

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. **197** Session of
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 26, 2017, as "National Voter Registration
2 Day" in Pennsylvania and encouraging Pennsylvanians to
3 register and vote.

4 WHEREAS, In 2008, 6 million Americans did not vote because
5 they missed a registration deadline or did not know how to
6 register; and

7 WHEREAS, A Pennsylvania resident who is a citizen of the
8 United States for at least one month before the next primary,
9 special, municipal or general election, who is a resident of the
10 election district where the Pennsylvanian wants to register and
11 vote for at least 30 days before the next primary, special,
12 municipal or general election and is at least 18 years of age on
13 the day of the next primary, special, municipal or general
14 election may register and vote in Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, A Pennsylvanian may register to vote in person at a
16 county voter registration office, by mail application, at a
17 PennDOT office while acquiring a driver's license and other
18 State government offices, including State offices that provide
19 public assistance and services to persons with disabilities,

1 armed forces recruiting offices, clerk of the orphans' court
2 offices, including each marriage license bureau, area agencies
3 on aging, centers for independent living, county mental health
4 and intellectual disability offices, student disability services
5 offices of the State System of Higher Education, offices of
6 special education and ADA complementary paratransit offices, or
7 online through the Department of State's publicly accessible
8 Internet website; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Assembly and the Department of State
10 have made efforts to simplify the process of voter registration
11 through the former act of June 30, 1995 (P.L.170, No.25), known
12 as the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Act, the act of January
13 31, 2002 (P.L.18, No.3), establishing the Statewide Uniform
14 Registry of Electors (SURE) system, and the administrative
15 implementation of online voter registration; and

16 WHEREAS, The deadline to register for the municipal election
17 on November 7, 2017, is October 10, 2017; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 26, 2017, as
19 "National Voter Registration Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage
20 Pennsylvanians to register and vote.