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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 17, 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~~ <--

~~APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, FOR ENVELOPES FOR OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS, FOR DELIVERING OR MAILING BALLOTS, FOR VOTING BY ABSENTEE ELECTORS AND FOR CANVASSING OF OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL IN BALLOTS; IN VOTING BY QUALIFIED MAIL IN ELECTORS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DATE OF APPLICATION FOR MAIL IN BALLOT, FOR ENVELOPES FOR OFFICIAL MAIL IN BALLOTS AND FOR VOTING BY MAIL IN ELECTORS; IN ELECTION INTEGRITY GRANT PROGRAM, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS; AND, IN RECOUNTS AND CONTESTS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR OPENING BALLOT BOXES UPON PETITION OF ELECTORS ALLEGING FRAUD OR ERROR AND DEPOSIT OR BOND, FOR RECANVASSING VOTING MACHINES UPON PETITION OF ELECTORS ALLEGING FRAUD OR ERROR AND FOR CORRECTION OF RETURNS, DECISION NOT TO BE FINAL AND EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION.~~

16 AMENDING THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, NO.320), ENTITLED <--
17 "AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS, INCLUDING GENERAL, MUNICIPAL,
18 SPECIAL AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS, THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES,
19 PRIMARY AND ELECTION EXPENSES AND ELECTION CONTESTS; CREATING
20 AND DEFINING MEMBERSHIP OF COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS;
21 IMPOSING DUTIES UPON THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,
22 COURTS, COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;
23 IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ACT, AND CODIFYING,
24 REVISING AND CONSOLIDATING THE LAWS RELATING THERETO; AND
25 REPEALING CERTAIN ACTS AND PARTS OF ACTS RELATING TO
26 ELECTIONS," IN DATES OF ELECTIONS AND PRIMARIES AND SPECIAL
27 ELECTIONS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PRIMARY AND
28 CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED AND PARTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED
29 AND PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TIMELINE FOR 2024
30 AND FOR PROCEDURE FOR SECURING APPROVAL OF ELECTORS.

31 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
32 hereby enacts as follows:

33 ~~Section 1. Sections 603, 908 and 913(d) of the act of June <--~~
34 ~~3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election~~
35 ~~Code, are amended to read:~~

36 ~~SECTION 1. SECTIONS 102(Q.1) AND (Z.5), 206, 603, 908, <--~~
37 ~~913(D), 914, 953(B) AND 977 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937~~
38 ~~(P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE, ARE~~
39 ~~AMENDED TO READ:~~

40 ~~SECTION 102. DEFINITIONS. THE FOLLOWING WORDS, WHEN USED IN~~
41 ~~THIS ACT, SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS, UNLESS OTHERWISE~~
42 ~~CLEARLY APPARENT FROM THE CONTEXT:~~

43 * * *

44 ~~(Q.1) THE WORD "PRE CANVASS" SHALL MEAN THE INSPECTION AND~~
45 ~~OPENING OF ALL ENVELOPES CONTAINING OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR~~

1 MAIL IN BALLOTS, THE REMOVAL OF SUCH BALLOTS FROM THE ENVELOPES
2 AND [THE COUNTING, COMPUTING AND TALLYING OF THE VOTES REFLECTED
3 ON THE BALLOTS.] THE PREPARATION OF THOSE BALLOTS FOR SCANNING,
4 INCLUDING UNFOLDING, STRAIGHTENING AND DUPLICATING IF THE BALLOT
5 IS DAMAGED IN SOME WAY THAT PREVENTS IT FROM BEING SCANNED BUT
6 WHERE THE VOTER'S INTENT IS STILL CLEAR. THE TERM SHALL ALSO
7 INCLUDE SCANNING THE BALLOT INTO A VOTING MACHINE OR OTHER
8 AUTOMATIC TABULATING DEVICE, IF THE EQUIPMENT USED BY THE COUNTY
9 BOARD OF ELECTIONS PERMITS A BALLOT TO BE SCANNED WITHOUT
10 TABULATING OR COUNTING THE VOTES ON THE BALLOT SCANNED. THE TERM
11 DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RECORDING OR PUBLISHING OF THE VOTES
12 REFLECTED ON THE BALLOTS.

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

15 [(1) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS A RELIGIOUS OBJECTION
16 TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED, A VALID WITHOUT PHOTO DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
17 A VALID WITHOUT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

21 (I) SHOWS THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE DOCUMENT
22 WAS ISSUED AND THE NAME SUBSTANTIALLY CONFORMS TO THE NAME OF
23 THE INDIVIDUAL AS IT APPEARS IN THE DISTRICT REGISTER;

24 (II) SHOWS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE
25 DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED;

26 (III) INCLUDES AN EXPIRATION DATE AND IS NOT EXPIRED,
27 EXCEPT:

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

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

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

~~(A) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.~~

~~(B) THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.~~

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

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

~~(E) A PENNSYLVANIA CARE FACILITY.~~

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

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

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

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

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

~~(1) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO VOTE UNDER~~

1 ~~SECTION 1210:~~

2 ~~(I) ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION THAT~~
3 ~~SHOWS A PHOTO OF THE ELECTOR, THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR TO WHOM~~
4 ~~THE DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED AND THE NAME SUBSTANTIALLY MATCHES THE~~
5 ~~NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN THE DISTRICT REGISTER:~~

6 ~~(A) A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE~~
7 ~~COMMONWEALTH OR AN AGENCY THEREOF.~~

8 ~~(B) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR BY A~~
9 ~~FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.~~

10 ~~(C) A DOCUMENT FROM AN AGENCY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE~~
11 ~~UNITED STATES OR THEIR RESERVE COMPONENTS, INCLUDING THE~~
12 ~~PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD, ESTABLISHING THAT THE ELECTOR IS A~~
13 ~~CURRENT MEMBER OF OR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES~~
14 ~~OR NATIONAL GUARD.~~

15 ~~(D) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR SCHOOL~~
16 ~~DISTRICT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.~~

17 ~~(E) A FIREARM PERMIT.~~

18 ~~(F) A STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD.~~

19 ~~(G) AN EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY A PRIVATE OR~~
20 ~~PUBLIC EMPLOYER.~~

21 ~~(II) IF AN ELECTOR DOES NOT HAVE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AS~~
22 ~~PROVIDED FOR IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I), THE ELECTOR MAY PRESENT TO THE~~
23 ~~ELECTION OFFICER FOR EXAMINATION ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF~~
24 ~~IDENTIFICATION THAT CONTAINS THE ELECTOR'S NAME AND THE NAME~~
25 ~~SUBSTANTIALLY MATCHES THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN~~
26 ~~THE DISTRICT REGISTER:~~

27 ~~(A) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO HAS A RELIGIOUS OBJECTION~~
28 ~~TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED, A WITHOUT PHOTO DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A~~
29 ~~WITHOUT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE COMMONWEALTH.~~

30 ~~(B) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE COMMONWEALTH, OR AN AGENCY,~~

1 ~~COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH,~~
2 ~~INCLUDING A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH~~
3 ~~25 PA.C.S. § 1328 (C) (RELATING TO APPROVAL OF REGISTRATION~~
4 ~~APPLICATIONS).~~

5 ~~(C) A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR BY A~~
6 ~~FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.~~

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

8 ~~(E) A UTILITY BILL, INCLUDING A BILL FROM A CELLULAR~~
9 ~~TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER.~~

10 ~~(F) A BANK STATEMENT.~~

11 ~~(G) A PAYCHECK OR PAYSTUB.~~

12 ~~(H) A GOVERNMENT CHECK.~~

13 ~~(I) A PROOF OF INSURANCE DOCUMENT.~~

14 ~~(J) A TAX FILING OR DOCUMENT.~~

15 ~~(K) A REGISTRATION, FEE STATEMENT OR TRANSCRIPT FROM AN~~
16 ~~INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.~~

17 ~~(L) A MORTGAGE DOCUMENT.~~

18 ~~(M) A RESIDENTIAL LEASE.~~

19 ~~(III) AN ELECTOR WHO IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A FORM OF~~
20 ~~IDENTIFICATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR (II) MAY PRESENT A~~
21 ~~QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT WHO CAN VOUCH FOR THE~~
22 ~~ELECTOR'S IDENTITY. THE ELECTOR AND VOUCHER SHALL SIGN AN~~
23 ~~AFFIRMATION AFFIRMING THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AND THAT THE~~
24 ~~VOUCHER PERSONALLY KNOWS THE ELECTOR. AN ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL~~
25 ~~CONFIRM THAT THE NAME PROVIDED IN THE AFFIRMATION SUBSTANTIALLY~~
26 ~~MATCHES THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN THE DISTRICT~~
27 ~~REGISTER. THE SECRETARY SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF AFFIRMATION~~
28 ~~WHICH SHALL INCLUDE DISCLOSURE OF THE PENALTIES UNDER SECTION~~
29 ~~1802.~~

30 ~~(IV) AN ELECTOR WHO IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A FORM OF~~

