

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
JUNE 25, 2019

## AN ACT

1 ~~Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated~~ <--  
2 ~~Statutes, in conduct of elections, providing for voting~~  
3 ~~systems.~~  
4 AMENDING THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, NO.320), ENTITLED <--  
5 "AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS, INCLUDING GENERAL, MUNICIPAL,  
6 SPECIAL AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS, THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES,  
7 PRIMARY AND ELECTION EXPENSES AND ELECTION CONTESTS; CREATING  
8 AND DEFINING MEMBERSHIP OF COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS;  
9 IMPOSING DUTIES UPON THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,  
10 COURTS, COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;  
11 IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ACT, AND CODIFYING,  
12 REVISING AND CONSOLIDATING THE LAWS RELATING THERETO; AND  
13 REPEALING CERTAIN ACTS AND PARTS OF ACTS RELATING TO  
14 ELECTIONS," IN BALLOTS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FORM OF  
15 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT AND FOR NUMBER OF BALLOTS TO BE  
16 PRINTED AND SPECIMEN BALLOTS; IN VOTING MACHINES, FURTHER  
17 PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS OF VOTING MACHINES AND FOR FORM OF  
18 BALLOT LABELS ON VOTING MACHINES; IN ELECTRONIC VOTING  
19 SYSTEMS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS OF ELECTRONIC  
20 VOTING SYSTEMS, FOR FORMS AND FOR ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES AND  
21 THE PROCESS OF VOTING; PROVIDING FOR VOTING SYSTEMS  
22 ~~DECERTIFICATION~~; IN PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES <--  
23 AND ELECTIONS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS OF VOTERS  
24 AND MANNER OF VOTING IN DISTRICTS IN WHICH VOTING MACHINES  
25 ARE USED, FOR COUNT AND RETURN OF VOTES IN DISTRICTS IN WHICH  
26 BALLOTS ARE USED AND FOR WHAT BALLOTS SHALL BE COUNTED,  
27 MANNER OF COUNTING AND DEFECTIVE BALLOTS; AND, IN VOTING BY  
28 QUALIFIED ABSENTEE ELECTORS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DATE OF  
29 APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION  
30 FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT, FOR VOTING BY ABSENTEE ELECTORS AND FOR  
31 CANVASSING OF OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

1 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
2 hereby enacts as follows:

3 ~~Section 1. Part IX of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania~~ <--  
4 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:~~

5 CHAPTER 31

6 VOTING SYSTEMS

7 Subchapter

8 A. Preliminary Provisions

9 B. Voting Machines (Reserved)

10 C. Electronic Voting Systems (Reserved)

11 SUBCHAPTER A

12 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

13 Sec.

14 3101. Definitions.

15 3102. Decertification.

16 § 3101. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Election Code." The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320),  
21 known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.

22 "Electronic voting system." As defined in section 1101 A of  
23 the Election Code.

24 "Voting apparatus." A kind or type of any of the following:

25 (1) An electronic voting system.

26 (2) A voting machine.

27 "Voting machine." A voting machine as described under  
28 Article XI of the Election Code.

29 § 3102. Decertification.

30 (a) Prohibition. The Commonwealth may not disapprove of or

1 ~~decertify voting apparatuses in 50% or more counties until the~~  
2 ~~requirements of this subchapter have been met.~~

3 ~~(b) Plan. If the Commonwealth intends to disapprove or~~  
4 ~~decertify voting apparatuses in 50% or more counties, the~~  
5 ~~Department of State must submit a written plan to the President~~  
6 ~~Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~  
7 ~~Representatives at least 180 days prior to the effective date of~~  
8 ~~replacement, containing each of the following:~~

9 ~~(1) The reason for disapproval or decertification.~~

10 ~~(2) The estimated cost to replace the disapproved or~~  
11 ~~decertified voting apparatuses and the plan for how funding~~  
12 ~~is anticipated to be obtained.~~

13 ~~(3) A plan for replacing the disapproved or decertified~~  
14 ~~voting apparatuses.~~

15 ~~(4) The effective date of replacement.~~

16 ~~(c) Voting System Decertification Commission.~~

17 ~~(1) Within 10 days of receipt of the written plan under~~  
18 ~~subsection (b) by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and~~  
19 ~~the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a commission~~  
20 ~~shall be established. The commission shall, within 90 days of~~  
21 ~~establishment, do all of the following:~~

22 ~~(i) Review the written plan.~~

23 ~~(ii) Hold at least two public hearings on the~~  
24 ~~matter, including the plan submitted under subsection~~  
25 ~~(b).~~

26 ~~(iii) Issue a written report consistent with~~  
27 ~~subparagraph (iv) to each of the following:~~

28 ~~(A) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~

29 ~~(B) The Majority Leader of the Senate~~

30 ~~(C) The Minority Leader of the Senate.~~

1 ~~(D) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

2 ~~(E) The Majority Leader of the House of~~  
3 ~~Representatives.~~

4 ~~(F) The Minority Leader of the House of~~  
5 ~~Representatives.~~

6 ~~(G) The majority and minority chair of the State~~  
7 ~~Government Committee of the Senate and the majority~~  
8 ~~and minority chair of the State Government Committee~~  
9 ~~of the House of Representatives.~~

10 ~~(iv) The written report shall include all of the~~  
11 ~~following:~~

12 ~~(A) An estimated cost for the written plan and~~  
13 ~~estimated costs for the implementation of other~~  
14 ~~voting apparatuses and how the costs will be divided.~~

15 ~~(B) Written justification for disapproval or~~  
16 ~~decertification.~~

17 ~~(C) Each dissenting opinion of a member of the~~  
18 ~~commission.~~

19 ~~(D) Recommended legislative action, if~~  
20 ~~necessary, including draft legislation.~~

21 ~~(2) The commission shall be composed of the following~~  
22 ~~members:~~

23 ~~(i) Two members appointed by the Governor, one of~~  
24 ~~whom shall be a county commissioner and one of whom shall~~  
25 ~~be a county election officer at the time of appointment.~~

26 ~~(ii) The Secretary of the Commonwealth or a~~  
27 ~~designee.~~

28 ~~(iii) The chair and minority chair of the State~~  
29 ~~Government Committee of the Senate and the chair and~~  
30 ~~minority chair of the State Government Committee of the~~

~~House of Representatives or their designees.~~

~~(iv) One legislator from each of the four legislative caucuses, to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate and the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or their designees.~~

~~(3) The commission shall appoint a member to serve as chair of the commission.~~

~~(4) The commission shall hold meetings at the call of the chair.~~

~~(5) The General Assembly shall provide administrative support, meeting space and any other assistance required by the commission to carry out its duties under this section in cooperation with the department.~~

~~(6) A member may not receive compensation for the member's services, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the member's duties as members of the commission.~~

~~SUBCHAPTER B~~

~~VOTING MACHINES~~

~~(Reserved)~~

~~SUBCHAPTER C~~

~~ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS~~

~~(Reserved)~~

~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

SECTION 1. SECTIONS 1003(A), 1007, 1107(B), 1110(H), 1107-  
A(3), 1109-A(A)(2) AND (D) AND 1112-A(A)(2) AND (4) OF THE ACT

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1 OF JUNE 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA  
2 ELECTION CODE, ARE AMENDED TO READ:

3 SECTION 1003. FORM OF OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT.--

4 (A) THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR GENERAL, MUNICIPAL AND SPECIAL  
5 ELECTIONS SHALL BE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM:

6 OFFICIAL BALLOT

7 ..... DISTRICT, ..... WARD,  
8 CITY OF ....., COUNTY OF .....,  
9 STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA .....

10 ELECTION HELD ON THE ..... DAY OF ....., [19]  
11 20.....

12 A CROSS (X) OR CHECK ( ) MARK IN THE SQUARE OPPOSITE THE NAME OF  
13 ANY CANDIDATE INDICATES A VOTE FOR THAT CANDIDATE.

14 [TO VOTE A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET, MARK A CROSS (X) OR CHECK  
15 ( ) IN THE SQUARE, IN THE PARTY COLUMN, OPPOSITE THE NAME OF THE  
16 PARTY OF YOUR CHOICE. TO VOTE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE OF  
17 ANOTHER PARTY AFTER MAKING A MARK IN THE PARTY SQUARE, MARK A  
18 CROSS (X) OR CHECK ( ) OPPOSITE HIS NAME. FOR AN OFFICE WHERE  
19 MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IS TO BE VOTED FOR, THE VOTER, AFTER  
20 MARKING IN THE PARTY SQUARE, MAY DIVIDE HIS VOTE BY MARKING A  
21 CROSS (X) OR CHECK ( ) TO THE RIGHT OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR WHOM  
22 HE OR SHE DESIRES TO VOTE. FOR SUCH OFFICE VOTES SHALL NOT BE  
23 COUNTED FOR CANDIDATES NOT INDIVIDUALLY MARKED.]

24 TO VOTE FOR A PERSON WHOSE NAME IS NOT ON THE BALLOT, WRITE,  
25 PRINT OR PASTE [HIS] THE VOTER'S NAME IN THE BLANK SPACE  
26 PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A CROSS (X) OR CHECK ( ) MARK IN THE  
27 SQUARE OPPOSITE THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES OF ANY PARTY FOR  
28 PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES INDICATES A  
29 VOTE FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES OF THAT PARTY FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
30 ELECTOR. TO VOTE FOR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL

1 ELECTOR, WRITE, PRINT OR PASTE THEIR NAMES IN THE BLANK SPACES  
2 PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE UNDER THE TITLE "PRESIDENTIAL  
3 ELECTORS." MARK BALLOT ONLY IN BLACK LEAD PENCIL, INDELIBLE  
4 PENCIL OR BLUE, BLACK OR BLUE-BLACK INK, IN FOUNTAIN PEN OR BALL  
5 POINT PEN; USE THE SAME PENCIL OR PEN FOR ALL MARKINGS YOU PLACE  
6 ON THE BALLOT.

7 BEFORE LEAVING THE VOTING COMPARTMENT, FOLD THIS BALLOT,  
8 WITHOUT DISPLAYING THE MARKINGS THEREON, IN THE SAME WAY IT WAS  
9 FOLDED WHEN RECEIVED, THEN LEAVE THE COMPARTMENT AND EXHIBIT THE  
10 BALLOT TO ONE OF THE ELECTION OFFICERS WHO SHALL ASCERTAIN BY AN  
11 INSPECTION OF THE NUMBER APPEARING UPON THE RIGHT HAND CORNER OF  
12 THE BACK OF THE BALLOT WHETHER THE BALLOT SO EXHIBITED TO [HIM]  
13 THE VOTER IS THE SAME BALLOT WHICH THE ELECTOR RECEIVED BEFORE  
14 ENTERING THE VOTING COMPARTMENT. IF IT IS THE SAME, THE ELECTION  
15 OFFICER SHALL DIRECT THE ELECTOR, WITHOUT UNFOLDING THE BALLOT,  
16 TO REMOVE THE PERFORATED CORNER CONTAINING THE NUMBER, AND THE  
17 ELECTOR SHALL IMMEDIATELY DEPOSIT THE BALLOT IN THE BALLOT BOX.  
18 ANY BALLOT DEPOSITED IN A BALLOT BOX AT ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION  
19 WITHOUT HAVING THE SAID NUMBER TORN OFF SHALL BE VOID AND SHALL  
20 NOT BE COUNTED.

21	[PARTY COLUMN	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS
22	TO VOTE A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET	(VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF
23	MARK A CROSS (X) OR CHECK ( ) IN	ONE PARTY FOR PRESIDENT AND
24	THIS COLUMN.	VICE-PRESIDENT, OR INSERT THE
25		NAMES OF CANDIDATES.)
26		FOR
27	DEMOCRATIC	JOHN STILES
28		AND
29		RICHARD DOE,
30		DEMOCRATIC .....

