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**AN ACT**

To provide for the personal registration of electors as a condition of their right to vote at elections and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries in cities of the first class of this Commonwealth by removing from office all existing registration commissioners and their appointees in said cities and authorizing the Governor to appoint registration commissions therein defining the jurisdiction of said commissions and the powers and duties of the commissioners constituting same and of their appointees including registrars inspectors of registration clerks and counsel fixing their qualifications terms of office and compensation granting them certain immunity from arrest on registration days and empowering such inspectors to arrest without warrant certain persons committing certain offenses in violation of this act in their presence as well as to enter and inspect buildings

given as residences of electors to interrogate the inmates thereof to copy or demand a list of the lodgers therein and to supervise the conduct of registrars regulating the registration of electors at polling places by registrars and at the offices of commissions by commissioners and the right of parties or bodies of electors to have watchers thereat and the preparation and use of street lists and other records of those registers allowing the names of persons not entitled to vote to be struck from the registers in certain cases permitting all records regarding registration to be inspected and copied by any elector under certain conditions directing how the registers shall be used at elections and primaries compelling the attendance of witnesses and payment of witness fees and providing penalties for refusal to obey subpoenas directing Receivers of Taxes to appoint Chief Clerks of Commissions as deputies to collect poll taxes and to give receipts therefore authorizing such clerks to administer oaths sign subpoenas and vouchers and to collect and disburse witness fees prescribing a method for challenging persons applying for registration and the procedure for correction of registers and for appealing for actions of registrars to said commissions and allowing for appeals from the decisions of the commissions in certain cases to Courts of Common Pleas imposing certain duties upon election officers and upon the Mayors Councils Treasurers Controllers Receivers of

Taxes City Solicitors Police Officers Commissioners and other officials of said cities and upon the Courts Judges Prothonotaries Sheriffs Commissioners Peace Officers and other officials of the judicial districts and counties in which said cities are situated or with which they are co-extensive legalizing certain acts required hereby if done on any Sunday or legal Holiday requiring said cities to provide for the maintenance of said commissions and the compensation of their appointees and the payment of all expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and to transfer the unexpended balances of certain appropriations heretofore made for the personal registration of electors of said cities during the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen to and for the use of the said commissions punishing and fixing penalties for violations hereof and repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*  
4 *this act shall be known and may be cited as "The*  
5 *Personal Registration Act"* in cities of the first class and  
6 shall apply only to such cities

7 Section 2 The word "City" as used herein refers to  
8 any city to which this act applies and "Commission" has  
9 reference to any registration commission in such a city  
10 and the word "Commissioner" to any member of such a  
11 commission

1 The word "Oath" as used herein includes affirmation  
2 and the word "Swear" includes affirm "Election District"  
3 means an election division and the word "Election" means  
4 any general special or municipal election unless otherwise  
5 specified

6 The word "General Election" means the election which  
7 the Constitution of this Commonwealth requires to be held  
8 in even numbered years and the words "Municipal Elec-  
9 tion" that which it requires to be held in odd num-  
10 bered years "November elections" refers to both the general  
11 and municipal elections or either according to the context

12 The word "Party" as used herein refers to any poli-  
13 tical party or body of electors one of whose candidates  
14 either at the last general or at the last municipal elec-  
15 tion polled at least five per centum of the largest entire  
16 vote cast for any elected candidate in any city to which  
17 this act applies although such percentage of said vote  
18 may not have been attained in any particular election  
19 district thereof

20 "Body of electors" refers to any political body not  
21 recognized as a political party but entitled to made nomi-  
22 nations of candidates for any public office by nomination  
23 papers on whose behalf proper affidavits have been filed  
24 with the prothonotary or elsewhere as now is or here-  
25 after may be required by law to obtain the exclusive  
26 right to use a party name or appellation for any elec-  
27 tion or primary

1 "Spring Primary" refers to the primaries that now are  
2 or hereafter may be required to be held in even num-  
3 bered years and "Fall Primary" to those in all odd  
4 numbered years

5 The words "Qualified Elector" means any person who  
6 shall possess all qualifications for voting now or hereafter pre-  
7 scribed by the Constitution of this Commonwealth or who  
8 being otherwise qualified by continued residence in his elect-  
9 tion district will obtain such qualifications before the next  
10 ensuing election or primary

11 "Register" means the book containing or to contain all  
12 or any part of the registry list of qualified electors pre-  
13 pared or to be prepared by the registrars or the commis-  
14 sioners as hereinafter provided

15 "County" shall refer to any county in which any city  
16 to which this act applies is situated or with which such  
17 city is co-extensive

18 All references to prothonotaries sheriffs county commis-  
19 sioners courts judges peace officers and other officials where  
20 not otherwise specified shall be understood to refer only  
21 to those of the proper counties aforesaid or of any judi-  
22 cial district in which any city to which this act applies  
23 is situated or with which it is co-extensive

