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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for  
3 qualifications to register, for government agencies and for  
4 preparation and distribution of applications.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 1301(a), 1325(b)(4) and 1327(a)(4)(iii)  
8 and (b)(1) of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes  
9 are amended to read:

10 § 1301. Qualifications to register.

11 (a) Eligibility.--An individual who will be at least 18  
12 years of age on the day of the next election, who has been a  
13 citizen of the United States for at least one month prior to the  
14 next election and who has resided in this Commonwealth and the  
15 election district where the individual offers to vote for at  
16 least 30 days prior to the next ensuing election [and has not  
17 been confined in a penal institution for a conviction of a  
18 felony within the last five years] shall be eligible to register

1 as provided in this chapter.

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3 § 1325. Government agencies.

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5 (b) Forms.--An agency designated in subsection (a) shall  
6 provide a form for office visits or, if the agency provides  
7 services to persons with disabilities, for home visits which  
8 contains all of the following:

9 \* \* \*

10 (4) The statement "In order to be qualified to register  
11 to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age on the day of  
12 the next election, and you must have been a citizen of the  
13 United States for at least one month prior to the next  
14 election and have resided in Pennsylvania and the election  
15 district where you plan to vote for at least 30 days prior to  
16 the next election[, and you must not have been confined in a  
17 penal institution for a conviction of a felony within the  
18 last five years]."

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20 § 1327. Preparation and distribution of applications.

21 (a) Form.--

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23 (4) A voter registration application shall be printed on  
24 stock of good quality and shall be of suitable uniform size.  
25 Nothing in this part shall prohibit the design and use of an  
26 electronic voter registration application which includes the  
27 applicant's digitized or electronic signature. The  
28 registration application shall contain the following  
29 information; however, the information may be provided on a  
30 separate form for voter registration made under section 1323

1 or 1325:

2 \* \* \*

3 (iii) Notice that the applicant must be a citizen of  
4 the United States for at least one month prior to the  
5 next election and a resident of this Commonwealth and the  
6 election district for at least 30 days and must be at  
7 least 18 years of age by the day of the next ensuing  
8 election [and has not been confined in a penal  
9 institution for a conviction of a felony within the last  
10 five years]. The notice required in this subparagraph  
11 shall be in print identical to the declaration under  
12 subsection (b).

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14 (b) Registration declaration.--

15 (1) The official voter registration application shall  
16 contain a registration declaration. On the declaration, the  
17 applicant shall state all of the following:

18 (i) The applicant has been a citizen of the United  
19 States for at least one month prior to the next election.

20 (ii) On the day of the next ensuing election, the  
21 applicant shall be at least 18 years of age.

22 (iii) On the day of the next ensuing election, the  
23 applicant shall have resided in this Commonwealth and in  
24 the election district for at least 30 days.

25 [(iv) The applicant has not been confined in a penal  
26 institution for a conviction of a felony within the last  
27 five years.]

28 (v) The applicant is legally qualified to vote.

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30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.