING MACHINE, IT
4 SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE COURT TO CERTIFY SUCH FACT TO THE
5 PROTHONOTARY, AND THEREUPON THE PROTHONOTARY SHALL RETURN TO THE
6 PETITIONERS THE SAID SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY
7 (\$850) DOLLARS, OR IF THE PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE FILED A BOND,
8 IN LIEU OF CASH, TO MARK SAID BOND CANCELLED AND NOTIFY THE
9 PETITIONERS THAT HE HAS DONE SO.

10 (B.2) IF, UPON THE RECANVASSING OF THE VOTES IN ANY VOTING
11 MACHINE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, IT SHALL NOT
12 APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS COMMITTED IN THE
13 COMPUTATION OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE VOTING MACHINE OR OTHERWISE
14 IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH VOTING MACHINE, THE PERSONS UPON WHOSE
15 PETITION SUCH VOTING MACHINE WAS RECANVASSED SHALL FORFEIT TO
16 THE COUNTY THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850)
17 DOLLARS. IF SAID PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE DEPOSITED THE SAID SUM
18 IN CASH WITH THE PROTHONOTARY AT THE TIME OF FILING THE
19 PETITION, THE PROTHONOTARY, UPON CERTIFICATION OF THE COURT THAT
20 FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH
21 MACHINE WAS NOT DISCOVERED, SHALL PAY SAID SUM DEPOSITED WITH
22 HIM TO THE COUNTY TREASURER, AND IF THE PETITIONERS SHALL HAVE
23 FILED WITH THEIR PETITION A BOND IN THE SUM OF [ONE HUNDRED
24 (\$100)] ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$1,500) DOLLARS, IT SHALL BE
25 THE DUTY OF THE COUNTY TREASURER FORTHWITH TO COLLECT FROM THE
26 PRINCIPALS OR SURETY ON SAID BOND THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT
27 HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS AND COSTS OF SUIT, AND FOR THIS
28 PURPOSE HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE ANY NECESSARY LEGAL
29 PROCEEDINGS. WHEN SO COLLECTED, THE SAID SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)]
30 EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE

1 COUNTY TREASURER.

2 * * *

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

5 (A) (1) ANY PETITION TO OPEN A BALLOT BOX OR TO RECANVASS
6 THE VOTES ON A VOTING MACHINE OR AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM
7 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1701 AND 1702 SHALL BE FILED NO LATER THAN
8 [FIVE (5)] THREE (3) DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE
9 COMPUTATIONAL CANVASSING OF ALL RETURNS OF THE COUNTY BY THE
10 COUNTY BOARD. IF ANY ERROR OR FRAUD IS FOUND THE COURT SHALL
11 GRANT THE INTERESTED PARTIES AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) DAYS TO FILE
12 PETITIONS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL BALLOT BOXES TO BE OPENED OR
13 VOTING MACHINES OR ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS TO BE RECANVASSED.

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

16 (A) A RECOUNT OR RECANVASS SHALL INCLUDE ALL ELECTION
17 DISTRICTS IN WHICH BALLOTS WERE CAST FOR THE OFFICE IN QUESTION;
18 AND

19 (B) PETITIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPROPRIATE MONEY OR BOND,
20 MUST BE FILED IN EACH ELECTION DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
21 ACT.

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

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

28 * * *

29 SECTION 13. THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF SECTIONS 102(Z.5),
30 206, 1210(A), (A.1) AND (A.2), 1308(A)(2)(I) RELATING TO PROOF

1 OF IDENTIFICATION AND 1308(H) OF THE ACT SHALL NOT APPLY TO AN
2 ELECTION OCCURRING BEFORE THE 2025 PRIMARY ELECTION.

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

4 (1) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF SECTIONS 102(Z.5), 206,
5 1210(A), (A.1) AND (A.2), ~~1308(A)(2)(I) CONCERNING SECTION~~ <--
6 ~~102(Z.5)~~ AND 1308(H) OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1,
7 2025.

8 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
9 IMMEDIATELY.