1 FOR  
 2 REPUBLICAN JOHN DOE  
 3 AND  
 4 RICHARD ROE,  
 5 REPUBLICAN .....  
 6 FOR  
 7 SOCIALIST JOHN SMITH  
 8 AND  
 9 WILLIAM JONES,  
 10 SOCIALIST .....  
 11 CITIZENS]

12 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

13 (VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF ONE PARTY FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE  
 14 PRESIDENT, OR INSERT THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES)

15 FOR  
 16 JOHN STILES AND RICHARD DOE..... DEMOCRATIC  
 17 FOR  
 18 JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE..... REPUBLICAN  
 19 FOR  
 20 JOHN SMITH AND WILLIAM JONES..... SOCIALIST  
 21 FOR  
 22 ..... CITIZENS

23 UNITED STATES SENATOR.

24 (VOTE FOR ONE)

25 RICHARD ROE ..... DEMOCRATIC  
 26 JOHN DOE ..... REPUBLICAN  
 27 RICHARD STILES ..... SOCIALIST

28 GOVERNOR.

29 (VOTE FOR ONE)

30 RICHARD ROE ..... DEMOCRATIC



1 JOHN DOE ..... REPUBLICAN  
2 RICHARD STILES ..... SOCIALIST  
3 REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS,

4 ..... DISTRICT.

5 (VOTE FOR ONE)

6 RICHARD ROE ..... DEMOCRATIC  
7 JOHN DOE ..... REPUBLICAN  
8 RICHARD STILES ..... SOCIALIST

9 SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

10 ..... DISTRICT.

11 (VOTE FOR ONE)

12 JOHN DOE ..... DEMOCRATIC  
13 RICHARD ROE ..... REPUBLICAN

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15 SECTION 1007. NUMBER OF BALLOTS TO BE PRINTED; SPECIMEN

16 BALLOTS.--(A) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EACH COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE FOR <--

17 EACH ELECTION DISTRICT [IN WHICH A PAPER BALLOT IS USED IN A <--

18 PRIMARY ~~IS~~ OR ELECTION TO BE HELD, ONE BOOK OF FIFTY OFFICIAL <--

19 BALLOTS OF EACH PARTY FOR EVERY FORTY-FIVE REGISTERED AND

20 ENROLLED ELECTORS OF SUCH PARTY AND FRACTION THEREOF, APPEARING

21 UPON THE DISTRICT REGISTER,] A SUPPLY OF OFFICIAL BALLOTS EQUAL <--

22 TO TEN PER CENTUM MORE THAN THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

23 IN THE PRIOR THREE COMPARABLE ELECTIONS IN THE ELECTION

24 DISTRICT AND SHALL PROVIDE FOR EACH ELECTION DISTRICT IN WHICH

25 AN ELECTION IS TO BE HELD ONE BOOK OF FIFTY OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR

26 EVERY FORTY-FIVE REGISTERED ELECTORS AND FRACTION THEREOF

27 APPEARING UPON THE DISTRICT REGISTER. THEY] A SUPPLY OF OFFICIAL <--

28 ELECTION BALLOTS FOR:

29 (1) THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

30 IN WHICH CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

1 STATES ARE NOT NOMINATED IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST TEN PER CENTUM  
2 GREATER THAN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST IN THE ELECTION  
3 DISTRICT IN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THREE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
4 AT WHICH CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
5 STATES WERE NOT NOMINATED;

6 (2) THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS  
7 IN WHICH CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
8 STATES ARE NOMINATED IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST TEN PER CENTUM  
9 GREATER THAN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST IN THE ELECTION  
10 DISTRICT IN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THREE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
11 AT WHICH CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
12 STATES WERE NOMINATED;

13 (3) THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION HELD IN ODD-NUMBERED  
14 YEARS IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST TEN PER CENTUM GREATER THAN THE  
15 HIGHEST NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST IN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THREE  
16 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN THE ELECTION DISTRICT;

17 (4) THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS IN  
18 WHICH CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
19 STATES ARE NOT ELECTED IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST TEN PER CENTUM  
20 GREATER THAN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST IN THE ELECTION  
21 DISTRICT IN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THREE GENERAL ELECTIONS AT WHICH  
22 CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WERE  
23 NOT ELECTED;

24 (5) THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS IN  
25 WHICH CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
26 STATES ARE ELECTED IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST TEN PER CENTUM  
27 GREATER THAN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST IN THE ELECTION  
28 DISTRICTS IN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THREE GENERAL ELECTIONS AT  
29 WHICH CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
30 STATES WERE ELECTED; AND

1       (6) THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS IN AN  
2 AMOUNT OF AT LEAST TEN PER CENTUM GREATER THAN THE HIGHEST  
3 NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST IN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THREE MUNICIPAL  
4 ELECTIONS IN THE ELECTION DISTRICT.

5       (B) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EACH COUNTY SHALL ALSO, IN ADDITION <--  
6 TO THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS REQUIRED TO BE PRINTED FOR GENERAL  
7 DISTRIBUTION, MAINTAIN A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF SUCH BALLOTS AT  
8 THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD FOR THE USE OF ABSENTEE ELECTORS  
9 AND FOR THE USE OF ANY DISTRICT, THE BALLOTS FOR WHICH MAY BE  
10 LOST, DESTROYED OR STOLEN. THEY SHALL ALSO CAUSE TO BE PRINTED  
11 ON TINTED PAPER, AND WITHOUT THE FACSIMILE ENDORSEMENTS,  
12 PERMANENT BINDING OR STUBS, COPIES OF THE FORM OF BALLOTS  
13 PROVIDED FOR EACH POLLING PLACE AT EACH PRIMARY OR ELECTION  
14 THEREIN, WHICH SHALL BE CALLED SPECIMEN BALLOTS, AND WHICH SHALL  
15 BE OF THE SAME SIZE AND FORM AS THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS, AND AT  
16 EACH ELECTION THEY SHALL DELIVER TO THE ELECTION OFFICERS, IN  
17 ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS TO BE USED AT SUCH ELECTION, A  
18 SUITABLE SUPPLY OF SPECIMEN BALLOTS FOR THE USE OF THE ELECTORS.  
19 AT EACH PRIMARY, A SUITABLE SUPPLY OF SPECIMEN BALLOTS OF EACH  
20 PARTY SHALL BE FURNISHED.

21       SECTION 1107. REQUIREMENTS OF VOTING MACHINES.--NO VOTING  
22 MACHINE SHALL, UPON ANY EXAMINATION OR REEXAMINATION, BE  
23 APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, OR BY ANY  
24 EXAMINER APPOINTED BY HIM, UNLESS IT SHALL, AT THE TIME, SATISFY  
25 THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

26       \* \* \*

27       [(B) IT SHALL PERMIT EACH VOTER, AT OTHER THAN PRIMARY  
28 ELECTIONS, TO VOTE A STRAIGHT POLITICAL PARTY TICKET IN ONE  
29 OPERATION, AND, IN ONE OPERATION, TO VOTE FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES  
30 OF ONE POLITICAL PARTY FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, AND, IN ONE

1 OPERATION, TO VOTE FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES OF ONE POLITICAL PARTY  
2 FOR EVERY OFFICE TO BE VOTED FOR, EXCEPT THOSE OFFICES AS TO  
3 WHICH HE VOTES FOR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES.]

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5 SECTION 1110. FORM OF BALLOT LABELS ON VOTING MACHINES.--

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7 (H) THE NAMES OF ALL CANDIDATES OF A POLITICAL PARTY SHALL  
8 APPEAR IN THE SAME ROW OR COLUMN, AND EXCEPT IN CASES OF NAMES  
9 OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENTS OF NOMINEES FOR DELEGATE OR  
10 ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO POLITICAL PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS NO  
11 OTHER NAMES SHALL APPEAR IN THE SAME ROW OR COLUMN[, TO THE LEFT  
12 OR TOP OF WHICH SHALL BE A STRAIGHT PARTY LEVER, BY MEANS OF  
13 WHICH AN ELECTOR MAY, IN ONE OPERATION, VOTE FOR ALL THE  
14 CANDIDATES OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY FOR EVERY OFFICE TO BE VOTED  
15 FOR]. WHERE THE NAMES OF THE DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE AND  
16 THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE [HE] THE VOTER IS SUPPORTING SHALL  
17 BOTH APPEAR, THE PRINT SIZE OF THE NAME OF THE DELEGATE OR  
18 ALTERNATE DELEGATE SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE SIZE OF THE NAME OF THE  
19 PARTICULAR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO WHOM [HE] THE VOTER IS  
20 COMMITTED, OR IN THE CASE WHERE [HE] THE VOTER IS UNCOMMITTED,  
21 THE WORD "UNCOMMITTED" SHALL APPEAR IN THE SAME SIZE PRINT. THE  
22 NAMES OF SUCH CANDIDATES SHALL BE ARRANGED UNDER OR OPPOSITE THE  
23 TITLE OF THE OFFICE FOR WHICH THEY ARE CANDIDATES, AND SHALL  
24 APPEAR IN THE ORDER OF THE VOTES OBTAINED BY THE CANDIDATE FOR  
25 GOVERNOR OF THE PARTY NOMINATED AT THE LAST GUBERNATORIAL  
26 ELECTION, BEGINNING WITH THE PARTY OBTAINING THE HIGHEST NUMBER  
27 OF VOTES: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE CASE OF PARTIES OR  
28 BODIES NOT REPRESENTED ON THE BALLOT AT THE LAST GUBERNATORIAL  
29 ELECTION, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES OF SUCH PARTIES SHALL BE  
30 ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY, ACCORDING TO THE PARTY OR BODY NAME.

1 THE NAMES OF ALL CANDIDATES OF A POLITICAL BODY SHALL APPEAR IN  
2 THE SAME ROW OR COLUMN, AND, IF THE NUMBER OF PARTIES AND BODIES  
3 PERMITS, EACH POLITICAL BODY SHALL BE ENTITLED EXCLUSIVELY TO A  
4 SEPARATE ROW OR COLUMN[, WITH A STRAIGHT PARTY LEVER]. IF,  
5 HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICAL BODIES  
6 RENDERS IT IMPOSSIBLE OR IMPRACTICABLE TO SO ARRANGE THE  
7 POLITICAL BODIES, IN SUCH CASE SAID BODIES SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED  
8 TO A SEPARATE ROW OR COLUMN [AND A STRAIGHT PARTY LEVER], BUT  
9 SHALL BE LISTED BY POLITICAL APPELLATIONS ON THE FIRST LEFT HAND  
10 OR TOP ROW, WITH THE DESIGNATING LETTER AND NUMBER OF THE BALLOT  
11 LABEL WHERE THEIR CANDIDATES MAY BE FOUND, TOGETHER WITH THE  
12 POLITICAL APPELLATIONS OF OTHER POLITICAL BODIES, WHOSE  
13 CANDIDATES MAY BE INTERSPERSED ON THE SAME ROW OR COLUMN.  
14 SUBJECT TO THE AFORESAID LIMITATIONS, THE FORM AND ARRANGEMENT  
15 OF BALLOT LABELS, AS TO THE PLACING THEREON OF POLITICAL BODIES,  
16 SHALL BE WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.

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18 SECTION 1107-A. REQUIREMENTS OF ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.--  
19 NO ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM SHALL, UPON ANY EXAMINATION OR  
20 REEXAMINATION, BE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,  
21 OR BY ANY EXAMINER APPOINTED BY [HIM] THE SECRETARY OF THE  
22 COMMONWEALTH, UNLESS IT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED THAT SUCH SYSTEM,  
23 AT THE TIME OF SUCH EXAMINATION OR REEXAMINATION:

24 \* \* \*

25 [(3) PERMITS EACH VOTER, AT OTHER THAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, TO  
26 VOTE A STRAIGHT POLITICAL PARTY TICKET BY ONE MARK OR ACT AND,  
27 BY ONE MARK OR ACT, TO VOTE FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES OF ONE  
28 POLITICAL PARTY FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND, BY ONE MARK OR  
29 ACT, TO VOTE FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES OF ONE POLITICAL PARTY FOR  
30 EVERY OFFICE TO BE VOTED FOR, AND EVERY SUCH MARK OR ACT SHALL

1 BE EQUIVALENT TO AND SHALL BE COUNTED AS A VOTE FOR EVERY  
2 CANDIDATE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY SO MARKED INCLUDING ITS  
3 CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO  
4 THOSE OFFICES AS TO WHICH THE VOTER HAS REGISTERED A VOTE FOR  
5 INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES OF THE SAME OR ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY OR  
6 POLITICAL BODY, IN WHICH CASE THE AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT  
7 SHALL CREDIT THE VOTE FOR THAT OFFICE ONLY FOR THE CANDIDATE  
8 INDIVIDUALLY SO SELECTED, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE  
9 VOTER MAY NOT HAVE INDIVIDUALLY VOTED FOR THE FULL NUMBER OF  
10 CANDIDATES FOR THAT OFFICE FOR WHICH HE WAS ENTITLED TO VOTE.]