24 All references to mayors city councils treasurers con-  
25 trollers receivers of taxes police officers and othe officials  
26 where not otherwise specified shall be understood to refer  
27 only to those of any city to which this act applies

28 The words "Public Office" as used herein shall include  
29 any national State judicial county city ward or election

1 office requiring any person elected or appointed thereto to  
2 render any public service for a fixed fee or compensation  
3 except the office of notary public or commissioner of deeds

4 Section 3 The Governor of the Commonwealth shall  
5 within ten days after the passage hereof and in every  
6 fourth year thereafter appoint a registration commission for  
7 each city to which this act applies consisting of four  
8 duly qualified electors thereof not more than two of whom  
9 shall belong to the same political party As soon as the  
10 commissioners so appointed for any city shall qualify the  
11 terms of office of all existing registration commissioners  
12 in such city and of all their appointees shall be ended  
13 and they shall immediately surrender transfer and deliver  
14 all public property records funds and accounts then in  
15 their charge to the custody and use of the commissioners  
16 so appointed hereunder

17 All commissioners hereafter appointed shall hold office  
18 for a term of four years or until their successors qualify  
19 unless sooner removed or otherwise disqualified Any vacancy  
20 in any commission shall be filled by the Governor within  
21 ten days after the vacancy occurs, by appointing a com-  
22 petent person to hold office during the remainder of the  
23 term of the commissioner whose place becomes vacant The  
24 Governor may at any time without stating a cause re-  
25 move any commissioner and appoint his successor for the  
26 remainder of his term

27 Each commissioner in any city aforesaid shall receive  
28 a compensation at the rate of four thousand dollars per  
29 annum payable monthly by the treasurer of such city

1 upon the presentation of proper warrants signed by the  
2 chairman or chief clerk of the commission

3 Section 4 As soon after their appointment as may be  
4 the commissioners shall take the oath of office required  
5 by the Constitution of this Commonwealth and organize by  
6 selecting a chairman and a secretary who shall not be  
7 members of the same party Each commissioner shall have  
8 the power to administer oaths but the concurrence of  
9 three commissioners shall be necessary to any affirmative  
10 action except as may be otherwise provided herein

11 The commissioners shall have power to summon any  
12 person whom they desire to interrogate and all persons  
13 testifying before said commissioners shall be first duly  
14 sworn by one of them or by the chief clerk who shall  
15 also have the power to administer oaths

16 Section 5 The commissioners shall keep a record in  
17 permanent form of all proceedings and make an annual  
18 report to the Governor Their records and all registers  
19 street lists affidavits petitions appeals witness lists accounts  
20 contracts reports and other documents in their custody shall  
21 be open to public inspection and may be inspected and  
22 copied by any qualified elector when they are not neces-  
23 sarily being used by the commissioners or employes having  
24 duties to perform in reference thereto between the hours  
25 from nine o'clock ante meridian to four post meridian  
26 daily except Sundays and legal holidays between the first  
27 Monday of December of each year and the first Monday  
28 of September following but during the months of September  
29 October and November in each year all such books and

1 papers shall while in the custody of the commissioners  
2 be open to the public for the purposes aforesaid both  
3 during the aforesaid hours and also during the hours  
4 from four post meridian to ten post meridian daily ex-  
5 cept Sundays and legal holidays under proper regulations  
6 for their safe-keeping and subject however to the further  
7 provisions of this act

8 Section 6 The commissioners shall not later than August  
9 fifteenth of each year appoint four registrars for each  
10 election district as herein provided and designate two of  
11 them one of whom shall be of the majority party to  
12 have charge of the two registers as hereinafter provided  
13 The registrars must be duly qualified electors of the said  
14 district and shall have been residents of the city for a  
15 period of two years and of the ward for one year im-  
16 mediately preceding their appointment They must be sober  
17 and judicious persons of good moral character able to read  
18 intelligently and to write legibly Two of the registrars  
19 shall be members of the party polling the highest vote  
20 within the election district at the last preceding November  
21 election and one at least shall be a member of the  
22 party polling the next highest number of votes at said  
23 election The commissioners shall provide at all times a  
24 board of registrars not more than two of whom shall  
25 be of the same political faith If therefore it appears at  
26 any time by reason of a change in political affiliations  
27 or because of error in the appointment a board is not  
28 so divided any ten electors of any election district may  
29 file a petition with the commissioners setting forth the

1 facts and praying that one or more of the appointments  
2 may be revoked and that other appointments may be  
3 made Upon presentation of such a petition one of the  
4 commissioners shall fix a time not less than five days  
5 thereafter and at least three days' notice shall be given  
6 by mail to all the registrars of such board who are  
7 alleged to be of the same political faith when a public  
8 hearing shall be given all concerned and if the facts  
9 are then found to be as represented the commissioners  
10 shall give the relief asked for

11 Whenever expedient they may appoint the assessor of  
12 any election district if otherwise qualified as one of the  
13 registrars but no other person who holds or is a can-  
14 didate for public office shall act as registrar