~~1 IDENTIFICATION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR (II) OR A VOUCHER UNDER
2 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) MAY PROVIDE A FORM, PRESCRIBED BY THE
3 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND PROVIDED TO THE ELECTOR BY AN
4 ELECTION OFFICER, ON WHICH THE ELECTOR SHALL PRINT THEIR NAME
5 AND ADDRESS, AND AFFIRM THEIR IDENTITY. AN ELECTION OFFICER
6 SHALL CONFIRM THAT THE NAME PROVIDED IN THE AFFIRMATION
7 SUBSTANTIALLY MATCHES THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AS IT APPEARS IN
8 THE DISTRICT REGISTER. THE AFFIRMATION SHALL INCLUDE A
9 DISCLOSURE OF THE PENALTIES UNDER SECTION 1802.~~

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11 SECTION 206. ~~REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO VOTER
12 IDENTIFICATION. (A) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL
13 PREPARE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE
14 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTIONS
15 1210 AND 1302.~~

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

26 ~~(C) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PREPARE THE FORM
27 OF THE STATEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) AND SHALL
28 DISTRIBUTE THE FORM TO THE COUNTIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
29 TRANSPORTATION. THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, THE SECRETARY
30 OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION SHALL~~

~~DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY
OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS UNDER SUBSECTION (B).]~~

~~Section 603. General Primary; Candidates to Be Nominated and
Party Officers to Be Elected. (a) There shall be a General
primary preceding each general election which shall be held on
the third Tuesday of May in all even numbered years, except in
the year of the nomination of a President of the United States,
in which year the General primary shall be held on the fourth
Tuesday of April. Candidates for all offices to be filled at the
ensuing general election shall be nominated at the General
primary. The vote for candidates for the office of President of
the United States, as provided for by this act, shall be cast at
the General primary.~~

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

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

~~Section 908. Manner of Signing Nomination Petitions; Time of
Circulating.—~~

~~(1) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one
such petition for each office to be filled, and shall declare
therein that he is a registered and enrolled member of the party
designated in such petition: Provided, however, That where there
are to be elected two or more persons to the same office, each
signer may sign petitions for as many candidates for such office
as, and no more than, he could vote for at the succeeding
election. He shall also declare therein that he is a qualified
elector of the county therein named, and in case the nomination
is not to be made or candidates are not to be elected by the
electors of the State at large, of the political district~~

1 ~~therein named, in which the nomination is to be made or the~~
2 ~~election is to be held. He shall add his address where he is~~
3 ~~duly registered and enrolled, giving city, borough or township,~~
4 ~~with street and number, if any, and shall legibly print his name~~
5 ~~and add the date of signing, expressed in words or numbers:~~
6 ~~Provided, however, That if the said political district named in~~
7 ~~the petition lies wholly within any city, borough or township,~~
8 ~~or is coextensive with same, it shall not be necessary for any~~
9 ~~signer of a nomination petition to state therein the city,~~
10 ~~borough or township of his residence. [No]~~

11 ~~(2) Except as provided under paragraph (3), no nomination~~
12 ~~petition shall be circulated prior to the thirteenth Tuesday~~
13 ~~before the primary, and no signature shall be counted unless it~~
14 ~~bears a date affixed not earlier than the thirteenth Tuesday nor~~
15 ~~later than the tenth Tuesday prior to the primary.~~

16 ~~(3) For the general primary election that occurs in 2024, no~~
17 ~~nomination petition shall be circulated prior to the eleventh <--~~
18 ~~TWELFTH Tuesday before the primary and no signature shall be <--~~
19 ~~counted unless it bears a date affixed not earlier than the~~
20 ~~eleventh TWELFTH Tuesday nor later than the eighth NINTH Tuesday <--~~
21 ~~prior to the primary.~~

22 ~~Section 913. Place and Time of Filing Nomination Petitions;~~
23 ~~Filing Fees. * * *~~

24 ~~{(d) All} (d) (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2),~~
25 ~~all nomination petitions shall be filed on or before the tenth~~
26 ~~Tuesday prior to the primary.~~

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

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

2 ~~SECTION 914. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATES. [ANY]~~ <--

3 ~~(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2), ANY OF THE~~
4 ~~CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION AT ANY PRIMARY MAY~~
5 ~~WITHDRAW HIS NAME AS A CANDIDATE BY A REQUEST IN WRITING, SIGNED~~
6 ~~BY HIM AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE AN OFFICER EMPOWERED TO~~
7 ~~ADMINISTER OATHS, AND FILED IN THE OFFICE IN WHICH HIS~~
8 ~~NOMINATION PETITION WAS FILED. SUCH WITHDRAWALS, TO BE~~
9 ~~EFFECTIVE, MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF~~
10 ~~THE COMMONWEALTH NOT LATER THAN 5 O'CLOCK P. M. ON THE FIFTEENTH~~
11 ~~DAY NEXT SUCCEEDING THE LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS~~
12 ~~IN SAID OFFICE, AND IN THE OFFICE OF ANY COUNTY BOARD OF~~
13 ~~ELECTIONS, NOT LATER THAN THE ORDINARY CLOSING HOUR OF SAID~~
14 ~~OFFICE ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY NEXT SUCCEEDING THE LAST DAY FOR~~
15 ~~FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS IN SAID OFFICE. NO NAME SO WITHDRAWN~~
16 ~~SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT OR BALLOT LABELS. NO CANDIDATE~~
17 ~~MAY WITHDRAW ANY WITHDRAWAL NOTICE ALREADY RECEIVED AND FILED,~~
18 ~~AND THEREBY REINSTATE HIS NOMINATION PETITION.~~

19 ~~(2) FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY THAT OCCURS IN 2024, ANY OF THE~~
20 ~~CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION MAY WITHDRAW HIS NAME AS A~~
21 ~~CANDIDATE BY A REQUEST IN WRITING, SIGNED BY HIM AND~~
22 ~~ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE AN OFFICER EMPOWERED TO ADMINISTER OATHS,~~
23 ~~AND FILED IN THE OFFICE IN WHICH HIS NOMINATION PETITION WAS~~
24 ~~FILED. SUCH WITHDRAWALS, TO BE EFFECTIVE, MUST BE RECEIVED IN~~
25 ~~THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH NOT LATER THAN~~
26 ~~FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE TENTH DAY NEXT SUCCEEDING THE LAST DAY~~
27 ~~FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS IN SAID OFFICE, AND IN THE~~
28 ~~OFFICE OF ANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, NOT LATER THAN THE~~
29 ~~ORDINARY CLOSING HOUR OF SAID OFFICE ON THE TENTH DAY NEXT~~
30 ~~SUCCEEDING THE LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS IN SAID~~

1 ~~OFFICE. NO NAME SO WITHDRAWN SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT OR~~
2 ~~BALLOT LABELS. NO CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW ANY WITHDRAWAL NOTICE~~
3 ~~ALREADY RECEIVED AND FILED, AND THEREBY REINSTATE HIS NOMINATION~~
4 ~~PETITION.~~

5 ~~SECTION 953. PLACE AND TIME OF FILING NOMINATION PAPERS.~~

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7 ~~(B) NO NOMINATION PAPER SHALL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE~~
8 ~~{TENTH WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY} DAY FOLLOWING THE LAST~~
9 ~~DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS UNDER SECTION 913, AND NO~~
10 ~~SIGNATURE SHALL BE COUNTED UNLESS IT BEARS A DATE AFFIXED NOT~~
11 ~~EARLIER THAN THE {TENTH WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY} DAY~~
12 ~~FOLLOWING THE LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS UNDER~~
13 ~~SECTION 913, NOR LATER THAN THE SECOND FRIDAY SUBSEQUENT TO THE~~
14 ~~PRIMARY.~~

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16 ~~SECTION 977. OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PETITIONS AND~~
17 ~~PAPERS. [ALL]~~

18 ~~(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), ALL NOMINATION~~
19 ~~PETITIONS AND PAPERS RECEIVED AND FILED WITHIN THE PERIODS~~
20 ~~LIMITED BY THIS ACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE VALID, UNLESS, WITHIN~~
21 ~~SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING SAID NOMINATION~~
22 ~~PETITION OR PAPER, A PETITION IS PRESENTED TO THE COURT~~
23 ~~SPECIFICALLY SETTING FORTH THE OBJECTIONS THERETO, AND PRAYING~~
24 ~~THAT THE SAID PETITION OR PAPER BE SET ASIDE. A COPY OF SAID~~
25 ~~PETITION SHALL, WITHIN SAID PERIOD, BE SERVED ON THE OFFICER OR~~
26 ~~BOARD WITH WHOM SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER WAS FILED.~~
27 ~~UPON THE PRESENTATION OF SUCH A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL MAKE~~
28 ~~AN ORDER FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING WHICH SHALL NOT BE LATER THAN~~
29 ~~TEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING SAID NOMINATION PETITION~~
30 ~~OR PAPER, AND SPECIFYING THE TIME AND MANNER OF NOTICE THAT~~