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12 SECTION 1109-A. FORMS.-- (A) \* \* \*

13 (2) THE PAGES PLACED ON THE VOTING DEVICE SHALL BE OF  
14 SUFFICIENT NUMBER TO INCLUDE, FOLLOWING THE LISTING OF  
15 PARTICULAR CANDIDATES, THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR ANY  
16 NONPARTISAN OFFICES AND ANY MEASURES FOR WHICH A VOTER MAY BE  
17 QUALIFIED TO VOTE ON A GIVEN ELECTION DAY, PROVIDED FURTHER THAT  
18 FOR MUNICIPAL, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTIONS, THE FIRST BALLOT  
19 PAGE SHALL LIST IN THE ORDER THAT SUCH POLITICAL PARTIES ARE  
20 ENTITLED TO PRIORITY ON THE BALLOT, THE NAMES OF SUCH POLITICAL  
21 PARTIES [WITH DESIGNATING ARROWS SO AS TO INDICATE THE VOTING  
22 SQUARE OR POSITION ON THE BALLOT CARD WHERE THE VOTER MAY INSERT  
23 BY ONE MARK OR PUNCH THE STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET OF HIS CHOICE].

24 \* \* \*

25 [(D) IN PARTISAN ELECTIONS THE BALLOT CARDS SHALL INCLUDE A  
26 VOTING SQUARE OR POSITION WHEREBY THE VOTER MAY BY ONE PUNCH OR  
27 MARK RECORD A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET VOTE FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES  
28 OF ONE PARTY OR MAY VOTE A SPLIT TICKET FOR THE CANDIDATES OF  
29 HIS CHOICE.]

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1 SECTION 1112-A. ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES AND THE PROCESS OF  
2 VOTING.--(A) IN AN ELECTION DISTRICT WHICH USES AN ELECTRONIC  
3 VOTING SYSTEM IN WHICH VOTES ARE REGISTERED ELECTRONICALLY, THE  
4 FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE APPLICABLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE  
5 ELECTION AT THE ELECTION DISTRICT:

6 \* \* \*

7 (2) AT [PRIMARY] ALL ELECTIONS, THE VOTER SHALL BE ABLE TO  
8 VOTE FOR EACH CANDIDATE INDIVIDUALLY BY THE MEANS PROVIDED. [AT  
9 ALL OTHER ELECTIONS, HE MAY VOTE FOR EACH CANDIDATE  
10 INDIVIDUALLY, OR HE MAY VOTE A STRAIGHT POLITICAL PARTY TICKET  
11 IN ONE OPERATION BY OPERATING THE STRAIGHT POLITICAL PARTY  
12 MECHANISM OF THE POLITICAL PARTY OR POLITICAL BODY OF HIS  
13 CHOICE. HE MAY ALSO, AFTER HAVING OPERATED THE STRAIGHT PARTY  
14 MECHANISM AND BEFORE RECORDING HIS VOTE, CANCEL THE VOTE FOR ANY  
15 CANDIDATE OF SUCH POLITICAL PARTY OR POLITICAL BODY AND MAY  
16 THEREUPON VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE OF ANOTHER PARTY, OR POLITICAL  
17 BODY FOR THE SAME OFFICE.] THE VOTER MAY ALSO VOTE INDIVIDUALLY  
18 FOR OR AGAINST A QUESTION SUBMITTED TO THE VOTE OF THE ELECTORS.

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20 (4) AT ANY GENERAL ELECTION AT WHICH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS  
21 ARE TO BE CHOSEN, EACH ELECTOR SHALL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY ONE  
22 OPERATION FOR ALL THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS OF A POLITICAL PARTY  
23 OR POLITICAL BODY. FOR EACH PARTY OR BODY NOMINATING  
24 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, A BALLOT LABEL SHALL BE PROVIDED  
25 CONTAINING ONLY THE WORDS "PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS," PRECEDED BY  
26 THE NAMES OF THE PARTY OR BODY AND FOLLOWED BY THE NAMES OF THE  
27 CANDIDATES THEREOF FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-  
28 PRESIDENT, AND THE CORRESPONDING COUNTER OR REGISTERING DEVICE  
29 SHALL REGISTER VOTES CAST FOR SAID ELECTORS WHEN THUS VOTED FOR  
30 COLLECTIVELY. IF ANY ELECTOR DESIRES TO VOTE A TICKET FOR

1 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS MADE UP OF THE NAMES OF PERSONS NOMINATED  
2 BY DIFFERENT PARTIES OR BODIES, OR PARTIALLY OF NAMES OF PERSONS  
3 SO IN NOMINATION AND PARTIALLY OF NAMES OF PERSONS NOT IN  
4 NOMINATION BY ANY PARTY OR BODY, [HE] THE VOTER MAY WRITE OR  
5 DEPOSIT A PAPER BALLOT PREPARED BY [HIMSELF] THE VOTER IN THE  
6 RECEPTACLE PROVIDED IN OR ON THE VOTING DEVICE FOR THAT PURPOSE,  
7 OR [HE] THE VOTER MAY LIST THEIR NAMES ON THE WRITE-IN BALLOT OR  
8 ENVELOPE PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE VOTING DEVICE SHALL BE  
9 SO CONSTRUCTED THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ANY ONE VOTER TO  
10 VOTE A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND AT  
11 THE SAME TIME TO DEPOSIT A BALLOT FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS IN A  
12 RECEPTACLE AS [HEREINABOVE] PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. WHEN THE  
13 VOTES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS ARE COUNTED, THE VOTES APPEARING  
14 UPON THE COUNTER OR REGISTERING DEVICE CORRESPONDING TO THE  
15 BALLOT LABEL CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR  
16 PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF ANY PARTY OR BODY SHALL BE  
17 COUNTED AS VOTES FOR EACH OF THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
18 ELECTOR OF SUCH PARTY OR BODY, AND THEREUPON ALL CANDIDATES FOR  
19 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SHALL BE CREDITED, IN ADDITION, WITH THE  
20 VOTES CAST FOR THEM UPON THE BALLOTS DEPOSITED IN THE MACHINE,  
21 AS [HEREINABOVE] PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

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23 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING AN ARTICLE TO READ:

24 ARTICLE XI B

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25 VOTING SYSTEMS DECERTIFICATION

26 SECTION 1101 B. DEFINITIONS.

27 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE

28 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE

29 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

30 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.



~~"ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1101 A.~~

~~"VOTING APPARATUS." A KIND OR TYPE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:~~

~~(1) AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM.~~

~~(2) A VOTING MACHINE.~~

~~"VOTING MACHINE." A VOTING MACHINE AS DESCRIBED UNDER  
ARTICLE XI.~~

~~SECTION 1102 B. DECERTIFICATION.~~

~~(A) PROHIBITION. THE COMMONWEALTH MAY NOT DISAPPROVE OF OR  
DECERTIFY VOTING APPARATUSES IN 50% OR MORE COUNTIES UNTIL THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE HAVE BEEN MET.~~

~~(B) PLAN. IF THE COMMONWEALTH INTENDS TO DISAPPROVE OR  
DECERTIFY VOTING APPARATUSES IN 50% OR MORE COUNTIES, THE  
DEPARTMENT MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN PLAN TO THE PRESIDENT PRO  
TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, THE  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE STATE  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT LEAST  
180 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPLACEMENT, CONTAINING  
EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:~~

~~(1) THE REASON FOR DISAPPROVAL OR DECERTIFICATION.~~

~~(2) THE ESTIMATED COST TO REPLACE THE DISAPPROVED OR  
DECERTIFIED VOTING APPARATUSES AND THE PLAN FOR HOW FUNDING  
IS ANTICIPATED TO BE OBTAINED.~~

~~(3) A PLAN FOR REPLACING THE DISAPPROVED OR DECERTIFIED  
VOTING APPARATUSES.~~

~~(4) THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPLACEMENT.~~

ARTICLE XI-B

VOTING SYSTEMS

SECTION 1101-B. DEFINITIONS.

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1 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE  
2 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE  
3 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

4 "ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM." AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1101-A.

5 "VOTING APPARATUS." A KIND OR TYPE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING  
6 SYSTEM THAT RECEIVED APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY OF THE  
7 COMMONWEALTH UNDER SECTION 1105-A.

8 SECTION 1102-B. DISAPPROVAL OR DECERTIFICATION.

9 (A) PROHIBITION.--THE COMMONWEALTH MAY NOT DISAPPROVE OF OR  
10 DECERTIFY VOTING APPARATUSES IN 50% OR MORE COUNTIES UNTIL THE  
11 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE HAVE BEEN MET.

12 (B) PLAN.--IF THE COMMONWEALTH INTENDS TO DISAPPROVE OR  
13 DECERTIFY VOTING APPARATUSES IN 50% OR MORE COUNTIES, THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF STATE MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN PLAN TO THE PRESIDENT  
15 PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES AT LEAST 180 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
17 REPLACEMENT, CONTAINING EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

18 (1) THE REASON FOR DISAPPROVAL OR DECERTIFICATION.

19 (2) THE ESTIMATED COST TO REPLACE THE DISAPPROVED OR  
20 DECERTIFIED VOTING APPARATUSES AND THE PLAN FOR HOW FUNDING  
21 IS ANTICIPATED TO BE OBTAINED.

22 (3) A PLAN FOR REPLACING THE DISAPPROVED OR DECERTIFIED  
23 VOTING APPARATUSES.

24 (4) THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPLACEMENT.

25 (C) VOTING SYSTEM DECERTIFICATION COMMISSION.--

26 (1) WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE WRITTEN PLAN UNDER  
27 SUBSECTION (B) BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND  
28 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A COMMISSION  
29 SHALL BE ESTABLISHED. THE COMMISSION SHALL, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF  
30 ESTABLISHMENT, DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1           (I) REVIEW THE WRITTEN PLAN.

2           (II) HOLD AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE  
3 MATTER, INCLUDING THE PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION  
4 (B).

5           (III) ISSUE A WRITTEN REPORT CONSISTENT WITH  
6 SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

7           (A) THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

8           (B) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

9           (C) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE

10          (D) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF  
11 REPRESENTATIVES.

12          (E) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE.

13          (F) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES.

15          (G) THE CHAIR AND MINORITY CHAIR OF THE STATE  
16 GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE CHAIR AND  
17 MINORITY CHAIR OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF  
18 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

19          (IV) THE WRITTEN REPORT SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE  
20 FOLLOWING:

21          (A) AN ESTIMATED COST FOR THE WRITTEN PLAN AND  
22 ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER  
23 VOTING APPARATUSES AND HOW THE COSTS WILL BE DIVIDED.

24          (B) WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION FOR DISAPPROVAL OR  
25 DECERTIFICATION.

26          (C) EACH DISSENTING OPINION OF A MEMBER OF THE  
27 COMMISSION.

28          (D) RECOMMENDED LEGISLATIVE ACTION, IF  
29 NECESSARY, INCLUDING DRAFT LEGISLATION.

30          (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING

1 MEMBERS:

2 (I) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, ONE OF  
3 WHOM SHALL BE A COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND ONE OF WHOM SHALL  
4 BE A COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT.

5 (II) THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OR A  
6 DESIGNEE.

7 (III) THE CHAIR AND MINORITY CHAIR OF THE STATE  
8 GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE CHAIR AND  
9 MINORITY CHAIR OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE  
10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THEIR DESIGNEES.

11 (IV) ONE LEGISLATOR FROM EACH OF THE FOUR  
12 LEGISLATIVE CAUCUSES, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT  
13 PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MAJORITY LEADER  
15 AND MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE AND THE MAJORITY LEADER  
16 AND MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR  
17 THEIR DESIGNEES.

