
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1266 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, SHUSTERMAN, GALLOWAY,
SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS, CONKLIN, PASHINSKI, FREEMAN AND
WEBSTER, APRIL 23, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 23, 2021

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 voting by qualified absentee electors, further
12 providing for canvassing of official absentee ballots and
13 mail-in ballots.

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

16 Section 1. Section 1308(g)(1)(ii) of the act of June 3, 1937
17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
18 amended March 27, 2020 (P.L.41, No.12), is amended to read:

19 Section 1308. Canvassing of Official Absentee Ballots and
20 Mail-in Ballots.--* * *

21 (g) (1) * * *

22 (ii) An absentee ballot cast by any absentee elector as
23 defined in section 1301(i), (j), (k), (l), (m) and (n), an

1 absentee ballot under section 1302(a.3) or a mail-in ballot cast
2 by a mail-in elector shall be canvassed in accordance with this
3 subsection if the absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is received
4 in the office of the county board of elections no later than
5 eight o'clock P.M. on the third day following the day of the
6 primary or election provided that the ballot is postmarked on or
7 before the day of the primary or election day.

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9 Section 2. This act shall apply to elections held after
10 January 1, 2020.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.