~~1 SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES NAMED IN THE
2 NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER SOUGHT TO BE SET ASIDE. ON THE DAY
3 FIXED FOR SAID HEARING, THE COURT SHALL PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO
4 HEAR SAID OBJECTIONS, AND SHALL GIVE SUCH HEARING PRECEDENCE
5 OVER OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE IT, AND SHALL FINALLY DETERMINE SAID
6 MATTER NOT LATER THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR
7 FILING SAID NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS. IF THE COURT SHALL
8 FIND THAT SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER IS DEFECTIVE UNDER
9 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 976, OR DOES NOT CONTAIN A SUFFICIENT
10 NUMBER OF GENUINE SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS ENTITLED TO SIGN THE
11 SAME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, OR WAS NOT FILED BY
12 PERSONS ENTITLED TO FILE THE SAME, IT SHALL BE SET ASIDE. IF THE
13 OBJECTIONS RELATE TO MATERIAL ERRORS OR DEFECTS APPARENT ON THE
14 FACE OF THE NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER, THE COURT, AFTER
15 HEARING, MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, PERMIT AMENDMENTS WITHIN SUCH
16 TIME AND UPON SUCH TERMS AS TO PAYMENT OF COSTS, AS THE SAID
17 COURT MAY SPECIFY. IN CASE ANY SUCH PETITION IS DISMISSED, THE
18 COURT SHALL MAKE SUCH ORDER AS TO THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF
19 THE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING WITNESS FEES, AS IT SHALL DEEM JUST.
20 IF A PERSON SHALL SIGN ANY NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS FOR A
21 GREATER NUMBER OF CANDIDATES THAN HE IS PERMITTED UNDER THE
22 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, IF SAID SIGNATURES BEAR THE SAME DATE,
23 THEY SHALL, UPON OBJECTIONS FILED THERETO, NOT BE COUNTED ON ANY
24 PETITION OR PAPER AND IF THEY BEAR DIFFERENT DATES, THEY SHALL
25 BE COUNTED IN THE ORDER OF THEIR PRIORITY OF DATE, FOR ONLY SO
26 MANY PERSONS AS THERE ARE CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED.
27 THE OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT AND THE
28 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE VARIOUS
29 OFFICES OF PROTHONOTARY OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SHALL BE
30 OPEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M. AND FIVE~~

1 ~~0'CLOCK P.M. ON THE LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW AFTER FILING NOMINATION~~
2 ~~PETITIONS AND ON THE LAST DAY TO FILE OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION~~
3 ~~PETITIONS.~~

4 ~~(2) FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY THAT OCCURS IN 2024, ALL~~
5 ~~NOMINATION PETITIONS AND PAPERS RECEIVED AND FILED WITHIN THE~~
6 ~~PERIODS LIMITED BY THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE VALID~~
7 ~~UNLESS, WITHIN SIX (6) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING THE~~
8 ~~NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER, A PETITION IS PRESENTED TO THE~~
9 ~~COURT SPECIFICALLY SETTING FORTH THE OBJECTIONS THERETO AND~~
10 ~~PRAYING THAT THE PETITION OR PAPER BE SET ASIDE. A COPY OF THE~~
11 ~~PETITION SHALL, WITHIN THE PERIOD, BE SERVED ON THE OFFICER OR~~
12 ~~BOARD WITH WHOM SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER WAS FILED.~~
13 ~~UPON THE PRESENTATION OF A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL MAKE AN~~
14 ~~ORDER FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING WHICH SHALL NOT BE LATER THAN~~
15 ~~TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING SAID NOMINATION~~
16 ~~PETITION OR PAPER AND SPECIFYING THE TIME AND MANNER OF NOTICE~~
17 ~~THAT SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES NAMED IN THE~~
18 ~~NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER SOUGHT TO BE SET ASIDE. ON THE DAY~~
19 ~~FIXED FOR THE HEARING, THE COURT SHALL PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO~~
20 ~~HEAR SAID OBJECTIONS, AND SHALL GIVE THE HEARING PRECEDENCE OVER~~
21 ~~OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE IT, AND SHALL FINALLY DETERMINE THE MATTER~~
22 ~~NOT LATER THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING~~
23 ~~THE NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS. IF THE COURT SHALL FIND THAT~~
24 ~~THE NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER IS DEFECTIVE UNDER THE~~
25 ~~PROVISIONS OF SECTION 976.1 OR DOES NOT CONTAIN A SUFFICIENT~~
26 ~~NUMBER OF GENUINE SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS ENTITLED TO SIGN THE~~
27 ~~SAME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, OR WAS NOT FILED BY~~
28 ~~PERSONS ENTITLED TO FILE THE SAME, IT SHALL BE SET ASIDE. IF THE~~
29 ~~OBJECTIONS RELATE TO MATERIAL ERRORS OR DEFECTS APPARENT ON THE~~
30 ~~FACE OF THE NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER, THE COURT, AFTER~~

1 ~~HEARING, MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, PERMIT AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE~~
2 ~~TIME AND UPON THE TERMS AS TO PAYMENT OF COSTS, AS THE COURT MAY~~
3 ~~SPECIFY. IF A PETITION IS DISMISSED, THE COURT SHALL MAKE AN~~
4 ~~ORDER AS TO THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS,~~
5 ~~INCLUDING WITNESS FEES, AS IT SHALL DEEM JUST. IF A PERSON SIGNS~~
6 ~~ANY NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS FOR A GREATER NUMBER OF~~
7 ~~CANDIDATES THAN HE IS PERMITTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS~~
8 ~~ACT, IF THE SIGNATURES BEAR THE SAME DATE, THEY SHALL, UPON~~
9 ~~OBJECTIONS FILED THERETO, NOT BE COUNTED ON ANY PETITION OR~~
10 ~~PAPER, AND IF THEY BEAR DIFFERENT DATES THEY SHALL BE COUNTED IN~~
11 ~~THE ORDER OF THEIR PRIORITY OF DATE FOR ONLY SO MANY PERSONS AS~~
12 ~~THERE ARE CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED. THE OFFICE OF~~
13 ~~THE PROTHONOTARY OF COMMONWEALTH COURT AND THE OFFICE OF THE~~
14 ~~SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF~~
15 ~~PROTHONOTARY OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SHALL BE OPEN BETWEEN~~
16 ~~THE HOURS OF EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M. AND FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON~~
17 ~~THE LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW AFTER FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS AND~~
18 ~~ON THE LAST DAY TO FILE OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PETITIONS.~~

19 SECTION 2. SECTION 1110 A OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING
20 SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

21 SECTION 1110 A. SUPPLIES; PREPARATION OF THE VOTING SYSTEM
22 AND OF POLLING PLACES. * * *

23 ~~(A.1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL USE A CHAIN OF CUSTODY LOG TO~~
24 ~~MAINTAIN AND DOCUMENT AN UNINTERRUPTED CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR EACH~~
25 ~~BALLOT CAST AND EACH BALLOT STORAGE CONTAINER, INCLUDING IN~~
26 ~~PERSON, PROVISIONAL, MAIL IN AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS. CHAIN OF~~
27 ~~CUSTODY LOGS SHALL BE IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY AND,~~
28 ~~AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF EACH BALLOT~~
29 ~~STORAGE CONTAINER AND THE NUMBER OF A TAMPER EVIDENT SEAL~~
30 ~~AFFIXED TO EACH BALLOT STORAGE CONTAINER. CHAIN OF CUSTODY LOGS~~

1 ~~SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AFTER THE~~
2 ~~COMPUTATION AND CANVASSING OF RETURNS IS COMPLETED, SUBJECT TO~~
3 ~~ANY REDACTIONS THE COUNTY BOARD DEEMS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE~~
4 ~~SAFETY AND PRIVATE INFORMATION OF INDIVIDUAL CUSTODIANS.~~

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

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

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

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

28 ~~(B) THE AUDIT SHALL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:~~

29 ~~(1) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL RANDOMLY~~
30 ~~DETERMINE WHAT CONTESTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A RISK LIMITING~~

1 ~~AUDIT.~~

2 ~~(2) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE~~
3 ~~OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE RANDOM SELECTION OF THE AUDIT UNITS~~
4 ~~TO BE MANUALLY TALLIED AND OF THE TIMES AND PLACES OF THE~~
5 ~~AUDITS.~~

6 ~~(3) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE~~
7 ~~TO THE PUBLIC A REPORT OF THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS FOR THE CONTEST~~
8 ~~PRIOR TO THE RANDOM SELECTION OF AUDIT UNITS TO BE MANUALLY~~
9 ~~TALLIED AND PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE AUDIT.~~

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

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

15 ~~(C) IF A RISK LIMITING AUDIT OF A CONTEST LEADS TO A FULL~~
16 ~~MANUAL TALLY OF THE BALLOTS CAST USING THE VOTING SYSTEM, THE~~
17 ~~VOTE COUNTS ACCORDING TO THAT MANUAL TALLY SHALL REPLACE THE~~
18 ~~VOTE.~~

19 ~~(D) THE RESULTS OF AUDITS CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL~~
20 ~~BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITHIN~~
21 ~~FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF BEING ACCEPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE~~
22 ~~COMMONWEALTH. IF THE AUDIT INVOLVED A MANUAL TALLY OF ONE OR~~
23 ~~MORE ENTIRE PRECINCTS, THE NAMES AND NUMBERS OF ALL PRECINCTS~~
24 ~~AUDITED AND A COMPARISON OF THE VOTE TABULATOR RESULTS WITH THE~~
25 ~~HAND COUNTS FOR EACH PRECINCT SHALL BE PUBLISHED WITH THE AUDIT~~
26 ~~RESULTS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE~~
27 ~~INTERNET WEBSITE.~~