18 (3) THE COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER TO SERVE AS  
19 CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

20 (4) THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD MEETINGS AT THE CALL OF  
21 THE CHAIR.

22 (5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE  
23 SUPPORT, MEETING SPACE AND ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY  
24 THE COMMISSION TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION IN  
25 COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

26 (6) A MEMBER MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE  
27 MEMBER'S SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR NECESSARY  
28 TRAVEL AND OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION  
29 WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MEMBER'S DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF  
30 THE COMMISSION.

1 SECTION 3. SECTIONS 1216(D) AND (F), 1222(A) AND (B),  
2 1223(A), 1302.1 AND 1302.2 OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:

3 SECTION 1216. INSTRUCTIONS OF VOTERS AND MANNER OF VOTING IN  
4 DISTRICTS IN WHICH VOTING MACHINES ARE USED.--

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6 (D) AT [PRIMARIES] ALL ELECTIONS, [HE] THE VOTER SHALL VOTE  
7 FOR EACH CANDIDATE INDIVIDUALLY BY OPERATING THE KEY, HANDLE,  
8 POINTER OR KNOB, UPON OR ADJACENT TO WHICH THE NAME OF SUCH  
9 CANDIDATE IS PLACED. [AT ELECTIONS, HE MAY VOTE FOR EACH  
10 CANDIDATE INDIVIDUALLY BY OPERATING THE KEY, HANDLE, POINTER OR  
11 KNOB, UPON OR ADJACENT TO WHICH THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES OF HIS  
12 CHOICE ARE PLACED, OR HE MAY VOTE A STRAIGHT POLITICAL PARTY  
13 TICKET IN ONE OPERATION BY OPERATING THE STRAIGHT POLITICAL  
14 PARTY LEVER OF THE POLITICAL PARTY OR POLITICAL BODY OF HIS  
15 CHOICE, IF SUCH MACHINE HAS THEREON A SEPARATE LEVER FOR ALL THE  
16 CANDIDATES OF THE POLITICAL BODY. HE MAY ALSO, AFTER HAVING  
17 OPERATED THE STRAIGHT PARTY LEVER, AND BEFORE RECORDING HIS  
18 VOTE, CANCEL THE VOTE FOR ANY CANDIDATE OF SUCH POLITICAL PARTY  
19 OR POLITICAL BODY BY REPLACING THE INDIVIDUAL KEY, HANDLE,  
20 POINTER OR KNOB OF SUCH CANDIDATE, AND MAY THEREUPON VOTE FOR A  
21 CANDIDATE OF ANOTHER PARTY, OR POLITICAL BODY FOR THE SAME  
22 OFFICE BY OPERATING THE KEY, HANDLE, POINTER OR KNOB, UPON OR  
23 ADJACENT TO WHICH THE NAME OF SUCH CANDIDATE APPEARS.] IN THE  
24 CASE OF A QUESTION SUBMITTED TO THE VOTE OF THE ELECTORS, THE  
25 ELECTOR SHALL OPERATE THE KEY, HANDLE, POINTER OR KNOB  
26 CORRESPONDING TO THE ANSWER WHICH [HE] THE ELECTOR DESIRES TO  
27 GIVE.

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29 (F) AT ANY GENERAL ELECTION AT WHICH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS  
30 ARE TO BE CHOSEN, EACH ELECTOR SHALL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY ONE

1 OPERATION FOR ALL THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS OF A POLITICAL PARTY  
2 OR POLITICAL BODY. FOR EACH PARTY OR BODY NOMINATING  
3 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, A BALLOT LABEL SHALL BE PROVIDED  
4 CONTAINING ONLY THE WORDS "PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS," PRECEDED BY  
5 THE NAMES OF THE PARTY OR BODY AND FOLLOWED BY THE NAMES OF THE  
6 CANDIDATES THEREOF FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-  
7 PRESIDENT, AND THE CORRESPONDING COUNTER OR REGISTERING DEVICE  
8 SHALL REGISTER VOTES CAST FOR SAID ELECTORS WHEN THUS VOTED FOR  
9 COLLECTIVELY. IF AN ELECTOR DESIRES TO VOTE A TICKET FOR  
10 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS MADE UP OF THE NAMES OF PERSONS NOMINATED  
11 BY DIFFERENT PARTIES OR BODIES, OR PARTIALLY OF NAMES OF PERSONS  
12 SO IN NOMINATION AND PARTIALLY OF NAMES OF PERSONS NOT IN  
13 NOMINATION BY ANY PARTY OR BODY, OR WHOLLY OF NAMES OF PERSONS  
14 NOT IN NOMINATION BY ANY PARTY OR BODY, [HE] THE ELECTOR MAY  
15 WRITE OR DEPOSIT A PAPER BALLOT PREPARED BY [HIMSELF] THE VOTER  
16 IN THE RECEPTACLE PROVIDED IN OR ON THE MACHINE FOR THE PURPOSE.  
17 THE MACHINE SHALL BE SO CONSTRUCTED THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE  
18 FOR ANY ONE VOTER TO VOTE A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET FOR  
19 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND AT THE SAME TIME TO DEPOSIT A BALLOT  
20 FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS IN A RECEPTACLE AS [HEREINABOVE]  
21 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. WHEN THE VOTES FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
22 ELECTORS ARE COUNTED, THE VOTES APPEARING UPON THE COUNTER OR  
23 REGISTERING DEVICE CORRESPONDING TO THE BALLOT LABEL CONTAINING  
24 THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF  
25 ANY PARTY OR BODY SHALL BE COUNTED AS VOTES FOR EACH OF THE  
26 CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR OF SUCH PARTY OR BODY, AND  
27 THEREUPON ALL CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SHALL BE  
28 CREDITED, IN ADDITION, WITH THE VOTES CAST FOR THEM UPON THE  
29 BALLOTS DEPOSITED IN THE MACHINE, AS [HEREINABOVE] PROVIDED IN  
30 THIS SECTION.

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2 SECTION 1222. COUNT AND RETURN OF VOTES IN DISTRICTS IN  
3 WHICH BALLOTS ARE USED.--

4 (A) AS SOON AS ALL THE BALLOTS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY ACCOUNTED  
5 FOR, AND THOSE OUTSIDE THE BALLOT BOX, AS WELL AS THE "VOTING  
6 CHECK LIST," NUMBERED LISTS OF VOTERS AND DISTRICT REGISTER  
7 SEALED, THE ELECTION OFFICERS SHALL FORTHWITH OPEN THE BALLOT  
8 BOX, AND TAKE THEREFROM ALL BALLOTS THEREIN, AND AT PRIMARIES,  
9 SEPARATE THE SAME ACCORDING TO THE PARTY TO WHICH THEY BELONG.  
10 THE BALLOTS SHALL THEN BE COUNTED ONE BY ONE, AND A RECORD MADE  
11 OF THE TOTAL NUMBER, AND AT PRIMARIES OF THE TOTAL NUMBER CAST  
12 FOR EACH PARTY. THEN THE JUDGE, UNDER THE SCRUTINY OF THE  
13 MINORITY INSPECTOR, OR THE MINORITY INSPECTOR, UNDER THE  
14 SCRUTINY OF THE JUDGE, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE OTHER OFFICERS,  
15 CLERKS, AND OF THE OVERSEERS, IF ANY, AND WITHIN THE HEARING AND  
16 SIGHT OF THE WATCHERS OUTSIDE THE ENCLOSED SPACE, SHALL READ  
17 ALOUD THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES MARKED OR INSERTED UPON EACH  
18 BALLOT (AT PRIMARIES THE BALLOTS OF EACH PARTY BEING READ IN  
19 SEQUENCE), TOGETHER WITH THE OFFICE FOR WHICH THE PERSON NAMED  
20 IS A CANDIDATE, AND THE ANSWERS CONTAINED ON THE BALLOTS TO THE  
21 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED, IF ANY, AND THE MAJORITY INSPECTOR AND  
22 CLERKS SHALL CAREFULLY ENTER EACH VOTE AS READ, AND KEEP ACCOUNT  
23 OF THE SAME IN INK IN TRIPLICATE TALLY PAPERS (TRIPLICATE TALLY  
24 PAPERS FOR EACH PARTY AT PRIMARIES) TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY  
25 BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THAT PURPOSE, ALL THREE OF WHICH SHALL BE  
26 MADE AT THE SAME TIME. [ : PROVIDED, THAT AT ALL GENERAL,  
27 MUNICIPAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS, IN ENTERING EACH VOTE RECEIVED  
28 BY CANDIDATES AT SUCH ELECTION, IT SHALL NOT BE NECESSARY TO  
29 ENTER SEPARATE TALLY MARKS FOR EACH VOTE RECEIVED BY SUCH  
30 CANDIDATES UPON THE BALLOTS CONTAINING THE SAME VOTES FOR THE

1 SAME NAMES, COMMONLY KNOWN, AND IN THIS ACT DESIGNATED AS  
2 "STRAIGHT PARTY TICKETS" FOR SUCH PURPOSE STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET  
3 VOTES SHALL BE ENTERED CAREFULLY AS EACH STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET  
4 VOTE IS READ ON THE TRIPLICATE TALLY SHEETS UNDER THE HEADING  
5 "NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED UPON THE ..... STRAIGHT PARTY  
6 TICKETS." UPON COMPLETING THE NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH  
7 STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET, THE NUMBER SO TALLIED FOR EACH PARTY  
8 SHALL BE ENTERED NUMERICALLY ON THE EXTREME RIGHT HAND MARGIN OF  
9 EACH SUCH TALLY PAPER.] ALL BALLOTS, AFTER BEING REMOVED FROM  
10 THE BOX, SHALL BE KEPT WITHIN THE UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF ALL  
11 PERSONS IN THE VOTING ROOM UNTIL REPLACED IN THE BOX. NO PERSON  
12 WHILE HANDLING THE BALLOTS SHALL HAVE IN [HIS] THE PERSON'S HAND  
13 ANY PENCIL, PEN, STAMP OR OTHER MEANS OF MARKING OR SPOILING ANY  
14 BALLOT. THE ELECTION OFFICERS SHALL FORTHWITH PROCEED TO CANVASS  
15 AND COMPUTE THE VOTES CAST, AND SHALL NOT ADJOURN OR POSTPONE  
16 THE CANVASS OR COMPUTATION UNTIL IT SHALL HAVE BEEN FULLY  
17 COMPLETED.

