

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for
3 qualifications to register.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1301 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1301. Qualifications to register.

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

1 (b) Effect.--No individual shall be permitted to vote at any
2 election unless the individual is registered under this
3 subsection, except as provided by law or by order of a court of
4 common pleas. No person registered under subsection (d) shall be
5 permitted to vote until that person attains 18 years of age. No
6 registered elector shall be required to register again for any
7 election while the elector continues to reside at the same
8 address.

9 (c) Removal of residence.--Except as otherwise provided by
10 this part, a registered elector who removes residence from one
11 place to another outside the elector's last election district
12 shall not be entitled to vote in the election district of the
13 elector's last residence except pursuant to the provisions of
14 this section and sections 1501(b) (relating to removal notices),
15 1502 (relating to transfer of registration) and 1902 (relating
16 to procedure for voting following failure to return notification
17 card).

18 (d) Preregistration.--A person who is at least 16 years of
19 age but will not be 18 years of age by the date of the next
20 election, but is otherwise qualified to register under
21 subsection (a), may preregister on satisfactory proof of age. A
22 preregistered person shall be automatically registered under
23 this section by the SURE system once that person reaches 18
24 years of age.

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