28 ~~(E) ANY AUDIT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT COMMENCE~~
29 ~~FOR ANY ELECTION SUBJECT TO A RECOUNT UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF~~
30 ~~THE RECOUNT.~~

1 ~~(F) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PROMULGATE~~
2 ~~RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS~~
3 ~~SECTION.~~

4 ~~(G) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL~~
5 ~~HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:~~

6 ~~"AUDIT UNIT" MEANS A PRECINCT, A SET OF BALLOTS OR A SINGLE~~
7 ~~BALLOT. A PRECINCT, A SET OF BALLOTS OR A SINGLE BALLOT MAY BE~~
8 ~~USED AS AN AUDIT UNIT FOR PURPOSES OF THE SECTION ONLY IF ALL OF~~
9 ~~THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED:~~

10 ~~(1) THE RELEVANT VOTE TABULATING DEVICE IS ABLE TO PRODUCE A~~
11 ~~REPORT OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE PRECINCT, SET OF BALLOTS OR~~
12 ~~SINGLE BALLOT; AND~~

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

14 ~~"CONTEST" MEANS AN ELECTION FOR AN OFFICE.~~

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

29 ~~SECTION 4. SECTION 1210 (A), (A.2), (A.4) (4) AND (5) (II) (D) <--~~
30 ~~(A.4) (5) (II) (D), (E) AND (F) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED, SUBSECTION <--~~

1 ~~(A.4) IS AMENDED BY ADDING CLAUSES AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY~~
2 ~~ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:~~

3 ~~SECTION 1210. MANNER OF APPLYING TO VOTE; PERSONS ENTITLED~~
4 ~~TO VOTE; VOTER'S CERTIFICATES; ENTRIES TO BE MADE IN DISTRICT~~
5 ~~REGISTER; NUMBERED LISTS OF VOTERS; CHALLENGES. (A) [AT EVERY~~
6 ~~PRIMARY AND ELECTION EACH ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO VOTE AND WHO~~
7 ~~DESIRES TO VOTE SHALL FIRST PRESENT TO AN ELECTION OFFICER PROOF~~
8 ~~OF IDENTIFICATION.~~

9 ~~THE ELECTION OFFICER SHALL EXAMINE THE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION~~
10 ~~PRESENTED BY THE ELECTOR AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THIS~~
11 ~~HAS BEEN DONE.~~

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

15 ~~(1) THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO PRODUCE PROOF OF~~
16 ~~IDENTIFICATION:~~

17 ~~(I) ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE ELECTOR IS INDIGENT AND UNABLE~~
18 ~~TO OBTAIN PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF A FEE;~~
19 ~~OR~~

20 ~~(II) ON ANY OTHER GROUNDS.~~

21 ~~(2) THE ELECTOR'S PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IS CHALLENGED BY~~
22 ~~THE JUDGE OF ELECTIONS.] AT EVERY PRIMARY AND ELECTION EACH~~
23 ~~ELECTOR WHO APPEARS TO VOTE IN PERSON SHALL FIRST PRESENT PROOF~~
24 ~~OF IDENTIFICATION TO AN ELECTION OFFICER. THE ELECTION OFFICER~~
25 ~~SHALL EXAMINE THE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT~~
26 ~~STATING THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE.~~

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

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1 ~~(A.4) * * *~~

2 ~~(4) WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS OF THE ELECTION, THE COUNTY <--~~

3 ~~BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL EXAMINE EACH PROVISIONAL BALLOT~~

4 ~~ENVELOPE THAT IS RECEIVED TO DETERMINE IF THE INDIVIDUAL VOTING~~

5 ~~THAT BALLOT WAS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN THE~~

6 ~~ELECTION. ONE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CANDIDATE IN AN~~

7 ~~ELECTION [AND], ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY, A~~

8 ~~VOTER WHO CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND THEIR ATTORNEY AND A~~

9 ~~NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION WHO HAS NO STAKE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE~~

10 ~~ELECTION BUT WHOSE MISSION INCLUDES ADVANCING VOTING RIGHTS FOR~~

11 ~~ALL VOTERS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE ROOM IN WHICH THE~~

12 ~~DETERMINATION IS BEING MADE. A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY~~

13 ~~ESTABLISH REASONABLE LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PERMITTED~~

14 ~~IN THE ROOM. REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE PERMITTED TO KEEP A LIST~~

15 ~~OF THOSE PERSONS WHO CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND SHALL BE~~

16 ~~ENTITLED TO CHALLENGE ANY DETERMINATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF~~

17 ~~ELECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTING OR PARTIAL COUNTING OF~~

18 ~~THE BALLOT UNDER THIS SECTION. UPON CHALLENGE OF ANY PROVISIONAL~~

19 ~~BALLOT UNDER THIS CLAUSE, THE BALLOT ENVELOPE SHALL BE MARKED~~

20 ~~"CHALLENGED" TOGETHER WITH THE REASON FOR THE CHALLENGE, AND THE~~

21 ~~PROVISIONAL BALLOT SHALL BE SET ASIDE PENDING FINAL~~

22 ~~DETERMINATION OF THE CHALLENGE ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING~~

23 ~~PROCEDURE:~~

24 ~~(I) PROVISIONAL BALLOTS MARKED "CHALLENGED" SHALL BE PLACED~~

25 ~~UNOPENED IN A SECURE, SAFE AND SEALED CONTAINER IN THE CUSTODY~~

26 ~~OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS UNTIL IT SHALL FIX A TIME AND~~

27 ~~PLACE FOR A FORMAL HEARING OF ALL SUCH CHALLENGES, AND NOTICE~~

28 ~~SHALL BE GIVEN WHERE POSSIBLE TO ALL PROVISIONAL ELECTORS THUS~~

29 ~~CHALLENGED AND TO EVERY ATTORNEY, WATCHER OR CANDIDATE WHO MADE~~

30 ~~THE CHALLENGE. THE FOLLOWING APPLY:~~

1 ~~(A) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO~~
2 ~~ANY ELECTOR WHOSE PROVISIONAL BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED AND ANY~~
3 ~~ELECTOR WHOSE BALLOT HAS BEEN CHALLENGED. NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN~~
4 ~~BY MAIL, EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE WITHIN TWENTY FOUR~~
5 ~~(24) HOURS OF A FORMAL HEARING BEING SCHEDULED. THE PROVISIONAL~~
6 ~~ELECTOR SHALL BE ADVISED OF THE GROUNDS UPON WHICH THEIR BALLOT~~
7 ~~HAS BEEN REJECTED OR CHALLENGED AND BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY~~
8 ~~TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS OR EVIDENCE ELECTRONICALLY OR PHYSICALLY TO~~
9 ~~OVERCOME THE CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THE~~
10 ~~HEARING EITHER IN PERSON, BY PHONE OR VIRTUALLY.~~

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

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17 (5) * * *

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

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20 ~~{(D) IN THE CASE OF A PROVISIONAL BALLOT THAT WAS CAST UNDER~~
21 ~~SUBSECTION (A.2) (1) (I), WITHIN SIX CALENDAR DAYS FOLLOWING THE~~
22 ~~ELECTION THE ELECTOR FAILS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF~~
23 ~~ELECTIONS TO EXECUTE AN AFFIRMATION OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF~~
24 ~~ELECTIONS DOES NOT RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC, FACSIMILE OR PAPER~~
25 ~~COPY OF AN AFFIRMATION AFFIRMING, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT~~
26 ~~THE ELECTOR IS THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO PERSONALLY APPEARED~~
27 ~~BEFORE THE DISTRICT ELECTION BOARD ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION~~
28 ~~AND CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AND THAT THE ELECTOR IS INDIGENT~~
29 ~~AND UNABLE TO OBTAIN PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION WITHOUT THE PAYMENT~~
30 ~~OF A FEE;}~~

1 ~~(E) IN THE CASE OF A PROVISIONAL BALLOT THAT WAS CAST UNDER~~
2 ~~SUBSECTION [(A.2) (1) (II)] (A.1), WITHIN SIX CALENDAR DAYS~~
3 ~~FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, THE ELECTOR FAILS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE~~
4 ~~COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PRESENT PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND~~
5 ~~EXECUTE AN AFFIRMATION OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DOES NOT~~
6 ~~RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC, FACSIMILE OR PAPER COPY OF THE PROOF OF~~
7 ~~IDENTIFICATION AND AN AFFIRMATION AFFIRMING, UNDER PENALTY OF~~
8 ~~PERJURY, THAT THE ELECTOR IS THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO PERSONALLY~~
9 ~~APPEARED BEFORE THE DISTRICT ELECTION BOARD ON THE DAY OF THE~~
10 ~~ELECTION AND CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT; OR~~

11 ~~(F) THE ELECTOR'S ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL IN BALLOT IS~~
12 ~~TIMELY RECEIVED BY A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS [.] UNLESS THE~~
13 ~~COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT THE ELECTOR'S ABSENTEE~~
14 ~~OR MAIL IN BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.~~