18 (B) WHEN THE VOTE CAST FOR THE DIFFERENT PERSONS NAMED UPON  
19 THE BALLOTS AND UPON THE QUESTIONS, IF ANY, APPEARING THEREON,  
20 SHALL HAVE BEEN FULLY RECORDED IN THE TALLY PAPERS AND COUNTED,  
21 THE ELECTION OFFICERS SHALL DULY CERTIFY TO THE NUMBER OF VOTES  
22 CAST FOR EACH PERSON (UPON THE RESPECTIVE PARTY TICKETS AT  
23 PRIMARIES), AND SHALL PREPARE IN INK TWO (2) GENERAL RETURNS,  
24 SHOWING, IN ADDITION TO THE ENTRIES MADE THEREON AS AFORESAID,  
25 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY BOARD (THE  
26 TOTAL OF EACH PARTY AT PRIMARIES), THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST  
27 (THE NUMBER OF EACH PARTY AT PRIMARIES), THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS  
28 (OF EACH PARTY AT PRIMARIES) DECLARED VOID, AND THE NUMBER OF  
29 BALLOTS SPOILED AND CANCELLED, AND ANY BLANK BALLOTS CAST, AS  
30 WELL AS THE VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE. AT ELECTIONS, THE



1 NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE BY EACH POLITICAL PARTY  
2 OR POLITICAL BODY OF WHICH SUCH CANDIDATE IS A NOMINEE SHALL BE  
3 SEPARATELY STATED. [ : PROVIDED, THAT THE NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED  
4 BY EACH SET OF CANDIDATES UPON "STRAIGHT PARTY TICKETS" SHALL BE  
5 ENTERED OPPOSITE THE NAMES OF THE RESPECTIVE CANDIDATES IN A  
6 COLUMN IMMEDIATELY ADJOINING UPON THE LEFT WHICH COLUMN SHALL BE  
7 OF CONVENIENT WIDTH AND SHALL BE HEADED "NUMBER OF VOTES  
8 RECEIVED UPON STRAIGHT PARTY TICKETS." ] IN AN IMMEDIATE COLUMN  
9 TO THE LEFT THERETO, THE NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH  
10 CANDIDATE UPON ALL BALLOTS [ OTHER THAN "STRAIGHT PARTY TICKETS"  
11 INCLUDING ALL BALLOTS KNOWN AS "SPLIT TICKETS" ] SHALL BE  
12 ENTERED, SUCH COLUMN TO BE OF CONVENIENT WIDTH AND SHALL BE  
13 HEADED "NUMBER OF VOTES [ RECEIVED OTHER THAN UPON STRAIGHT PARTY  
14 TICKETS." THE NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH CANDIDATE AS  
15 SHOWN IN THE COLUMN HEADED "NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED UPON  
16 STRAIGHT PARTY TICKETS" SHALL THEN BE ADDED, TOGETHER WITH THE  
17 NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH CANDIDATE AS SHOWN IN THE  
18 COLUMN HEADED "NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED OTHER THAN UPON STRAIGHT  
19 PARTY TICKETS" AND THEREUPON, THE] RECEIVED. THE TOTAL NUMBER  
20 OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH CANDIDATE SHALL BE ENTERED IN A COLUMN  
21 ON THE EXTREME RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE RETURN SHEETS, WHICH  
22 COLUMN SHALL BE OF CONVENIENT WIDTH AND SHALL BE HEADED "TOTAL  
23 NUMBER OF VOTES."

24 NOTHING IN THIS SECTION CONTAINED SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO  
25 AUTHORIZE OR PERMIT THE CANVASSING, COUNTING OR TALLYING BALLOTS  
26 WITH ANY LESS DEGREE OF STRICTNESS THAN OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY  
27 LAW. [ , THE INTENTION OF THIS SECTION BEING TO DISPENSE WITH THE  
28 INDIVIDUAL TALLY MARKS ONLY SO FAR AS THE SO-CALLED "STRAIGHT  
29 PARTY TICKETS" ARE CONCERNED, AND ALL OTHER OPERATIONS OF  
30 TALLYING, COUNTING, CANVASSING AND ANNOUNCING THE VOTES SHALL

1 PROCEED AS NEAR AS MAY BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OTHER  
2 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.]

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4 SECTION 1223. WHAT BALLOTS SHALL BE COUNTED; MANNER OF  
5 COUNTING; DEFECTIVE BALLOTS.--(A) NO BALLOT WHICH IS SO MARKED  
6 AS TO BE CAPABLE OF IDENTIFICATION SHALL BE COUNTED. ANY BALLOT  
7 THAT IS MARKED IN BLUE, BLACK OR BLUE-BLACK INK, IN FOUNTAIN PEN  
8 OR BALL POINT PEN, OR BLACK LEAD PENCIL OR INDELIBLE PENCIL,  
9 SHALL BE VALID AND COUNTED: PROVIDED, THAT ALL MARKINGS ON THE  
10 BALLOT ARE MADE BY THE SAME PEN OR PENCIL. ANY BALLOT MARKED BY  
11 ANY OTHER MARK THAN AN (X) OR CHECK ( ) IN THE SPACES PROVIDED  
12 FOR THAT PURPOSE SHALL BE VOID AND NOT COUNTED: PROVIDED,  
13 HOWEVER, THAT NO VOTE RECORDED THEREON SHALL BE DECLARED VOID  
14 BECAUSE A CROSS (X) OR CHECK ( ) MARK THEREON IS IRREGULAR IN  
15 FORM. [ANY ERASURE, MUTILATION OR DEFECTIVE MARKING OF THE  
16 STRAIGHT PARTY COLUMN AT NOVEMBER ELECTIONS SHALL RENDER THE  
17 ENTIRE BALLOT VOID, UNLESS THE VOTER HAS PROPERLY INDICATED HIS  
18 CHOICE FOR CANDIDATES IN ANY OFFICE BLOCK, IN WHICH CASE THE  
19 VOTE OR VOTES FOR SUCH CANDIDATES ONLY SHALL BE COUNTED.] ANY  
20 ERASURE OR MUTILATION IN THE VOTE IN ANY OFFICE BLOCK SHALL  
21 RENDER VOID THE VOTE FOR ANY CANDIDATES IN SAID BLOCK, BUT SHALL  
22 NOT INVALIDATE THE VOTES CAST ON THE REMAINDER OF THE BALLOT, IF  
23 OTHERWISE PROPERLY MARKED. ANY BALLOT INDICATING A VOTE FOR ANY  
24 PERSON WHOSE NAME IS NOT PRINTED ON THE BALLOT, BY WRITING,  
25 STAMPING OR STICKER, SHALL BE COUNTED AS A VOTE FOR SUCH PERSON,  
26 IF PLACED IN THE PROPER SPACE OR SPACES PROVIDED FOR THAT  
27 PURPOSE, WHETHER OR NOT AN (X) OR CHECK ( ) IS PLACED AFTER THE  
28 NAME OF SUCH PERSON: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUCH WRITING,  
29 STAMPING OR STICKER IS PLACED OVER THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE  
30 PRINTED ON THE BALLOT, IT SHALL RENDER THE ENTIRE VOTE IN SAID

1 OFFICE BLOCK VOID. IF AN ELECTOR SHALL MARK [HIS] THEIR BALLOT  
2 FOR MORE PERSONS FOR ANY OFFICE THAN THERE ARE CANDIDATES TO BE  
3 VOTED FOR FOR SUCH OFFICE, OR IF, FOR ANY REASON, IT MAY BE  
4 IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE [HIS] THEIR CHOICE FOR ANY OFFICE, [HIS]  
5 THEIR BALLOT SHALL NOT BE COUNTED FOR SUCH OFFICE, BUT THE  
6 BALLOT SHALL BE COUNTED FOR ALL OFFICES FOR WHICH IT IS PROPERLY  
7 MARKED. BALLOTS NOT MARKED, OR IMPROPERLY OR DEFECTIVELY MARKED,  
8 SO THAT THE WHOLE BALLOT IS VOID, SHALL BE SET ASIDE AND SHALL  
9 BE PRESERVED WITH THE OTHER BALLOTS.

10 \* \* \*

11 SECTION 1302.1. DATE OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT.--

12 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (A.1) AND (A.2),  
13 APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE RECEIVED IN THE  
14 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOT EARLIER THAN FIFTY  
15 (50) DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION [AND], EXCEPT THAT IF A  
16 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE  
17 AND CONSISTENT WITH ITS OPERATIONAL NEEDS, ANY APPLICATIONS FOR  
18 ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED MORE THAN FIFTY (50) DAYS BEFORE THE  
19 PRIMARY OR ELECTION MAY BE PROCESSED BEFORE THAT TIME.  
20 APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAY BE PROCESSED IF RECEIVED  
21 NOT LATER THAN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. OF THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO  
22 THE DAY OF ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

23 [(A.1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A.2), IN THE EVENT  
24 ANY ELECTOR OTHERWISE QUALIFIED WHO IS SO PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR  
25 ILL ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO ANY PRIMARY OR  
26 ELECTION THAT HE IS UNABLE TO FILE HIS APPLICATION OR WHO  
27 BECOMES PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR ILL AFTER THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR  
28 TO ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION AND IS UNABLE TO APPEAR AT HIS  
29 POLLING PLACE OR ANY ELECTOR OTHERWISE QUALIFIED WHO BECAUSE OF  
30 THE CONDUCT OF HIS BUSINESS, DUTIES OR OCCUPATION WILL

1 NECESSARILY BE ABSENT FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIS RESIDENCE ON  
2 THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, WHICH FACT WAS NOT AND COULD  
3 NOT REASONABLY BE KNOWN TO SAID ELECTOR ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST  
4 TUESDAY PRIOR TO ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION, THE ELECTOR SHALL BE  
5 ENTITLED TO AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO FIVE O'CLOCK  
6 P.M. ON THE FIRST FRIDAY PRECEDING ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION UPON  
7 EXECUTION OF AN EMERGENCY APPLICATION IN SUCH FORM PRESCRIBED BY  
8 THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

9 (A.2) IN THE EVENT ANY ELECTOR OTHERWISE QUALIFIED WHO  
10 BECOMES SO PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR ILL BETWEEN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.  
11 ON THE FIRST FRIDAY PRECEDING ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION AND EIGHT  
12 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF ANY PRIMARY OR ELECTION THAT HE IS  
13 UNABLE TO APPEAR AT HIS POLLING PLACE OR ANY ELECTOR OTHERWISE  
14 QUALIFIED WHO BECAUSE OF THE CONDUCT OF HIS BUSINESS, DUTIES OR  
15 OCCUPATION WILL NECESSARILY BE ABSENT FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
16 HIS RESIDENCE ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, WHICH FACT  
17 WAS NOT AND COULD NOT REASONABLY BE KNOWN TO SAID ELECTOR PRIOR  
18 TO FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FIRST FRIDAY PRECEDING ANY PRIMARY  
19 OR ELECTION, THE ELECTOR SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN ABSENTEE BALLOT  
20 IF THE ELECTOR COMPLETES AND FILES WITH THE COURT OF COMMON  
21 PLEAS IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE ELECTOR IS QUALIFIED TO VOTE AN  
22 EMERGENCY APPLICATION OR A LETTER OR OTHER SIGNED DOCUMENT,  
23 WHICH INCLUDES THE SAME INFORMATION AS IS PROVIDED ON THE  
24 EMERGENCY APPLICATION. UPON A DETERMINATION THAT THE ELECTOR IS  
25 A QUALIFIED ABSENTEE ELECTOR UNDER SECTION 1301, THE JUDGE SHALL  
26 ISSUE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO THE ELECTOR.]

27 (A.3) (1) THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF ELECTORS MAY APPLY  
28 FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, IF OTHERWISE  
29 QUALIFIED:

30 (I) AN ELECTOR WHOSE PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR ILLNESS

1 PREVENTED THE ELECTOR FROM APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT  
2 BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE DAY  
3 OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

4 (II) AN ELECTOR WHO, BECAUSE OF THE ELECTOR'S BUSINESS,  
5 DUTIES OR OCCUPATION, WAS UNABLE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT  
6 BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE DAY  
7 OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

8 (III) AN ELECTOR WHO BECOMES SO PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR ILL  
9 AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF  
10 THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION THAT THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO APPEAR AT  
11 THE POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

12 (IV) AN ELECTOR WHO, BECAUSE OF THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTOR'S  
13 BUSINESS, DUTIES OR OCCUPATION, WILL NECESSARILY BE ABSENT FROM  
14 THE ELECTOR'S MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE ON THE DAY OF THE  
15 PRIMARY OR ELECTION, WHICH FACT WAS NOT AND COULD NOT REASONABLY  
16 BE KNOWN TO THE ELECTOR ON OR BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE  
17 FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

18 (2) AN ELECTOR DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) MAY SUBMIT AN  
19 APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT ANY TIME UP UNTIL THE TIME  
20 OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR  
21 ELECTION. THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE A DECLARATION DESCRIBING  
22 THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVENTED THE ELECTOR FROM APPLYING FOR  
23 AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FIRST TUESDAY  
24 PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION OR THAT PREVENT THE  
25 ELECTOR FROM APPEARING AT THE POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE  
26 PRIMARY OR ELECTION, AND THE ELECTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS UNDER  
27 PARAGRAPH (1). THE DECLARATION SHALL BE MADE SUBJECT TO THE  
28 PROVISIONS OF 18 PA.C.S. § 4904 (RELATING TO UNSWORN  
29 FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).

30 (3) IF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT THE

1 ELECTOR MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL  
2 ISSUE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO THE ELECTOR.

