

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 379 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, COSTA, HUGHES, FONTANA, BLAKE, HAYWOOD AND STREET, MARCH 4, 2019

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 4, 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, providing for employment leave for voters.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known
 16 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding a
 17 section to read:

18 Section 1210.1. Employment Leave for Voters.--An employer in
 19 this Commonwealth shall permit an employe who is qualified and
 20 registered to vote in an election time off necessary to vote,
 21 not to exceed two hours' absence from work, on the day of the
 22 election. The employer may specify the hours during which the
 23 employe may be absent.

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