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16 ~~(11.1) FOR ANY ELECTOR THAT SUBMITS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT, <--~~
17 ~~THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO THE PROVISIONAL ELECTOR BY~~
18 ~~MAIL, EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE WITHIN TWENTY FOUR (24)~~
19 ~~HOURS OF THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT BEING SUBMITTED OF THE~~
20 ~~ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE BALLOT TO BE CANVASSED AND~~
21 ~~THE PROCESS TO SUBMIT THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.~~

22 ~~(11.2) FOR A PROVISIONAL BALLOT THAT IS REJECTED FOR ANY~~
23 ~~REASON, THE COUNTY SHALL NOTIFY THE ELECTOR BY MAIL, EMAIL,~~
24 ~~TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE OF THE REASON THEIR PROVISIONAL BALLOT~~
25 ~~WAS REJECTED AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO APPEAL THE DECISION.~~

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27 ~~SECTION 5. SECTION 1302.1 (A) AND (A.3) (1) AND (2) OF THE ACT~~
28 ~~ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO~~
29 ~~READ:~~

30 ~~SECTION 1302.1. DATE OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT.~~

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

12 ~~(A.3) (1) THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF ELECTORS MAY APPLY~~
13 ~~FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, IF OTHERWISE~~
14 ~~QUALIFIED:~~

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

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

23 ~~(III) AN ELECTOR WHO BECOMES SO PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR ILL~~
24 ~~AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE [FIRST TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR~~
25 ~~TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION THAT THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE~~
26 ~~TO APPEAR AT THE POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR~~
27 ~~ELECTION.~~

28 ~~(IV) AN ELECTOR WHO, BECAUSE OF THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTOR'S~~
29 ~~BUSINESS, DUTIES OR OCCUPATION, WILL NECESSARILY BE ABSENT FROM~~
30 ~~THE ELECTOR'S MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE ON THE DAY OF THE~~

1 ~~PRIMARY OR ELECTION, WHICH FACT WAS NOT AND COULD NOT REASONABLY~~
2 ~~BE KNOWN TO THE ELECTOR ON OR BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE~~
3 ~~[FIRST TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR~~
4 ~~ELECTION.~~

5 ~~(2) AN ELECTOR DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) MAY SUBMIT AN~~
6 ~~APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT ANY TIME UP UNTIL THE TIME~~
7 ~~OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR~~
8 ~~ELECTION. THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE A DECLARATION DESCRIBING~~
9 ~~THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVENTED THE ELECTOR FROM APPLYING FOR~~
10 ~~AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE [FIRST~~
11 ~~TUESDAY] TENTH DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION~~
12 ~~OR THAT PREVENT THE ELECTOR FROM APPEARING AT THE POLLING PLACE~~
13 ~~ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, AND THE ELECTOR'S~~
14 ~~QUALIFICATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1). THE DECLARATION SHALL BE~~
15 ~~MADE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 18 PA.C.S. § 4904 (RELATING TO~~
16 ~~UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).~~

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

23 ~~(1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL IMMEDIATELY~~
24 ~~DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPLICANT BY VERIFYING THE~~
25 ~~PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED~~
26 ~~ON THE APPLICATION WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE~~
27 ~~APPLICANT'S PERMANENT REGISTRATION CARD.~~

28 ~~(2) IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT THE APPLICANT IS~~
29 ~~QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE~~
30 ~~APPLICATION SHALL BE MARKED "APPROVED."~~

1 ~~(3) THE ELECTOR SHALL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT~~
2 ~~AND THE TWO ENVELOPES FOR THE OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT.~~

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

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

7 SECTION 1302.2. ~~APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE~~
8 ~~BALLOT.~~

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

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1 ~~SECTION 1304. ENVELOPES FOR OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS.~~
2 ~~THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION SHALL PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL~~
3 ~~ENVELOPES FOR EACH OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT OF SUCH SIZE AND~~
4 ~~SHAPE AS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE~~
5 ~~COMMONWEALTH, IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE PLACING OF ONE WITHIN THE~~
6 ~~OTHER AND BOTH WITHIN THE MAILING ENVELOPE. ON THE SMALLER OF~~
7 ~~THE TWO ENVELOPES TO BE ENCLOSED IN THE MAILING ENVELOPE SHALL~~
8 ~~BE PRINTED, STAMPED OR ENDORSED THE WORDS "OFFICIAL ELECTION~~
9 ~~BALLOT," AND NOTHING ELSE. ON THE LARGER OF THE TWO ENVELOPES,~~
10 ~~TO BE ENCLOSED WITHIN THE MAILING ENVELOPE, SHALL BE PRINTED THE~~
11 ~~FORM OF THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR, AND THE NAME AND ADDRESS~~
12 ~~OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION OF THE PROPER COUNTY. THE LARGER~~
13 ~~ENVELOPE SHALL ALSO CONTAIN INFORMATION INDICATING THE LOCAL~~
14 ~~ELECTION DISTRICT OF THE ABSENTEE VOTER. SAID FORM OF~~
15 ~~DECLARATION AND ENVELOPE SHALL BE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY~~
16 ~~OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND SHALL CONTAIN AMONG OTHER THINGS A~~
17 ~~STATEMENT OF THE ELECTORS QUALIFICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH A~~
18 ~~STATEMENT THAT SUCH ELECTOR HAS NOT ALREADY VOTED IN SUCH~~
19 ~~PRIMARY OR ELECTION. THE MAILING ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE~~
20 ~~ELECTOR SHALL CONTAIN THE TWO ENVELOPES, THE OFFICIAL ABSENTEE~~
21 ~~BALLOT, LISTS OF CANDIDATES, WHEN AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1303~~
22 ~~SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS ACT, THE UNIFORM INSTRUCTIONS IN FORM AND~~
23 ~~SUBSTANCE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND~~
24 ~~NOTHING ELSE. USE OF THE INNER ENVELOPE IS AT THE DISCRETION OF~~
25 ~~THE VOTER. A FAILURE TO USE THE INNER ENVELOPE SHALL NOT BE AN~~
26 ~~ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR DISQUALIFYING THE BALLOT.~~

27 ~~SECTION 1305. DELIVERING OR MAILING BALLOTS.~~

28 ~~(A) [THE] (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), THE~~
29 ~~COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS UPON RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF AN~~
30 ~~APPLICATION FILED BY ANY ELECTOR QUALIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH~~

1 ~~THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1301, SUBSECTIONS (A) TO (H),~~
2 ~~INCLUSIVE, SHALL NOT LATER THAN FIFTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF~~
3 ~~THE PRIMARY OR NOT LATER THAN SEVENTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF~~
4 ~~THE ELECTION COMMENCE TO DELIVER OR MAIL TO SUCH ELECTOR WHO HAS~~
5 ~~INCLUDED WITH SAID APPLICATION A STATEMENT THAT HE OR SHE IS~~
6 ~~UNABLE TO VOTE DURING THE REGULAR ABSENTEE BALLOTING PERIOD BY~~
7 ~~REASON OF LIVING OR PERFORMING MILITARY SERVICE IN AN EXTREMELY~~
8 ~~REMOTE OR ISOLATED AREA OF THE WORLD, AND NOT LATER THAN FORTY~~
9 ~~FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION COMMENCE~~
10 ~~TO DELIVER OR MAIL TO ALL OTHER SUCH ELECTORS AS PROVIDED FOR IN~~
11 ~~SECTION 1301, SUBSECTIONS (A) TO (H), INCLUSIVE, OFFICIAL~~
12 ~~ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR SPECIAL WRITE IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS~~
13 ~~PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION (D) OF SECTION 1303 WHEN OFFICIAL~~
14 ~~ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE NOT YET PRINTED; AS ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS~~
15 ~~OF SUCH ELECTORS ARE RECEIVED, THE BOARD SHALL DELIVER OR MAIL~~
16 ~~OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR SPECIAL WRITE IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS~~
17 ~~WHEN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE NOT YET PRINTED TO SUCH~~
18 ~~ADDITIONAL ELECTORS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER APPROVAL OF~~
19 ~~THEIR APPLICATION. IF THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION WOULD~~
20 ~~MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH THE FORTY FIVE DAY DELIVERY OR~~
21 ~~MAILING REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION, THEN THE COUNTY BOARD OF~~
22 ~~ELECTIONS SHALL MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR SPECIAL WRITE IN~~
23 ~~ABSENTEE BALLOTS WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE COUNTY BOARD'S RECEIPT~~
24 ~~OF THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PREPARE SAID BALLOTS.~~

25 ~~(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) AND 25 PA.C.S. § 3508(B)~~
26 ~~(RELATING TO TRANSMISSION OF UNVOTED BALLOTS), FOR THE GENERAL~~
27 ~~PRIMARY THAT OCCURS IN 2024, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, UPON~~
28 ~~RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FILED BY ANY ELECTOR~~
29 ~~QUALIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1301(A),~~
30 ~~(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G) AND (H), INCLUSIVE, SHALL, NOT~~

1 ~~LATER THAN FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY,~~
2 ~~COMMENCE TO DELIVER OR MAIL TO THE ELECTOR WHO HAS INCLUDED WITH~~
3 ~~THE APPLICATION A STATEMENT THAT HE OR SHE IS UNABLE TO VOTE~~
4 ~~DURING THE REGULAR ABSENTEE BALLOTING PERIOD BY REASON OF LIVING~~
5 ~~OR PERFORMING MILITARY SERVICE IN AN EXTREMELY REMOTE OR~~
6 ~~ISOLATED AREA OF THE WORLD.~~