3 (4) IF THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO APPEAR [IN COURT] AT THE  
4 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO RECEIVE THE BALLOT,  
5 THE [JUDGE] BOARD SHALL GIVE THE ELECTOR'S ABSENTEE BALLOT TO AN  
6 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ELECTOR WHO IS DESIGNATED IN  
7 WRITING BY THE ELECTOR. THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL  
8 DELIVER THE ABSENTEE BALLOT TO THE ELECTOR AND RETURN THE  
9 COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT, SEALED IN THE OFFICIAL ABSENTEE  
10 BALLOT ENVELOPES, TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
11 ELECTIONS, [WHO] WHICH SHALL [DISTRIBUTE] RETAIN THE BALLOT,  
12 UNOPENED, [TO THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S ELECTION DISTRICT] UNTIL THE  
13 CANVASSING OF ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

14 (5) IF THE ELECTOR IS UNABLE TO APPEAR [IN COURT] AT THE  
15 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR UNABLE TO OBTAIN  
16 ASSISTANCE FROM AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, THE COUNTY BOARD  
17 MAY PROVIDE AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR ASK THE JUDGE  
18 [SHALL] OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE  
19 ELECTOR IS QUALIFIED TO VOTE TO DIRECT A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE  
20 COUNTY TO DELIVER THE ABSENTEE BALLOT TO THE ELECTOR IF THE  
21 ELECTOR IS AT A PHYSICAL LOCATION WITHIN THE COUNTY AND RETURN  
22 THE COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT, SEALED IN THE OFFICIAL ABSENTEE  
23 BALLOT ENVELOPES, TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS [ , WHO SHALL <--  
24 DISTRIBUTE THE BALLOTS, UNOPENED, TO THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S  
25 RESPECTIVE ELECTION DISTRICT ] . IF THERE IS NO AUTHORIZED <--  
26 REPRESENTATIVE AND A DEPUTY SHERIFF IS UNAVAILABLE TO DELIVER AN  
27 ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE JUDGE MAY DIRECT A  
28 CONSTABLE TO MAKE SUCH DELIVERY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
29 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

30 (6) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO REQUIRES ASSISTANCE IN

1 MARKING THE ELECTOR'S BALLOT, THE ELECTOR SHALL DESIGNATE IN  
2 WRITING THE PERSON WHO WILL ASSIST IN MARKING THE BALLOT. SUCH  
3 PERSON SHALL BE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO  
4 ELECTORS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE, AND SUCH PERSON SHALL DECLARE  
5 IN WRITING THAT ASSISTANCE WAS RENDERED. ANY PERSON OTHER THAN  
6 THE DESIGNEE WHO SHALL RENDER ASSISTANCE IN MARKING A BALLOT OR  
7 ANY PERSON RENDERING ASSISTANCE WHO SHALL FAIL TO EXECUTE A  
8 DECLARATION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION OF THIS ACT.

9 (7) NO ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
10 COUNTED WHICH IS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
11 ELECTIONS LATER THAN [EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE  
12 PRIMARY OR ELECTION] THE DEADLINE FOR ITS RECEIPT AS PROVIDED IN  
13 SECTION 1308(G).

14 (B) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHOSE APPLICATION FOR AN  
15 ABSENTEE BALLOT IS RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
16 ELECTIONS EARLIER THAN FIFTY (50) DAYS BEFORE THE PRIMARY OR  
17 ELECTION, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE HELD AND PROCESSED UPON  
18 COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIFTY-DAY PERIOD OR AT SUCH EARLIER TIME AS  
19 THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS DETERMINES MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

20 [(C) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO IS PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR  
21 ILL ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO A PRIMARY OR  
22 ELECTION OR BECOMES PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR ILL AFTER THE FIRST  
23 TUESDAY PRIOR TO A PRIMARY OR ELECTION, SUCH EMERGENCY  
24 APPLICATION, LETTER OR OTHER SIGNED DOCUMENT SHALL CONTAIN A  
25 SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT FROM HIS ATTENDING PHYSICIAN STATING THAT  
26 DUE TO PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR ILLNESS SAID ELECTOR WAS UNABLE TO  
27 APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST TUESDAY  
28 PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION OR BECAME PHYSICALLY DISABLED  
29 OR ILL AFTER THAT PERIOD.]

30 (D) IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTOR WHO IS NECESSARILY ABSENT

1 BECAUSE OF THE CONDUCT OF HIS BUSINESS, DUTIES OR OCCUPATION  
2 UNDER THE UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS  
3 (A.1) AND (A.2), SUCH EMERGENCY APPLICATION, LETTER OR OTHER  
4 SIGNED DOCUMENT SHALL CONTAIN A SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT FROM SUCH  
5 ELECTOR STATING THAT BECAUSE OF THE CONDUCT OF HIS BUSINESS,  
6 DUTIES OR OCCUPATION SAID ELECTOR WILL NECESSARILY BE ABSENT  
7 FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIS RESIDENCE ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY  
8 OR ELECTION WHICH FACT WAS NOT AND COULD NOT REASONABLY BE KNOWN  
9 TO SAID ELECTOR ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE  
10 PRIMARY OR ELECTION.]

11 SECTION 1302.2. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE  
12 BALLOT.--

13 (A) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, UPON RECEIPT OF ANY  
14 APPLICATION FILED BY A QUALIFIED ELECTOR NOT REQUIRED TO BE  
15 REGISTERED UNDER PRECEDING SECTION 1301, SHALL ASCERTAIN FROM  
16 THE INFORMATION ON SUCH APPLICATION, DISTRICT REGISTER OR FROM  
17 ANY OTHER SOURCE THAT SUCH APPLICANT POSSESSES ALL THE  
18 QUALIFICATIONS OF A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OTHER THAN BEING  
19 REGISTERED OR ENROLLED. IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT THE  
20 APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT,  
21 THE APPLICATION SHALL BE MARKED APPROVED SUCH APPROVAL DECISION  
22 SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING EXCEPT THAT CHALLENGES MAY BE MADE  
23 ONLY ON THE GROUND THAT THE APPLICANT DID NOT POSSESS  
24 QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ABSENTEE ELECTOR. SUCH CHALLENGES MUST BE  
25 MADE TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PRIOR TO [5:00 O'CLOCK  
26 P.M. ON THE FIRST FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.] THE APPLICABLE  
27 DEADLINE FOR THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO BE RECEIVED, AS PROVIDED IN  
28 SECTION 1308(G). WHEN SO APPROVED, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
29 SHALL CAUSE THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND RESIDENCE (AND AT A  
30 PRIMARY, THE PARTY ENROLLMENT) TO BE INSERTED IN THE MILITARY,



1 VETERANS AND EMERGENCY CIVILIANS ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE AS  
2 PROVIDED IN SECTION 1302.3, SUBSECTION (B): PROVIDING, HOWEVER,  
3 THAT NO APPLICATION OF ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR IN MILITARY SERVICE  
4 SHALL BE REJECTED FOR FAILURE TO INCLUDE ON [HIS] THE ELECTOR'S  
5 APPLICATION ANY INFORMATION IF SUCH INFORMATION MAY BE  
6 ASCERTAINED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
7 ELECTIONS.

8 (B) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, UPON RECEIPT OF ANY  
9 APPLICATION FILED BY A QUALIFIED ELECTOR WHO IS ENTITLED, UNDER  
10 THE PROVISIONS OF THE PERMANENT REGISTRATION LAW AS NOW OR  
11 HEREINAFTER ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO ABSENTEE  
12 REGISTRATION PRIOR TO OR CONCURRENTLY WITH THE TIME OF VOTING AS  
13 PROVIDED UNDER PRECEDING SECTION 1301, SHALL ASCERTAIN FROM THE  
14 INFORMATION ON SUCH APPLICATION OR FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE THAT  
15 SUCH APPLICANT POSSESSES ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A QUALIFIED  
16 ELECTOR. IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT THE APPLICANT IS  
17 ENTITLED, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PERMANENT REGISTRATION LAW  
18 AS NOW OR HEREINAFTER ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO  
19 ABSENTEE REGISTRATION PRIOR TO OR CONCURRENTLY WITH THE TIME OF  
20 VOTING AND THAT THE APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE AN  
21 OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE MARKED  
22 "APPROVED." SUCH APPROVAL DECISION SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING  
23 EXCEPT THAT CHALLENGES MAY BE MADE ONLY ON THE GROUND THAT THE  
24 APPLICANT DID NOT POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ABSENTEE  
25 ELECTOR PRIOR TO OR CONCURRENTLY WITH THE TIME OF VOTING. SUCH  
26 CHALLENGES MUST BE MADE TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PRIOR  
27 TO [5:00 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FIRST FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE  
28 ELECTION.] THE APPLICABLE DEADLINE FOR THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO  
29 BE RECEIVED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1308(G). WHEN SO APPROVED,  
30 THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL CAUSE THE APPLICANT'S NAME

1 AND RESIDENCE (AND AT A PRIMARY, THE PARTY ENROLLMENT) TO BE  
2 INSERTED IN THE MILITARY, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY CIVILIAN  
3 ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1302.3 SUBSECTION  
4 (B).

5 (C) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, UPON RECEIPT OF ANY  
6 APPLICATION OF A QUALIFIED ELECTOR REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED  
7 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PRECEDING SECTION 1301, SHALL DETERMINE  
8 THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SUCH APPLICANT BY VERIFYING THE PROOF OF  
9 IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARING THE INFORMATION SET FORTH ON SUCH  
10 APPLICATION WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE APPLICANT'S  
11 PERMANENT REGISTRATION CARD. IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT THE  
12 APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT,  
13 THE APPLICATION SHALL BE MARKED "APPROVED." SUCH APPROVAL  
14 DECISION SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING, EXCEPT THAT CHALLENGES MAY  
15 BE MADE ONLY ON THE GROUND THAT THE APPLICANT DID NOT POSSESS  
16 THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ABSENTEE ELECTOR. SUCH CHALLENGES MUST  
17 BE MADE TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PRIOR TO [5:00 O'CLOCK  
18 P.M. ON THE FIRST FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.] THE APPLICABLE  
19 DEADLINE FOR THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO BE RECEIVED, AS PROVIDED IN  
20 SECTION 1308(G). WHEN SO APPROVED, THE REGISTRATION COMMISSION  
21 SHALL CAUSE AN ABSENTEE VOTER'S TEMPORARY REGISTRATION CARD TO  
22 BE INSERTED IN THE DISTRICT REGISTER ON TOP OF AND ALONG WITH  
23 THE PERMANENT REGISTRATION CARD. THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S TEMPORARY  
24 REGISTRATION CARD SHALL BE IN THE COLOR AND FORM PRESCRIBED IN  
25 SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION:

26 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY BOARDS OF  
27 ELECTIONS AND THE REGISTRATION COMMISSIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE  
28 INSERTION OF THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S TEMPORARY REGISTRATION CARD OF  
29 ANY ELECTOR FROM THE DISTRICT REGISTER AS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
30 1302.2 SHALL INCLUDE ONLY SUCH APPLICATIONS AND EMERGENCY

1 APPLICATIONS AS ARE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST TUESDAY  
2 PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION. IN ALL CASES WHERE  
3 APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE FIRST TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE  
4 PRIMARY OR ELECTION AND BEFORE [FIVE O'CLOCK P. M. ON THE FIRST <--  
5 FRIDAY PRIOR TO] EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR <--  
6 ELECTION, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL DETERMINE THE  
7 QUALIFICATIONS OF SUCH APPLICANT BY VERIFYING THE PROOF OF  
8 IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARING THE INFORMATION SET FORTH ON SUCH  
9 APPLICATION WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE APPLICANT'S  
10 DUPLICATE REGISTRATION CARD ON FILE IN THE GENERAL REGISTER  
11 (ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE MASTER FILE) IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
12 REGISTRATION COMMISSION AND SHALL CAUSE THE NAME AND RESIDENCE  
13 (AND AT PRIMARIES, THE PARTY ENROLLMENT) TO BE INSERTED IN THE  
14 MILITARY, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY CIVILIAN ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE  
15 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1302.3, SUBSECTION (B). [IN ADDITION, THE <--  
16 LOCAL DISTRICT BOARDS OF ELECTIONS SHALL, UPON CANVASSING THE  
17 OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS UNDER SECTION 1308, EXAMINE THE VOTING  
18 CHECK LIST OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT OF SAID ELECTOR'S RESIDENCE  
19 AND SATISFY ITSELF THAT SUCH ELECTOR DID NOT CAST ANY BALLOT  
20 OTHER THAN THE ONE PROPERLY ISSUED TO {HIM} ~~THE ELECTOR~~ UNDER <--  
21 ~~{HIS} THE ELECTOR'S~~ ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION. IN ALL CASES <--  
22 WHERE THE EXAMINATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
23 DISCLOSES THAT AN ELECTOR DID VOTE A BALLOT OTHER THAN THE ONE  
24 PROPERLY ISSUED TO {HIM} ~~THE ELECTOR~~ UNDER THE ABSENTEE BALLOT <--  
25 APPLICATION, THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL  
26 THEREUPON CANCEL SAID ABSENTEE BALLOT AND SAID ELECTOR SHALL BE  
27 SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH.] <--

