

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 821 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, HARKINS AND HILL-EVANS, MARCH 14, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 14, 2019

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 preparation for and conduct of primaries and
 12 elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote,
 13 persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be
 14 made in district register, numbered lists of voters and
 15 challenges.

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

18 Section 1. Section 1210(d) of the act of June 3, 1937
 19 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
 20 amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to
 21 read:

22 Section 1210. Manner of Applying to Vote; Persons Entitled
 23 to Vote; Voter's Certificates; Entries to Be Made in District
 24 Register; Numbered Lists of Voters; Challenges.--* * *

25 (d) No person, except a qualified elector who is in actual

1 military or naval service under a requisition of the President
2 of the United States or by the authority of this Commonwealth,
3 and who votes under the provisions of Article XIII of this act,
4 shall be entitled or permitted to vote at any primary or
5 election at any polling place outside the election district in
6 which he resides, nor shall he be permitted to vote in the
7 election district in which he resides, unless he has been
8 personally registered as an elector and his registration card
9 appears in the district register of such election district,
10 except by order of the court of common pleas as provided in this
11 act, and any person, although personally registered as an
12 elector, may be challenged by any qualified elector, election
13 officer, overseer, or watcher at any primary or election as to
14 his identity, as to his continued residence in the election
15 district or as to any alleged violation of the provisions of
16 section 1210 of this act, and if challenged as to identity or
17 residence, he shall produce at least one qualified elector of
18 the election district as a witness, who shall make affidavit of
19 his identity or continued residence in the election district[:
20 Provided, however, That no].

21 (d.1) No person shall be entitled to vote as a member of a
22 party at any primary, unless he is registered and enrolled as a
23 member of such party upon the district register, which
24 enrollment shall be conclusive as to his party membership and
25 shall not be subject to challenge on the day of the primary.

26 (d.2) Notwithstanding subsection (d.1) of this section, in a
27 primary election for judge of a court of common pleas, the
28 Philadelphia Municipal Court or the Traffic Court of
29 Philadelphia, for the office of school director in a district
30 where that office is elective or for the office of magisterial

1 district judge, a registered elector who is not a member of a
2 party, as provided in section 801(a) or 912.2, shall be entitled
3 to vote under this section, but in order to vote the person must
4 choose the ballot of a party.

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