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

10 SECTION 1306. VOTING BY ABSENTEE ELECTORS. * * *

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

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

21 SECTION 1308. CANVASSING OF OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND
22 MAIL IN BALLOTS. (A) THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION, UPON
23 RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN SEALED OFFICIAL ABSENTEE
24 BALLOT ENVELOPES AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND MAIL IN
25 BALLOTS AS IN SEALED OFFICIAL MAIL IN BALLOT ENVELOPES AS
26 PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE XIII D, SHALL [SAFELY KEEP THE BALLOTS IN
27 SEALED OR LOCKED CONTAINERS UNTIL THEY ARE TO BE CANVASSED BY
28 THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, WHETHER
29 ISSUED TO A CIVILIAN, MILITARY OR OTHER VOTER DURING THE REGULAR
30 OR EMERGENCY APPLICATION PERIOD, SHALL BE CANVASSED IN

1 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G). A MAIL IN BALLOT SHALL BE~~
2 ~~CANVASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G).] MARK THE DATE OF~~
3 ~~RECEIPT IN THE VOTER'S RECORD AND SHALL EXAMINE THE BALLOT~~
4 ~~ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR TO VERIFY~~
5 ~~COMPLETION OF THE DECLARATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTIONS 1306~~
6 ~~AND 1306 D. THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:~~

7 ~~(1) IF THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR HAS BEEN COMPLETED AS~~
8 ~~REQUIRED UNDER SECTIONS 1306 AND 1306 D, THE ABSENTEE AND MAIL~~
9 ~~IN BALLOTS SHALL SAFELY BE KEPT IN SEALED OR LOCKED CONTAINERS~~
10 ~~UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE TO BE PRE CANVASSED OR CANVASSED BY THE~~
11 ~~COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, NOTWITHSTANDING~~
12 ~~IF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT IS ISSUED TO A CIVILIAN, MILITARY OR~~
13 ~~OTHER VOTER DURING THE REGULAR OR EMERGENCY APPLICATION PERIOD,~~
14 ~~SHALL BE PRE CANVASSED OR CANVASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH~~
15 ~~SUBSECTION (G). A MAIL IN BALLOT SHALL BE PRE CANVASSED IN~~
16 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G).~~

17 ~~(2) IF THE DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR HAS NOT BEEN CORRECTLY~~
18 ~~SIGNED AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTIONS 1306 AND 1306 D, THE COUNTY~~
19 ~~BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL ENTER INTO THE VOTER'S RECORD IN THE~~
20 ~~VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM THAT THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL IN~~
21 ~~BALLOT HAS AN ISSUE WITH THE VOTER'S DECLARATION REQUIRING~~
22 ~~CORRECTION IN ORDER FOR THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL IN BALLOT TO~~
23 ~~BE COUNTED. ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR MAIL IN BALLOTS WITH ERRONEOUS~~
24 ~~DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR SHALL BE KEPT IN A SEPARATE SEALED OR~~
25 ~~LOCKED CONTAINER. THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:~~

26 ~~(I) WITHIN TWENTY FOUR (24) HOURS OF A FINDING UNDER THIS~~
27 ~~PARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL NOTIFY THE VOTER~~
28 ~~BY EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE OF THE ERROR AND SHALL~~
29 ~~PROVIDE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND MAIL IN BALLOT CURE FORM. THE~~
30 ~~FORM SHALL BE CREATED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND~~

1 ~~SHALL CONTAIN A LOCATION FOR THE VOTER TO PLACE THE VOTER'S~~
2 ~~PENNSYLVANIA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION~~
3 ~~IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER OR LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE VOTER'S~~
4 ~~SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RETURN THE~~
5 ~~FORM. INSTEAD OF PROVIDING A DRIVER'S LICENSE, DEPARTMENT OF~~
6 ~~TRANSPORTATION IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER OR THE LAST FOUR~~
7 ~~DIGITS OF THE VOTER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, A VOTER MAY~~
8 ~~PROVIDE A LEGIBLE COPY OR PHOTOGRAPH OF A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION~~
9 ~~THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 102(Z.5)(1)(I) AND (II).~~
10 ~~THE CURE FORM SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ATTESTATION IN~~
11 ~~SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM:~~

12 ~~I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM A QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR IN~~
13 ~~THIS ELECTION WHO REQUESTED AND RETURNED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT OR~~
14 ~~MAIL IN BALLOT TO (COUNTY) AND THAT I HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT VOTE~~
15 ~~MORE THAN ONE BALLOT, OTHER THAN A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AS~~
16 ~~PERMITTED BY LAW, IN THIS ELECTION.~~

17 ~~(DATE)~~

18 ~~(SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR)~~

19 ~~(II) THE ABSENTEE BALLOT AND MAIL IN BALLOT CURE FORM AND~~
20 ~~INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RETURN THE FORM SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE~~
21 ~~ON THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND EACH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION'S~~
22 ~~PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.~~

23 ~~(III) IF THE VOTER COMPLETES AND RETURNS THE ABSENTEE BALLOT~~
24 ~~AND MAIL IN BALLOT CURE FORM BEFORE NOON ON THE SIXTH DAY AFTER~~
25 ~~THE ELECTION, THE VOTER'S BALLOT SHALL BE COUNTED AS PROVIDED~~
26 ~~UNDER SUBSECTION (G)(4)(III). IF THE VOTER FAILS TO COMPLETE AND~~
27 ~~RETURN THE FORM BEFORE NOON ON THE SIXTH DAY AFTER THE ELECTION,~~
28 ~~THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL IN BALLOT SHALL BE SET ASIDE AND~~
29 ~~DECLARED VOID. THE VOTER MAY RETURN THE ABSENTEE BALLOT AND~~
30 ~~MAIL IN BALLOT CURE FORM BY EMAIL, FACSIMILE, TEXT MESSAGE OR~~

1 ~~OTHER FORM OF ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION, MAIL OR DELIVERY IN PERSON~~
2 ~~TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.~~

3 ~~(IV) THE VOTER SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO~~
4 ~~VOTE BY PROVISIONAL BALLOT ON ELECTION DAY INSTEAD OF COMPLETING~~
5 ~~AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND MAIL IN BALLOT CURE FORM.~~

6 ~~(V) A MISSING OR INACCURATE DATE ON THE DECLARATION OF THE~~
7 ~~ELECTOR ON THE OUTER RETURN ENVELOPE OF AN ABSENTEE OR MAIL IN~~
8 ~~BALLOT SHALL NOT BE A FATAL DEFECT FOR THE BALLOT, IF THE~~
9 ~~VOTER'S DECLARATION SIGNATURE IS CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION,~~
10 ~~OR THE SIGNATURE HAS BEEN CURED THROUGH USE OF THE NOTICE AND~~
11 ~~CURE PROCESS UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

12 ~~(VI) WITHIN TWENTY FOUR (24) HOURS OF A FINDING UNDER THIS~~
13 ~~PARAGRAPH, COUNTIES SHALL COMPILE A LIST OF VOTERS ELIGIBLE TO~~
14 ~~CURE DEFECTIVE BALLOTS AND MUST MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE TO THE~~
15 ~~PUBLIC.~~

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

23 ~~(II) AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CAST BY ANY ABSENTEE ELECTOR AS~~
24 ~~DEFINED IN SECTION 1301(I), (J), (K), (L), (M) AND (N), AN~~
25 ~~ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER SECTION [1302(A.3)] 1302.1(A.3) OR A MAIL~~
26 ~~IN BALLOT CAST BY A MAIL IN ELECTOR SHALL BE CANVASSED IN~~
27 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION IF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL~~
28 ~~IN BALLOT IS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF~~
29 ~~ELECTIONS NO LATER THAN EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE~~
30 ~~PRIMARY OR ELECTION.~~

1 ~~(1.1) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL MEET NO EARLIER~~
2 ~~THAN [SEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. ON] THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION~~
3 ~~DAY TO PRE CANVASS ALL BALLOTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING. A~~
4 ~~COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE AT LEAST FORTY EIGHT~~
5 ~~HOURS' NOTICE OF A PRE CANVASS MEETING BY PUBLICLY POSTING A~~
6 ~~NOTICE OF A PRE CANVASS MEETING ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE~~
7 ~~INTERNET WEBSITE. [ONE] IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1.2), ONE~~
8 ~~AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CANDIDATE IN AN ELECTION AND~~
9 ~~ONE REPRESENTATIVE [FROM] OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE~~
10 ~~PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE ROOM IN WHICH THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS~~
11 ~~AND MAIL IN BALLOTS ARE PRE CANVASSED. NO PERSON OBSERVING,~~
12 ~~ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN A PRE CANVASS MEETING MAY DISCLOSE~~
13 ~~THE RESULTS OF ANY PORTION OF ANY PRE CANVASS MEETING PRIOR TO~~
14 ~~THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS.~~