28 (D) IN THE EVENT THAT ANY APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICIAL  
29 ABSENTEE BALLOT IS NOT APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
30 ELECTIONS, THE ELECTOR SHALL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY TO THAT

1 EFFECT WITH A STATEMENT BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE REASONS FOR  
2 THE DISAPPROVAL. FOR THOSE APPLICANTS WHOSE PROOF OF  
3 IDENTIFICATION WAS NOT PROVIDED WITH THE APPLICATION OR COULD  
4 NOT BE VERIFIED BY THE BOARD, THE BOARD SHALL SEND NOTICE TO THE  
5 ELECTOR WITH THE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUIRING THE ELECTOR TO  
6 PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION WITH THE ABSENTEE BALLOT OR THE  
7 BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

8 (E) [THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S TEMPORARY REGISTRATION CARD SHALL  
9 BE IN DUPLICATE AND THE SAME SIZE AS THE PERMANENT REGISTRATION  
10 CARD, IN A DIFFERENT AND CONTRASTING COLOR TO THE PERMANENT  
11 REGISTRATION CARD AND SHALL CONTAIN THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S NAME  
12 AND ADDRESS AND SHALL CONSPICUOUSLY CONTAIN THE WORDS "ABSENTEE  
13 VOTER." SUCH CARD SHALL ALSO CONTAIN THE AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED BY  
14 SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION 1306.] THE VOTER'S RECORD IN THE  
15 DISTRICT REGISTER SHALL CONTAIN THE WORDS "ABSENTEE VOTER."

16 (F) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, A  
17 QUALIFIED ABSENTEE ELECTOR SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE  
18 PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IF THE ELECTOR IS ENTITLED TO VOTE BY  
19 ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS  
20 ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (PUBLIC LAW 99-410, 100 STAT. 924) OR BY AN  
21 ALTERNATIVE BALLOT UNDER THE VOTING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE  
22 ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED ACT (PUBLIC LAW 98-435, 98 STAT. 1678).

23 SECTION 4. SECTION 1306(A)(1) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED AND THE  
24 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

25 SECTION 1306. VOTING BY ABSENTEE ELECTORS.--(A) EXCEPT AS  
26 PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS [(1),] (2) AND (3), AT ANY TIME AFTER <--  
27 RECEIVING AN OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT, BUT ON OR BEFORE [FIVE  
28 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO] EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. THE DAY  
29 OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, THE ELECTOR SHALL, IN SECRET,  
30 PROCEED TO MARK THE BALLOT ONLY IN BLACK LEAD PENCIL, INDELIBLE

1 PENCIL OR BLUE, BLACK OR BLUE-BLACK INK, IN FOUNTAIN PEN OR BALL  
2 POINT PEN, AND THEN FOLD THE BALLOT, ENCLOSE AND SECURELY SEAL  
3 THE SAME IN THE ENVELOPE ON WHICH IS PRINTED, STAMPED OR  
4 ENDORSED "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT."

5 (1) [ANY ELECTOR WHO SUBMITS AN EMERGENCY APPLICATION AND  
6 RECEIVES AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
7 1302.1(A.2) OR (C) SHALL MARK THE BALLOT ON OR BEFORE EIGHT  
8 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION. THIS  
9 ENVELOPE SHALL THEN BE PLACED IN THE SECOND ONE, ON WHICH IS  
10 PRINTED THE FORM OF DECLARATION OF THE ELECTOR, AND THE ADDRESS  
11 OF THE ELECTOR'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION AND THE LOCAL ELECTION  
12 DISTRICT OF THE ELECTOR. THE ELECTOR SHALL THEN FILL OUT, DATE  
13 AND SIGN THE DECLARATION PRINTED ON SUCH ENVELOPE. SUCH ENVELOPE  
14 SHALL THEN BE SECURELY SEALED AND THE ELECTOR SHALL SEND SAME BY  
15 MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, EXCEPT WHERE FRANKED, OR DELIVER IT IN  
16 PERSON TO SAID COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION.] (RESERVED).

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18 ~~(C) THE FOLLOWING APPLY:~~

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19 ~~(1) AN ELECTOR VOTING VIA AN ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL:~~

20 ~~(I) DELIVER THE BALLOT IN PERSON TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF~~  
21 ~~ELECTIONS BY EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR~~  
22 ~~ELECTION; OR~~

23 ~~(II) MAIL THE BALLOT SUCH THAT IT IS POSTMARKED NO LATER~~  
24 ~~THAN THE DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.~~

25 (C) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO AN ELECTOR VOTING BY  
26 ABSENTEE BALLOT:

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27 (1) AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY THE ELECTOR  
28 OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT  
29 TO THE COUNTY BOARD ON BEHALF OF THE ELECTOR UNDER SECTION  
30 1302.1(A.3) (4) OR (5) SHALL DELIVER THE ELECTOR'S BALLOT TO THE

1 OFFICE NO LATER THAN EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE  
2 PRIMARY OR ELECTION;

3 (2) AN ELECTOR WHO DELIVERS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON TO  
4 THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL DO SO NO LATER THAN FIVE  
5 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE PRIMARY OR  
6 ELECTION; AND

7 (3) AN ELECTOR WHO MAILES AN ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL DO SO SUCH  
8 THAT IT IS POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY  
9 PRECEDING THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

10 ~~(2)~~ (4) WHEN A BALLOT IS PRESENTED TO A COUNTY BOARD OF <--  
11 ELECTIONS WITH A POSTMARK THAT IS MISSING OR ILLEGIBLE, THE  
12 BOARD MAY DETERMINE THAT THE BALLOT WAS TIMELY CAST AND  
13 SUBMITTED IF THERE ARE OTHER RELIABLE INDICIA OF THE DATE IT WAS  
14 SENT. IN THAT CASE, A BOARD MAY RELY ON THE DATE GIVEN ON THE  
15 VOTER'S AFFIDAVIT OR ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE  
16 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, THE FOREIGN POSTAL AGENCY OR THE  
17 PRIVATE CARRIER OR COURIER SERVICE THROUGH WHICH THE BALLOT WAS  
18 DELIVERED.

19 ~~(3)~~ (5) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "POSTMARK" MEANS THE <--  
20 OFFICIAL CANCELLATION OF POSTAGE OR OTHER INDICIA, AS STAMPED,  
21 PRINTED OR WRITTEN ON THE DELIVERY ENVELOPE TO INDICATE THE DATE  
22 IT WAS SUBMITTED FOR DELIVERY BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL  
23 SERVICE, A FOREIGN POSTAL AGENCY OR A RECOGNIZED PRIVATE COMMON  
24 CARRIER OR COURIER SERVICE.

25 SECTION 5. SECTION 1308 (A), (B.1), (E), (F) ~~7~~ AND (G) (1) ~~AND~~ <--  
26 ~~(2)~~, (2) AND (4) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:

27 SECTION 1308. CANVASSING OF OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS.-- (A)  
28 THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION, UPON RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL ABSENTEE  
29 BALLOTS IN [SUCH] SEALED OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES,  
30 SHALL SAFELY KEEP THE [SAME] ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN SEALED OR

1 LOCKED CONTAINERS UNTIL THEY [DISTRIBUTE SAME TO THE APPROPRIATE  
2 LOCAL ELECTION DISTRICTS IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY  
3 OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

4 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1302.1(A.2), THE COUNTY BOARD  
5 OF ELECTIONS SHALL THEN DISTRIBUTE THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS,  
6 UNOPENED, TO THE ABSENTEE VOTER'S RESPECTIVE ELECTION DISTRICT  
7 CONCURRENTLY WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE OTHER ELECTION  
8 SUPPLIES. ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE CANVASSED IMMEDIATELY AND  
9 CONTINUOUSLY WITHOUT INTERRUPTION UNTIL COMPLETED AFTER THE  
10 CLOSE OF THE POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION IN EACH ELECTION  
11 DISTRICT. THE RESULTS OF THE CANVASS OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
12 SHALL THEN BE INCLUDED IN AND RETURNED TO THE COUNTY BOARD WITH  
13 THE RETURNS OF THAT DISTRICT. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
14 1302.1(A.2) AND SUBSECTION (G), NO ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL BE  
15 COUNTED WHICH IS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
16 ELECTION LATER THAN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY  
17 PRECEDING THE PRIMARY OR NOVEMBER ELECTION.] ARE TO BE CANVASSED  
18 BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, WHETHER  
19 ISSUED TO A CIVILIAN, MILITARY OR OTHER VOTER DURING THE REGULAR  
20 OR EMERGENCY APPLICATION PERIOD, SHALL BE CANVASSED IN  
21 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (G).

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23 (B.1) [IN ALL ELECTION DISTRICTS IN WHICH ELECTRONIC VOTING  
24 SYSTEMS ARE USED, ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE OPENED AT THE  
25 ELECTION DISTRICT, CHECKED FOR WRITE-IN VOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
26 SECTION 1113-A AND THEN EITHER HAND-COUNTED OR COUNTED BY MEANS  
27 OF THE AUTOMATIC TABULATION EQUIPMENT, WHATEVER THE CASE MAY  
28 BE.] (RESERVED).

29 \* \* \*

30 (E) [AT SUCH TIME THE LOCAL ELECTION BOARD SHALL THEN

1 FURTHER EXAMINE THE DECLARATION ON EACH ENVELOPE NOT SO SET  
2 ASIDE AND SHALL COMPARE THE INFORMATION THEREON WITH THAT  
3 CONTAINED IN THE "REGISTERED ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE," THE ABSENTEE  
4 VOTERS' LIST AND THE "MILITARY VETERANS AND EMERGENCY CIVILIANS  
5 ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE." IF THE LOCAL ELECTION BOARD IS SATISFIED  
6 THAT THE DECLARATION IS SUFFICIENT AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED  
7 IN THE "REGISTERED ABSENTEE VOTERS FILE," THE ABSENTEE VOTERS'  
8 LIST AND THE "MILITARY VETERANS AND EMERGENCY CIVILIANS ABSENTEE  
9 VOTERS FILE" VERIFIES HIS RIGHT TO VOTE, THE LOCAL ELECTION  
10 BOARD SHALL ANNOUNCE THE NAME OF THE ELECTOR AND SHALL GIVE ANY  
11 WATCHER PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE ANY ABSENTEE ELECTOR  
12 UPON THE GROUND OR GROUNDS (1) THAT THE ABSENTEE ELECTOR IS NOT  
13 A QUALIFIED ELECTOR; OR (2) THAT THE ABSENTEE ELECTOR WAS WITHIN  
14 THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIS RESIDENCE ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR  
15 ELECTION DURING THE PERIOD THE POLLS WERE OPEN, EXCEPT WHERE HE  
16 WAS IN MILITARY SERVICE OR EXCEPT IN THE CASE WHERE HIS BALLOT  
17 WAS OBTAINED FOR THE REASON THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO APPEAR  
18 PERSONALLY AT THE POLLING PLACE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR PHYSICAL  
19 DISABILITY; OR (3) THAT THE ABSENTEE ELECTOR WAS ABLE TO APPEAR  
20 PERSONALLY AT THE POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR  
21 ELECTION DURING THE PERIOD THE POLLS WERE OPEN IN THE CASE HIS  
22 BALLOT WAS OBTAINED FOR THE REASON THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO APPEAR  
23 PERSONALLY AT THE POLLING PLACE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR PHYSICAL  
24 DISABILITY. UPON CHALLENGE OF ANY ABSENTEE ELECTOR, AS SET FORTH  
25 HEREIN THE LOCAL ELECTION BOARD SHALL MARK "CHALLENGED" ON THE  
26 ENVELOPE TOGETHER WITH THE REASON OR REASONS THEREFOR, AND THE  
27 SAME SHALL BE SET ASIDE FOR RETURN TO THE COUNTY BOARD UNOPENED  
28 PENDING DECISION BY THE COUNTY BOARD AND SHALL NOT BE COUNTED.  
29 ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS NOT CHALLENGED FOR ANY OF THE REASONS  
30 PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL BE COUNTED AND INCLUDED WITH THE GENERAL



