

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 30, 2018

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 district election officers, further providing
 12 for instruction of election officers in voting machine
 13 districts and unqualified officers not to serve; in ballots,
 14 further providing for number of ballots to be printed and
 15 specimen ballots; and, in electronic voting systems, further
 16 providing for requirements of electronic voting systems.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Sections 414 and 1007 of the act of June 3, 1937
 20 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, are
 21 amended to read:

22 Section 414. Instruction of Election Officers in Voting
 23 Machine Districts; Unqualified Officers Not to Serve.--In
 24 districts in which voting machines are to be used, the county
 25 board of elections, or the custodians appointed by them, shall

1 instruct in the use of the machines, and in their duties in
2 connection therewith, all judges and inspectors of election and
3 machine inspectors who are to serve at the primary or election,
4 and who have not been previously instructed and found qualified,
5 and they shall give to each judge, inspector and machine
6 inspector, who has received such instruction and is found
7 qualified to conduct such primary or election with the voting
8 machine, a certificate to that effect. For the purpose of giving
9 such instructions, the county boards shall call such meeting or
10 meetings of election officers as shall be necessary. Each judge,
11 inspector and machine inspector shall, upon notice, attend such
12 meeting or meetings called for his instruction and receive such
13 instruction as shall be necessary for the proper conduct of the
14 primary or election with voting machines, and, as compensation
15 for the time spent in receiving such instruction, each judge,
16 inspector and machine inspector who shall qualify for and serve
17 at such primary or election, shall receive the sum of [five
18 (\$5.00)] at least twenty (\$20.00) dollars, to be paid to him at
19 the same time and in the same manner as compensation is paid to
20 him for his services on election day. No judge, inspector or
21 machine inspector shall serve at any primary or election at
22 which a voting machine is used, unless he shall have received
23 such instructions, shall have been found qualified to perform
24 his duties in connection with the machine, and shall have
25 received a certificate to that effect from the county board or
26 one of the custodians appointed by them: Provided, however, That
27 this shall not prevent the appointment of a judge or inspector
28 of election or machine inspector to fill a vacancy arising on
29 the day of election or on the preceding day.

30 Section 1007. Number of Ballots to Be Printed; Specimen

1 Ballots.--The county board of each county shall provide for each
2 election district in which a paper ballot is used in a primary
3 [is] or election to be held, [one book of fifty official ballots
4 of each party for every forty-five registered and enrolled
5 electors of such party and fraction thereof, appearing upon the
6 district register,] a supply of official ballots equal to ten
7 per centum more than the greatest number of ballots cast in
8 the prior three comparable elections in the election district
9 and shall provide for each election district in which an
10 election is to be held one book of fifty official ballots for
11 every forty-five registered electors and fraction thereof
12 appearing upon the district register. They shall also, in
13 addition to the number of ballots required to be printed for
14 general distribution, maintain a sufficient supply of such
15 ballots at the office of the county board for the use of
16 absentee electors and for the use of any district, the ballots
17 for which may be lost, destroyed or stolen. They shall also
18 cause to be printed on tinted paper, and without the facsimile
19 endorsements, permanent binding or stubs, copies of the form of
20 ballots provided for each polling place at each primary or
21 election therein, which shall be called specimen ballots, and
22 which shall be of the same size and form as the official
23 ballots, and at each election they shall deliver to the election
24 officers, in addition to the official ballots to be used at such
25 election, a suitable supply of specimen ballots for the use of
26 the electors. At each primary, a suitable supply of specimen
27 ballots of each party shall be furnished.

28 Section 2. Section 1107-A of the act is amended by adding a
29 clause to read:

30 Section 1107-A. Requirements of Electronic Voting Systems.--

1 No electronic voting system shall, upon any examination or
2 reexamination, be approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
3 or by any examiner appointed by him, unless it shall be
4 established that such system, at the time of such examination or
5 reexamination:

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7 (18) Provides for reasonable measures consistent with
8 established standards to prevent unauthorized physical or
9 electronic access to the voting system.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.