

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 125 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY DUSH, COLEMAN, MASTRIANO AND HUTCHINSON, JUNE 14, 2023

SENATOR DUSH, STATE GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, JUNE 26, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in changes in records, providing for interstate
3 voter registration cross-check; and, in provisions contingent
4 on Federal law, further providing for removal of electors.

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

7 Section 1. Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1515. Interstate voter registration cross-check.

10 (a) Establishment.--For the purpose of maintaining a
11 Statewide voter registration list and preventing duplication of
12 registration in more than one state or jurisdiction, the

13 secretary DEPARTMENT:

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14 (1) Shall cooperate with other states and jurisdictions, <--

15 WHOSE LAWS AND REGULATIONS ALLOW, to develop systems to
16 compare registered electors, voter history and registration
17 records to identify registered electors:

18 (i) whose addresses have changed;

19 (ii) who have been convicted of a felony; or

1           (iii) who are registered to vote in more than one  
2           state OR JURISDICTION. <--

3           (2) May identify and contract with the provider of a  
4           private sector data system, in accordance with subsection  
5           (b), to identify registered electors:

6           (i) whose addresses have changed;  
7           (ii) who are registered to vote in more than one  
8           state OR JURISDICTION; <--

9           (iii) who are deceased; or  
10           (iv) who are not eligible to vote for any other  
11           reason, including a felony conviction.

12           (b) Private sector data system.--The private sector data  
13           system under subsection (a)(2) shall satisfy the following:

14           (1) The private sector data system must demonstrate an  
15           ability to work with registered voter identification and  
16           matching systems.

17           (2) The cost to begin operations with the private sector  
18           data system shall not exceed \$100,000.

19           (3) The cost of continuing operations with the private  
20           sector data system shall not exceed \$1 for each registered  
21           elector identified under subsection (a)(2).

22           (4) A contract with the private sector data system shall  
23           not require the department to complete any actions that are  
24           not necessary to identify registered electors under  
25           subsection (a)(2).

26           (5) The ~~secretary~~ DEPARTMENT shall not provide to the <--  
27           system any information that is not contained in a district  
28           register and necessary to identify registered electors under  
29           subsection (a)(2).

30           (6) The private sector data system shall not provide,

1 release or exchange data received from the State to any party  
2 other than a state or territory of the United States that  
3 also contracts with the private sector data system.

4 (c) Compliance.--A system developed under this section shall  
5 comply with:

6 (1) 52 U.S.C. Ch. 205 (relating to national voter  
7 registration).

8 (2) 52 U.S.C. Ch. 209 (relating to election  
9 administration improvement).

10 (d) Notification.--The department shall, immediately upon  
11 identifying an individual reported ineligible under this  
12 section, send the name and address of residence of the  
13 individual to the appropriate commission in a manner and on a  
14 form prescribed by the department. ~~The commission shall cancel~~ <--  
15 ~~the registration of the registered elector within 10 days of~~  
16 ~~receiving notification.~~ UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION, THE <--  
17 COMMISSION SHALL IMMEDIATELY INITIATE ITS PROCESS FOR THE  
18 REMOVAL OF THE ELECTORS FROM THE COMMISSION'S REGISTRATION  
19 RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1901, 52 U.S.C. CH. 103  
20 (RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF VOTING RIGHTS) AND 52 U.S.C. CH.  
21 209.

22 Section 2. Section 1901(a) of Title 25 is amended by adding  
23 a paragraph to read:

24 § 1901. Removal of electors.

25 (a) Removal of elector's registration record.--Commissions  
26 shall institute a program to protect the integrity of the  
27 electoral process and to ensure the maintenance of accurate and  
28 current registration records. The program shall be uniform,  
29 nondiscriminatory and in compliance with the Voting Rights Act  
30 of 1965 (Public Law 89-110, 42 U.S.C. § 1973 et seq.). An

1 elector's registration shall not be canceled except as follows:

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3 (5) Following notification in accordance with section  
4 1515(d) (relating to interstate voter registration cross-  
5 check).

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