

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BIZZARRO, MADDEN, GIRAL, KINSEY, PROBST,
 D. WILLIAMS, SCHLOSSBERG, HANBIDGE, CIRESI, VENKAT, SANCHEZ,
 HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, STURLA, DELLOSO, KINKEAD, FREEMAN,
 DEASY, GALLOWAY, N. NELSON, CONKLIN AND SMITH-WADE-EL,
 MARCH 7, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 7, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for
 3 methods of voter registration, providing for same-day voter
 4 registration and further providing for preparation and
 5 distribution of applications.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1321 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania
 9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 § 1321. Methods of voter registration.

11 An individual qualified to register to vote under section
 12 1301(a) (relating to qualifications to register) may apply to
 13 register as follows:

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15 (5) Under section 1325.1 (relating to same-day voter
 16 registration).

17 Section 2. Title 25 is amended by adding a section to read:

18 § 1325.1. Same-day voter registration.

1 (a) General rule.--A qualified elector may register on
2 election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the
3 election district in which the individual maintains residence,
4 completing and submitting a voter registration application to
5 the judge of elections and providing proof of identification and
6 residence.

7 (b) Acceptable forms of identification.--In addition to
8 providing a completed voter registration application, an
9 applicant must provide a valid form of identification, including
10 any of the following government-issued forms of identification:

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

13 (2) A valid identification card issued by another agency
14 of the Commonwealth.

15 (3) A valid identification card issued by the United
16 States Government.

17 (4) A valid United States passport.

18 (5) A valid United States Armed Forces identification
19 card.

20 (c) Procedures for same-day registration.--

21 (1) Upon certifying the eligibility of the qualified
22 elector, the judge of elections at the polling place shall
23 issue a provisional ballot, provided by the county election
24 board, which is to be completed by the qualified elector and
25 sealed in an envelope along with the voter registration
26 application.

27 (2) Within 10 days of an election, the department shall
28 approve or deny a voter registration application pursuant to
29 the provisions established in section 1328 (relating to
30 approval of registration applications).

1 (3) The provisional ballot may not be counted until the
2 department has approved the voter registration application.

3 (4) The elector applicant shall be notified in writing
4 by the department as to the approval or denial of a voter
5 registration application.

6 Section 3. Section 1327(c) of Title 25 is amended by adding
7 a paragraph to read:

8 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

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10 (c) Distribution.--

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12 (7) The secretary shall print and distribute same-day
13 voter registration applications to all polling places
14 throughout this Commonwealth. Along with the distribution of
15 the voter registration applications, the secretary shall also
16 include instructions to inform the applicant of the same-day
17 voter registration application process and the process for
18 counting the applicant's vote and verifying the applicant's
19 eligibility.

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21 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.