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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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EVERETT, WATSON AND FLECK, APRIL 1, 2014

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 1, 2014

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in uniform military and overseas voters, further  
3 providing for definitions, for duties and responsibilities of  
4 secretary and for methods of applying for military-overseas  
5 ballot.

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

8 Section 1. The definition of "military-overseas ballot" in  
9 section 3502 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
10 Statutes is amended and the section is amended by adding a  
11 definition to read:

12 § 3502. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 \* \* \*

17 "Electronic ballot." A ballot specifically prepared for use

1 by a covered voter in accordance with this chapter and designed  
2 to be transmitted through electronic means.

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4 "Military-overseas ballot." All of the following:

5 (1) A Federal write-in absentee ballot.

6 (2) A ballot specifically prepared or distributed for  
7 use by a covered voter in accordance with this chapter.

8 (3) A ballot cast by a covered voter in accordance with  
9 this chapter.

10 (4) An electronic ballot.

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12 Section 2. Sections 3503(c) and 3506(c) of Title 25 are  
13 amended by adding paragraphs to read:

14 § 3503. Duties and responsibilities of secretary.

15 \* \* \*

16 (c) Other duties.--The secretary shall do all of the  
17 following:

18 \* \* \*

19 (5) In consultation with the Department of Military and  
20 Veterans Affairs, establish an electronic transmission system  
21 in which a covered voter under this chapter may vote a  
22 military-overseas ballot. The secretary shall give due  
23 consideration to the interests of maintaining the security  
24 and the privacy of information contained in the military-  
25 overseas ballot. The electronic transmission system shall  
26 maintain the secrecy of the military-overseas ballot. The  
27 electronic transmission system shall be operational by  
28 January 1, 2015.

29 § 3506. Methods of applying for military-overseas ballot.

30 \* \* \*

1 (c) Electronic transmission system.--

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3 (3) The covered voter may use the electronic  
4 transmission system to vote a military-overseas ballot.

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