1 RETURN OF PAPER BALLOTS OR VOTING MACHINES, AS THE CASE MAY BE  
2 AS FOLLOWS. THEREUPON, THE LOCAL ELECTION BOARD SHALL OPEN THE  
3 ENVELOPE OF EVERY UNCHALLENGED ABSENTEE ELECTOR IN SUCH MANNER  
4 AS NOT TO DESTROY THE DECLARATION EXECUTED THEREON. ALL OF SUCH  
5 ENVELOPES ON WHICH ARE PRINTED, STAMPED OR ENDORSED THE WORDS  
6 "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT" SHALL BE PLACED IN ONE OR MORE  
7 DEPOSITORIES AT ONE TIME AND SAID DEPOSITORY OR DEPOSITORIES  
8 WELL SHAKEN AND THE ENVELOPES MIXED BEFORE ANY ENVELOPE IS TAKEN  
9 THEREFROM. IF ANY OF THESE ENVELOPES SHALL CONTAIN ANY  
10 EXTRANEOUS MARKS OR IDENTIFYING SYMBOLS OTHER THAN THE WORDS  
11 "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT," THE ENVELOPES AND THE BALLOTS  
12 CONTAINED THEREIN SHALL BE SET ASIDE AND DECLARED VOID. THE  
13 LOCAL ELECTION BOARD SHALL THEN BREAK THE SEALS OF SUCH  
14 ENVELOPES, REMOVE THE BALLOTS AND RECORD THE VOTES IN THE SAME  
15 MANNER AS DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO RECORD  
16 VOTES. WITH RESPECT TO THE CHALLENGED BALLOTS, THEY SHALL BE  
17 RETURNED TO THE COUNTY BOARD WITH THE RETURNS OF THE LOCAL  
18 ELECTION DISTRICT WHERE THEY SHALL BE PLACED UNOPENED IN A  
19 SECURE, SAFE AND SEALED CONTAINER IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COUNTY  
20 BOARD UNTIL IT SHALL FIX A TIME AND PLACE FOR A FORMAL HEARING  
21 OF ALL SUCH CHALLENGES AND NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN WHERE POSSIBLE  
22 TO ALL ABSENTEE ELECTORS THUS CHALLENGED AND TO EVERY ATTORNEY,  
23 WATCHER OR CANDIDATE WHO MADE SUCH CHALLENGE. THE TIME FOR THE  
24 HEARING SHALL NOT BE LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF  
25 SAID CHALLENGE. ON THE DAY FIXED FOR SAID HEARING, THE COUNTY  
26 BOARD SHALL PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO HEAR SAID CHALLENGES AND,  
27 IN HEARING THE TESTIMONY, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL NOT BE BOUND BY  
28 TECHNICAL RULES OF EVIDENCE. THE TESTIMONY PRESENTED SHALL BE  
29 STENOGRAPHICALLY RECORDED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD OF THE  
30 HEARING. THE DECISION OF THE COUNTY BOARD IN UPHOLDING OR

1 DISMISSING ANY CHALLENGE MAY BE REVIEWED BY THE COURT OF COMMON  
2 PLEAS OF THE COUNTY UPON A PETITION FILED BY ANY PERSON  
3 AGGRIEVED BY THE DECISION OF THE COUNTY BOARD. SUCH APPEAL SHALL  
4 BE TAKEN, WITHIN TWO (2) DAYS AFTER SUCH DECISION SHALL HAVE  
5 BEEN MADE, WHETHER REDUCED TO WRITING OR NOT, TO THE COURT OF  
6 COMMON PLEAS SETTING FORTH THE OBJECTIONS TO THE COUNTY BOARD'S  
7 DECISION AND PRAYING FOR AN ORDER REVERSING SAME. PENDING THE  
8 FINAL DETERMINATION OF ALL APPEALS, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL  
9 SUSPEND ANY ACTION IN CANVASSING AND COMPUTING ALL CHALLENGED  
10 BALLOTS IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER OR NOT APPEAL WAS TAKEN FROM THE  
11 COUNTY BOARD'S DECISION. UPON COMPLETION OF THE COMPUTATION OF  
12 THE RETURNS OF THE COUNTY, THE VOTES CAST UPON THE CHALLENGED  
13 OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE ADDED TO THE OTHER VOTES CAST  
14 WITHIN THE COUNTY.] (RESERVED).

15 (F) ANY PERSON CHALLENGING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE  
16 BALLOT OR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR ANY OF THE REASONS PROVIDED IN  
17 THIS ACT SHALL DEPOSIT THE SUM OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) IN CASH  
18 WITH THE [LOCAL ELECTION] COUNTY BOARD, IN CASES OF CHALLENGES <--  
19 MADE TO THE [LOCAL ELECTION] COUNTY BOARD AND WITH THE COUNTY <--  
20 BOARD IN CASES OF CHALLENGES MADE TO THE COUNTY BOARD FOR WHICH  
21 [HE] THE PERSON SHALL BE ISSUED A RECEIPT FOR EACH CHALLENGE  
22 MADE, WHICH SUM SHALL ONLY BE REFUNDED IF THE CHALLENGE IS  
23 SUSTAINED OR IF THE CHALLENGE IS WITHDRAWN WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS  
24 AFTER THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION. IF THE CHALLENGE IS DISMISSED BY  
25 ANY LAWFUL ORDER THEN THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE FORFEITED. [ALL  
26 DEPOSIT MONEY RECEIVED BY THE LOCAL ELECTION BOARD SHALL BE  
27 TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY BOARD SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE RETURN  
28 OF THE CHALLENGED BALLOTS.] THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEPOSIT ALL  
29 DEPOSIT MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY.

30 NOTICE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION 1306

1 SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE ENVELOPE FOR THE ABSENTEE BALLOT.

2 (G) (1) (I) AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CAST BY ANY ABSENTEE  
3 ELECTOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1301(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F),  
4 (G) AND (H) [WHICH IS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
5 OF ELECTIONS AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY  
6 PRECEDING THE ELECTION AND NO LATER THAN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON  
7 THE SEVENTH DAY FOLLOWING AN ELECTION] SHALL BE CANVASSED IN  
8 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION IF [THE ABSENTEE BALLOT IS  
9 POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE  
10 ELECTION.] THE BALLOT IS CAST, SUBMITTED AND RECEIVED IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 25 PA.C.S. CH. 35 (RELATING TO  
12 UNIFORM MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS).

13 (II) AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CAST BY ANY ABSENTEE ELECTOR AS  
14 DEFINED IN SECTION 1301(I), (J), (K), (L), (M), ~~(N)~~ AND ~~(O)~~ AND <--  
15 (N) SHALL BE CANVASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION IF THE  
16 ABSENTEE BALLOT IS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
17 ELECTIONS:

18 ~~(A) BY HAND DELIVERY NO LATER THAN EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE <--~~  
19 ~~DAY OF THE ELECTION OR PRIMARY; OR~~

20 ~~(B) BY MAIL NO LATER THAN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE THIRD DAY~~  
21 ~~FOLLOWING AN ELECTION IF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT IS POSTMARKED NO~~  
22 ~~LATER THAN THE DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.~~

23 (A) BY HAND DELIVERY BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <--  
24 DESIGNATED BY THE ELECTOR OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO  
25 DELIVER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ON BEHALF OF THE ELECTOR UNDER  
26 SECTION 1302.1(A.3) (4) OR (5) NO LATER THAN EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.  
27 ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION;

28 (B) BY HAND DELIVERY BY THE ELECTOR NO LATER THAN FIVE  
29 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE PRIMARY OR  
30 ELECTION; AND

1 (C) BY MAIL NO LATER THAN FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON THE SEVENTH  
2 DAY FOLLOWING THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION IF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT IS  
3 POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE  
4 PRIMARY OR ELECTION.

5 (2) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL MEET [ON THE EIGHTH  
6 DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO CANVASS] NO EARLIER THAN THE CLOSE  
7 OF POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION AND NO LATER THAN THE THIRD  
8 DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO BEGIN CANVASSING THE ABSENTEE  
9 BALLOTS RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION (H) (2) .  
10 THE CANVASS SHALL CONTINUE THROUGH THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF  
11 ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS PROVIDED IN 25 PA.C.S. § 3511 (RELATING  
12 TO RECEIPT OF VOTED BALLOT.) ONE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF  
13 EACH CANDIDATE IN AN ELECTION AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH  
14 POLITICAL PARTY SHALL BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN THE ROOM IN  
15 WHICH THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE CANVASSED. REPRESENTATIVES SHALL  
16 BE PERMITTED TO CHALLENGE ANY ABSENTEE ELECTOR IN ACCORDANCE  
17 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (3) .

18 \* \* \*

19 (4) ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS [NOT], EXCEPT FOR BALLOTS <--  
20 CHALLENGED FOR ANY OF THE REASONS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) AND  
21 BALLOTS CAST BY ELECTORS WHO APPEAR AT THE POLLING PLACE ON  
22 ELECTION DAY AND VOTE IN PERSON PURSUANT TO SECTION 1306(B),  
23 SHALL BE COUNTED AND INCLUDED WITH THE RETURNS OF THE APPLICABLE  
24 ELECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS[.] :

25 (I) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL OPEN THE ENVELOPE OF EVERY  
26 UNCHALLENGED ABSENTEE ELECTOR IN SUCH MANNER AS NOT TO DESTROY  
27 THE DECLARATION EXECUTED THEREON.

28 (II) IF ANY OF THE ENVELOPES ON WHICH ARE PRINTED, STAMPED  
29 OR ENDORSED THE WORDS "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT" CONTAIN ANY  
30 EXTRANEIOUS MARKS OR IDENTIFYING SYMBOLS, THE ENVELOPES AND THE

1 BALLOTS CONTAINED THEREIN SHALL BE SET ASIDE AND DECLARED VOID.

2 (III) THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL THEN BREAK THE SEALS OF SUCH  
3 ENVELOPES, REMOVE THE BALLOTS AND RECORD THE VOTES.

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5 SECTION 6. THIS ACT SHALL APPLY AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) THE ADDITION OF ARTICLE XI-B OF THE ACT SHALL APPLY  
7 TO DISAPPROVALS AND DECERTIFICATIONS OCCURRING AFTER DECEMBER <--  
8 31, 2019.

9 (2) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING  
10 PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL APPLY TO THE FIRST GENERAL OR  
11 MUNICIPAL ELECTION OCCURRING AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
12 SECTION AND TO ALL ELECTIONS THEREAFTER:

13 (I) SECTION 1003(A).

14 (II) SECTION 1007.

15 (III) SECTION 1107(B).

16 (IV) SECTION 1110(H).

17 (V) SECTION 1107-A(3).

18 (VI) SECTION 1109-A(A)(2) AND (D).

19 (VII) SECTION 1112-A(A)(2) AND (4).

20 (VIII) SECTION 1216(D) AND (F).

21 (IX) SECTION 1222(A) AND (B).

22 (X) SECTION 1223(A).

23 (XI) SECTION 1302.1.

24 (XII) SECTION 1302.2.

25 (XIII) SECTION 1306(A)(1) AND (C).

26 (XIV) SECTION 1308(A), (B.1), (E), (F) AND (G)(1), <--  
27 (2) AND (4).

28 SECTION 7. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.