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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 8, 2013

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," further providing for the definition of "proof of
12 identification" and for requirements relating to voter
13 identification.

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

16 Section 1. Sections 102(z.5) and 206 of the act of June 3,
17 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election
18 Code, added March 14, 2012 (P.L.195, No.18), are amended to
19 read:

20 Section 102. Definitions.--The following words, when used in
21 this act, shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise
22 clearly apparent from the context:

23 * * *

1 (z.5) The words "proof of identification" shall mean:

2 [(1) In the case of an elector who has a religious objection
3 to being photographed, a valid-without-photo driver's license or
4 a valid-without-photo identification card issued by the
5 Department of Transportation.

6 (2) For an elector who appears to vote under section 1210, a
7 document that:

8 (i) shows the name of the individual to whom the document
9 was issued and the name substantially conforms to the name of
10 the individual as it appears in the district register;

11 (ii) shows a photograph of the individual to whom the
12 document was issued;

13 (iii) includes an expiration date and is not expired,
14 except:

15 (A) for a document issued by the Department of
16 Transportation which is not more than twelve (12) months past
17 the expiration date; or

18 (B) in the case of a document from an agency of the Armed
19 forces of the United States or their reserve components,
20 including the Pennsylvania National Guard, establishing that the
21 elector is a current member of or a veteran of the United States
22 Armed Forces or National Guard which does not designate a
23 specific date on which the document expires, but includes a
24 designation that the expiration date is indefinite; and

25 (iv) was issued by one of the following:

26 (A) The United States Government.

27 (B) The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

28 (C) A municipality of this Commonwealth to an employee of
29 that municipality.

30 (D) An accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution

1 of higher learning.

2 (E) A Pennsylvania care facility.

3 (3) For a qualified absentee elector under section 1301:

4 (i) in the case of an elector who has been issued a current
5 and valid driver's license, the elector's driver's license
6 number;

7 (ii) in the case of an elector who has not been issued a
8 current and valid driver's license, the last four digits of the
9 elector's Social Security number;

10 (iii) in the case of an elector who has a religious
11 objection to being photographed, a copy of a document that
12 satisfies paragraph (1); or

13 (iv) in the case of an elector who has not been issued a
14 current and valid driver's license or Social Security number, a
15 copy of a document that satisfies paragraph (2).]

16 (1) A non-expired Federal or State issued identification
17 card.

18 (2) A current pay stub or paycheck.

19 (3) A current bank statement.

20 (4) A county issued voter registration card.

21 (5) A current lease.

22 (6) A current utility bill.

23 (7) A current credit card bill.

24 (8) A current mortgage statement.

25 (9) A current State issued vehicle registration card.

26 (10) A current vehicle insurance card.

27 (11) Any government issued documentation issued within the
28 last year.

29 (12) An armed forces identification card.

30 (13) A current firearms permit.

1 (14) Any current government issued check.
2 Required documentation under this definition is sufficient if it
3 includes an elector's name and address which are similar to that
4 name which appears in the district register.

5 Section 206. Requirements Relating to Voter
6 Identification.--(a) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
7 prepare and disseminate information to the public regarding the
8 proof of identification requirements established under sections
9 1210 and 1302.

10 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510(b)
11 (relating to issuance and content of driver's license) to the
12 contrary, the Department of Transportation shall issue an
13 identification card described in 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510(b) at no cost
14 to any registered elector who has made application therefor and
15 has included with the completed application a statement signed
16 by the elector declaring under oath or affirmation that the
17 elector does not possess proof of identification as defined in
18 section 102(z.5)(2) and requires proof of identification for
19 voting purposes.]

20 (b.1) The Secretary of the Commonwealth, in conjunction with
21 the county boards of election, shall ensure that every voter is
22 reissued a voter identification card sufficient for proof of
23 identification under sections 1210 and 1302 no later than sixty
24 days prior to the next scheduled primary or general election
25 after the effective date of this subsection. Replacement cards
26 shall be issued as needed.

27 [(c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall prepare the
28 form of the statement described in subsection (b) and shall
29 distribute the form to the counties and the Department of
30 Transportation. The Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Secretary

1 of Transportation and the county boards of election shall
2 disseminate information to the public regarding the availability
3 of identification cards under subsection (b).]

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