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

26 ~~(1.3) A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL RECORD THE PRE~~
27 ~~CANVASSING AND CANVASSING MEETINGS WITH AUDIO AND VISUAL~~ <--
28 ~~RECORDINGS. THE RECORDINGS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE STORED AS~~
29 ~~AN ENCRYPTED FILE. THE RECORDING MAY BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S~~
30 ~~PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE IN THE ENCRYPTED FORMAT.~~

1 ~~THE PASSWORD OR ENCRYPTION SOFTWARE MAY BE DISTRIBUTED AS~~
2 ~~NECESSARY.~~

3 ~~(2) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL MEET NO EARLIER THAN~~
4 ~~THE CLOSE OF POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION AND NO LATER THAN~~
5 ~~EIGHT O'CLOCK A.M. THE [THIRD] DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO~~
6 ~~BEGIN CANVASSING ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL IN BALLOTS NOT~~
7 ~~INCLUDED IN THE PRE CANVASS MEETING. THE MEETING UNDER THIS~~
8 ~~PARAGRAPH SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL IN~~
9 ~~BALLOTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS HAVE BEEN~~
10 ~~CANVASSED. THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL NOT RECORD OR~~
11 ~~PUBLISH ANY VOTES REFLECTED ON THE BALLOTS PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF~~
12 ~~THE POLLS. THE CANVASS PROCESS SHALL CONTINUE THROUGH THE EIGHTH~~
13 ~~DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION FOR VALID MILITARY OVERSEAS BALLOTS~~
14 ~~TIMELY RECEIVED UNDER 25 PA.C.S. § 3511 (RELATING TO RECEIPT OF~~
15 ~~VOTED BALLOT). A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE AT~~
16 ~~LEAST FORTY EIGHT HOURS' NOTICE OF A CANVASS MEETING BY PUBLICLY~~
17 ~~POSTING A NOTICE ON ITS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.~~
18 ~~ONE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CANDIDATE IN AN ELECTION~~
19 ~~AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE~~
20 ~~PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE ROOM IN WHICH THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS~~
21 ~~AND MAIL IN BALLOTS ARE CANVASSED.~~

22 ~~(3) WHEN THE COUNTY BOARD MEETS TO PRE CANVASS OR CANVASS~~
23 ~~ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL IN BALLOTS UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1), (1.1)~~
24 ~~AND (2), THE BOARD SHALL [EXAMINE]:~~

25 ~~(I) EXAMINE THE DECLARATION ON THE ENVELOPE OF EACH BALLOT~~
26 ~~NOT SET ASIDE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) AND SHALL COMPARE THE~~
27 ~~INFORMATION THEREON WITH THAT CONTAINED IN THE ["REGISTERED~~
28 ~~ABSENTEE AND MAIL IN VOTERS FILE," THE] ABSENTEE VOTERS' LIST~~
29 ~~[AND/OR] OR THE "MILITARY VETERANS AND EMERGENCY CIVILIANS~~
30 ~~ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE," WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.~~

1 ~~(II) IF THE COUNTY BOARD HAS VERIFIED THE PROOF OF~~
2 ~~IDENTIFICATION AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT AND IS SATISFIED THAT~~
3 ~~THE DECLARATION IS SUFFICIENT AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN~~
4 ~~THE ["REGISTERED ABSENTEE AND MAIL IN VOTERS FILE," THE]~~
5 ~~ABSENTEE VOTERS' LIST AND/OR THE "MILITARY VETERANS AND~~
6 ~~EMERGENCY CIVILIANS ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE" VERIFIES HIS RIGHT TO~~
7 ~~VOTE, [THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL] PROVIDE A LIST OF THE NAMES OF~~
8 ~~ELECTORS WHOSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR MAIL IN BALLOTS ARE TO BE~~
9 ~~PRE CANVASSED OR CANVASSED.~~

10 ~~(III) PLACE AND SEAL AN ABSENTEE BALLOT OR MAIL IN BALLOT~~
11 ~~THAT DOES NOT HAVE A BALLOT ENVELOPE OR HAS UNIDENTIFIABLE MARKS~~
12 ~~ON THE ENVELOPE INTO AN EMPTY OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT ENVELOPE~~
13 ~~AND SECURE THE ENVELOPE WITH THE OTHER REMOVED OFFICIAL ELECTION~~
14 ~~BALLOT ENVELOPES TO BE TABULATED.~~

15 ~~(3.1) A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY USE AN AUTOMATED~~
16 ~~SORTING OR EXTRACTING MACHINE TO ASSIST IN THE PROCESSING OF~~
17 ~~ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL IN BALLOTS.~~

18 ~~(H) FOR THOSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS OR MAIL IN BALLOTS FOR WHICH~~
19 ~~PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED OR COULD NOT BE~~
20 ~~VERIFIED:~~

21 ~~(1) WITHIN TWENTY FOUR (24) HOURS OF A FINDING UNDER THIS~~
22 ~~SUBPARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL NOTIFY THE~~
23 ~~VOTER BY EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGE OF THE MISSING PROOF~~
24 ~~OF IDENTIFICATION AND SHALL PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO~~
25 ~~SUBMIT A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD THAT MEETS~~
26 ~~THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 102(Z.5) (1) (I) AND (II) VIA EMAIL,~~
27 ~~TEXT MESSAGE, FACSIMILE, MAIL OR IN PERSON.~~

28 ~~(2) IF THE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED~~
29 ~~PRIOR TO THE SIXTH CALENDAR DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, THEN THE~~
30 ~~COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL CANVASS THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND~~

1 MAIL IN BALLOTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
2 SUBSECTION (G) (2).

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

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8 SECTION 8.1. SECTION 1302 D(G) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO <--
9 READ:

10 SECTION 1302 D. APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL MAIL IN BALLOTS.

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12 (G) PERMANENT MAIL IN VOTING LIST.

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

1 ~~QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO HAS REQUESTED AND BEEN~~
2 ~~APPROVED FOR PERMANENT MAIL IN VOTER STATUS SHALL RECEIVE A~~
3 ~~MAIL IN BALLOT FOR ALL PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS~~
4 ~~UNTIL THE ELECTOR REVOKES THEIR PERMANENT MAIL IN VOTER~~
5 ~~STATUS OR CEASES BEING A QUALIFIED ELECTOR AS PROVIDED IN~~
6 ~~THIS ACT.~~

7 (2) ~~THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH [MAY] SHALL~~
8 ~~DEVELOP AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH ALL QUALIFIED~~
9 ~~ELECTORS MAY APPLY FOR A MAIL IN BALLOT AND REQUEST PERMANENT~~
10 ~~MAIL IN VOTER STATUS UNDER THIS SECTION, PROVIDED THE SYSTEM~~
11 ~~IS ABLE TO CAPTURE A DIGITIZED OR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF THE~~
12 ~~APPLICANT. A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL TREAT AN~~
13 ~~APPLICATION OR REQUEST RECEIVED THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM~~
14 ~~AS IF THE APPLICATION OR REQUEST HAD BEEN SUBMITTED ON A~~
15 ~~PAPER FORM OR ANY OTHER FORMAT USED BY THE COUNTY.~~

16 (3) ~~THE TRANSFER OF A QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR ON A~~
17 ~~PERMANENT MAIL IN VOTING LIST FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER~~
18 ~~COUNTY SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE~~
19 ~~QUALIFIED REGISTERED ELECTOR.~~

20 (4) ~~BY THE FIRST MONDAY IN FEBRUARY EACH YEAR, A NOTICE~~
21 ~~DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE SENT TO EACH ELECTOR ON~~
22 ~~THE PERMANENT MAIL IN BALLOT LIST ADVISING THE ELECTOR THAT~~
23 ~~THEY WILL RECEIVE A MAIL IN BALLOT FOR ANY PRIMARY, GENERAL~~
24 ~~OR SPECIAL ELECTION UNTIL THE ELECTOR REVOKES THEIR PERMANENT~~
25 ~~MAIL IN VOTER STATUS OR CEASES BEING A QUALIFIED ELECTOR.~~

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

28 SECTION 1302.1 D. DATE OF APPLICATION FOR MAIL IN BALLOT.

29 (A) GENERAL RULE. APPLICATIONS FOR MAIL IN BALLOTS SHALL BE
30 RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOT

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 SECTION 10. SECTIONS 1304 D AND 1306 D OF THE ACT ARE
28 AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

29 SECTION 1304 D. ENVELOPES FOR OFFICIAL MAIL IN BALLOTS.

30 * * *

~~(E) INNER ENVELOPE. USE OF THE INNER ENVELOPE IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE VOTER. A FAILURE TO USE THE INNER ENVELOPE SHALL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR DISQUALIFYING THE BALLOT.~~
~~SECTION 1306 D. VOTING BY MAIL IN ELECTORS.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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~~SECTION 12. SECTIONS 1701 (A), (A.1) (2) (II), (B), (D) AND (E), 1702 (A) (1) AND (2) (II) (B), (A.1), (B.1) AND (B.2) AND~~

1 ~~1703(A)(1) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:~~

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

22 ~~(A.1) IN CASES RESULTING FROM A RECOUNT OR RECANVASS ORDER~~
23 ~~BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH UNDER SECTION 1404(G), ALL~~
24 ~~OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:~~

25 ~~* * *~~

26 ~~(2) TO OBTAIN RELIEF UNDER CLAUSE (1):~~

27 ~~* * *~~

28 ~~(II) IT IS [NOT] NECESSARY FOR THE PETITIONERS TO SPECIFY IN~~
29 ~~THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF FRAUD OR ERROR WHICH THEY~~
30 ~~BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED [NOR] AND TO OFFER EVIDENCE TO~~

1 ~~SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR PETITION.~~

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

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

29 ~~(E) IF, UPON OPENING ANY BALLOT BOX UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF~~
30 ~~THIS SECTION, IT SHALL NOT APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL~~

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

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22 SECTION 1702. ~~RECANVASSING VOTING MACHINES UPON PETITION OF~~
23 ~~ELECTORS ALLEGING FRAUD OR ERROR. (A) JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS~~
24 ~~SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:~~

25 ~~(1) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (2), THE COURT OF COMMON~~
26 ~~PLEAS, OR A JUDGE THEREOF, OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH ANY ELECTION~~
27 ~~DISTRICT IS LOCATED, SHALL MAKE VISIBLE THE REGISTERING COUNTERS~~
28 ~~OF THE VOTING MACHINE OR MACHINES USED IN SUCH ELECTION DISTRICT~~
29 ~~AT ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION, AND WITHOUT UNLOCKING THE MACHINE~~
30 ~~AGAINST VOTING, SHALL RECANVASS THE VOTE CAST THEREIN, IF THREE~~

1 ~~QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT SHALL FILE A~~
2 ~~PETITION, DULY VERIFIED BY THEM, ALLEGING THAT, UPON INFORMATION~~
3 ~~WHICH THEY CONSIDER RELIABLE, THEY BELIEVE THAT FRAUD OR ERROR,~~
4 ~~ALTHOUGH NOT MANIFEST ON THE GENERAL RETURN OF VOTES MADE~~
5 ~~THEREFROM, WAS COMMITTED IN THE CANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST ON~~
6 ~~SUCH MACHINE OR MACHINES. IT SHALL [NOT] BE NECESSARY FOR THE~~
7 ~~PETITIONERS TO SPECIFY IN THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF~~
8 ~~FRAUD OR ERROR THEY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, [NOR] AND TO~~
9 ~~OFFER EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR~~
10 ~~PETITION.~~

11 ~~(2) IN CASES RESULTING FROM A RECOUNT OR RECANVASS ORDERED~~
12 ~~BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH UNDER SECTION 1404(G), ALL~~
13 ~~OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:~~

14 ~~* * *~~

15 ~~(II) TO OBTAIN RELIEF UNDER SUBCLAUSE (I):~~

16 ~~* * *~~

17 ~~(B) IT IS [NOT] NECESSARY FOR THE PETITIONERS TO SPECIFY IN~~
18 ~~THEIR PETITION THE PARTICULAR ACT OF FRAUD OR ERROR THEY BELIEVE~~
19 ~~TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED [NOR] AND TO OFFER EVIDENCE TO~~
20 ~~SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE PETITION.~~

21 ~~(A.1) EVERY PETITION FOR THE RECANVASSING OF VOTES CAST IN~~
22 ~~THE VOTING MACHINE, OR VOTING MACHINES OF AN ELECTION DISTRICT,~~
23 ~~UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE FILED IN THE~~
24 ~~OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY OF THE PROPER COUNTY ACCOMPANIED BY A~~
25 ~~DEPOSIT OF CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT HUNDRED~~
26 ~~FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, OR BY A BOND SIGNED BY THE PETITIONERS AS~~
27 ~~PRINCIPALS AND BY A CORPORATE SURETY TO BE APPROVED BY THE COURT~~
28 ~~IN THE AMOUNT OF [ONE HUNDRED (\$100)] ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED~~
29 ~~(\$1,500) DOLLARS, CONDITIONED UPON THE PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY~~
30 ~~TREASURER FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY OF THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)]~~

1 ~~EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS, IN THE EVENT THAT UPON THE~~
2 ~~RECANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST IN A VOTING MACHINE OR VOTING~~
3 ~~MACHINES, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT FRAUD OR SUBSTANTIAL ERROR WAS~~
4 ~~COMMITTED IN THE CANVASSING OF THE VOTES CAST ON SUCH MACHINE OR~~
5 ~~OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH VOTING MACHINES.~~

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

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

1 ~~(\$100)] ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$1,500) DOLLARS, IT SHALL BE~~
2 ~~THE DUTY OF THE COUNTY TREASURER FORTHWITH TO COLLECT FROM THE~~
3 ~~PRINCIPALS OR SURETY ON SAID BOND THE SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)] EIGHT~~
4 ~~HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS AND COSTS OF SUIT, AND FOR THIS~~
5 ~~PURPOSE HE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO INSTITUTE ANY NECESSARY LEGAL~~
6 ~~PROCEEDINGS. WHEN SO COLLECTED, THE SAID SUM OF [FIFTY (\$50)]~~
7 ~~EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY (\$850) DOLLARS SHALL BE PAID OVER TO THE~~
8 ~~COUNTY TREASURER.~~

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10 SECTION 1703. ~~CORRECTION OF RETURNS; DECISION NOT TO BE~~
11 ~~FINAL; EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION.~~

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

21 ~~(I) [EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBCLAUSE (II)] THE FOLLOWING~~
22 ~~APPLY:~~

23 ~~(A) A RECOUNT OR RECANVASS SHALL INCLUDE ALL ELECTION~~
24 ~~DISTRICTS IN WHICH BALLOTS WERE CAST FOR THE OFFICE IN QUESTION;~~
25 ~~AND~~

26 ~~(B) PETITIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPROPRIATE MONEY OR BOND,~~
27 ~~MUST BE FILED IN EACH ELECTION DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS~~
28 ~~ACT.~~

29 ~~{(II) SUBCLAUSE (I) SHALL NOT APPLY IF A PETITIONER UNDER~~
30 ~~SECTION 1701 OR 1702 PLEADS THAT A PARTICULAR ACT OF FRAUD OR~~

1 ~~ERROR OCCURRED AND OFFERS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE~~
2 ~~ALLEGATION.]~~

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

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6 ~~SECTION 13. THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF SECTIONS 102(Z.5),~~
7 ~~206, 1210(A), (A.1) AND (A.2), 1308(A)(2)(I) RELATING TO PROOF~~
8 ~~OF IDENTIFICATION AND 1308(H) OF THE ACT SHALL NOT APPLY TO AN~~
9 ~~ELECTION OCCURRING BEFORE THE 2025 PRIMARY ELECTION.~~

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

11 ~~(1) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF SECTIONS 102(Z.5), 206,~~
12 ~~1210(A), (A.1) AND (A.2), 1308(A)(2)(I) CONCERNING SECTION <--~~
13 ~~102(Z.5) AND 1308(H) OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1,~~
14 ~~2025.~~

15 ~~(2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT~~
16 ~~IMMEDIATELY.~~

17 ~~SECTION 1. SECTION 603 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, <--~~
18 ~~NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE, IS AMENDED TO~~
19 ~~READ:~~

20 SECTION 603. GENERAL PRIMARY; CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED AND
21 PARTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED.--(A) THERE SHALL BE A GENERAL
22 PRIMARY PRECEDING EACH GENERAL ELECTION WHICH SHALL BE HELD ON
23 THE THIRD TUESDAY OF MAY IN ALL EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, EXCEPT IN
24 THE YEAR OF THE NOMINATION OF A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
25 IN WHICH YEAR THE GENERAL PRIMARY SHALL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH
26 TUESDAY OF APRIL. CANDIDATES FOR ALL OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE
27 ENSUING GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE NOMINATED AT THE GENERAL
28 PRIMARY. THE VOTE FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF
29 THE UNITED STATES, AS PROVIDED FOR BY THIS ACT, SHALL BE CAST AT
30 THE GENERAL PRIMARY.

1 (B.1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A), THE GENERAL PRIMARY
2 FOR 2000 SHALL BE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2000.

3 (B.2) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A), THE GENERAL PRIMARY
4 FOR 2024 SHALL BE HELD ON APRIL 16, 2024.

5 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTIONS TO READ:

6 SECTION 608. SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TIMELINE FOR 2024.--
7 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IN CALENDAR YEAR
8 2024, SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL USE THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF APRIL
9 INSTEAD OF THE DATE OF THE GENERAL PRIMARY FOR DETERMINING
10 DEADLINES IN SECTIONS 311 AND 333 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 27, 2006
11 (1ST SP.SESS., P.L.1873, NO.1), KNOWN AS THE "TAXPAYER RELIEF
12 ACT."

13 SECTION 609. PROCEDURE FOR SECURING APPROVAL OF ELECTORS.--
14 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW, FOR THE 2023-2024
15 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT ADOPTS A RESOLUTION IN
16 ACCORDANCE WITH 53 PA.C.S. § 8041(A) (RELATING TO DESIRE
17 RESOLUTION AND EXPENSE OF CERTAIN ELECTIONS) SHALL USE THE
18 FOURTH TUESDAY OF APRIL INSTEAD OF THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY
19 ELECTION FOR DETERMINING COMPLIANCE WITH 53 PA.C.S. § 8041(B).

20 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.