15 Section 7 Not later than July twentieth of each year  
16 any five or more qualified electors of any election dis-  
17 trict of the same political party may file with the com-  
18 missioners their petition for the appointment of not more  
19 than two qualified persons also members of said party  
20 as registars The petition shall set forth the name ad-  
21 dress qualifications occupation and political affiliation of each  
22 person suggested for appointment as registrar and give the  
23 respective residences of the petitioners and declare that  
24 each of them belongs to the same party as that desig-  
25 nated as the party of each candidate which petition shall  
26 be signed by each petitioner in his or her own hand-  
27 writing and sworn to by one of them and by each  
28 candidate More than one petition may be filed on behalf

1 of the same party for each election district provided that  
2 no elector shall be competent to sign petitions for more  
3 than two candidates but if any candidate dies withdraws  
4 or becomes disqualified before the last day for filing peti-  
5 tions aforesaid any elector who recommended him may sign  
6 a petition for another candidate

7 All petitions shall be open to public inspection and  
8 not earlier than July twenty-sixth of each year the com-  
9 missioners shall commence public hearings thereof consider-  
10 ing them on consecutive week-days in the numerical order  
11 of the wards and of the election districts within each  
12 ward to which they relate respectively unless reasonable  
13 cause be shown for postponing any hearing to a later  
14 time or date and reasonable notice of such postponement  
15 given to all concerned

16 The commissioners shall publish one general notice of  
17 the place and times or days when they will examine  
18 the candidate from the election districts of the various  
19 wards at least three days prior to the first hearing in  
20 at least two daily newspapers each having a paid circula-  
21 tion of at least fifty thousand copies daily in the city  
22 and shall mail to each candidate a special notice of  
23 the time and place when he will be examined regarding  
24 his qualifications at least three days before the day fixed  
25 for the same except that the commissioners need not no-  
26 tify any candidate who had previously been appointed a  
27 registrar to appear but may re-appoint him without such  
28 examination

1 If more candidates are duly nominated as members of  
2 any party that it is entitled to have appointed the com-  
3 missioners shall appoint the candidate or candidates whom  
4 they consider most fit and if there are not sufficient fit  
5 candidates nominated on behalf of any party the commis-  
6 sioners may appoint other persons without regard to party  
7 of whom they have knowledge

8 Any qualified elector of the city may appear before  
9 the commission and show wherein any person nominated  
10 for appointment or appointed as a registrar does not pos-  
11 sess the requisite qualifications and the commissioners may  
12 decline to appoint any candidate or remove any registrar  
13 whom they consider unfit No person shall be appointed a  
14 registrar unless the appointment is approved by three com-  
15 missioners Provided That if two commissioners have con-  
16 curred in approving four persons successively to fill one  
17 position and the other two commissioners have concurred  
18 in objecting to said persons the commissioners first re-  
19 ferred to may approve four other names and from these  
20 eight the other two commissioners must select the registrar

21 Any person appointed a registrar must perform his  
22 duties as prescribed by this act unless excused therefrom by  
23 the commissioners for cause shown

24 Section 8 The registrars of each election district shall  
25 meet at the polling place thereof in even numbered years  
26 on the ninth Thursday the seventh Tuesday and fifth Sat-  
27 urday preceding the general election which shall be known  
28 as a fall registration on the fifth Wednesday preceding  
29 the Spring primary which shall be known as the spring

1 registration and in odd numbered years on the ninth Tues-  
2 day ninth Thursday and ninth Saturday preceding the mu-  
3 nicipal election which shall also be known as a fall  
4 registration They shall remain in open session from seven  
5 ante meridian to ten ante meridian and from four post  
6 meridian to ten post meridian of each registration day  
7 aforesaid

8 They shall on said days receive personal applications  
9 from persons who claim that they are entitled to be  
10 registered They shall have power to administer oaths shall  
11 examine said applicants under oath and shall record on the  
12 registers the names of those whom they shall determine  
13 to be qualified as hereinafter provided

14 Section 9 For the further accommodation of the pub-  
15 lic the commission shall hold regular sessions for the  
16 registration of electors at its office in even-numbered years  
17 on each day except Sunday from the fourth Tuesday to  
18 and including the second Saturday preceding the Spring pri-  
19 mary and on each day except Sunday from the fourth  
20 Wednesday to and including the second Saturday preceding  
21 the general election and in odd-numbered years on each  
22 day except Sunday from the eighth Wednesday preceding  
23 the municipal election to and including the fifth day pre-  
24 ceding the fall primary and after said primary from the  
25 sixth Monday to and including the second Saturday before  
26 the municipal election on each of which days the commis-  
27 sion shall remain in session from nine o'clock ante me-  
28 ridian to twelve o'clock noon and from one to four  
29 post meridian to receive personal application for registration

1 from electors who on account of illness absence from the  
2 city business or personal reasons did not find it con-  
3 venient to appear at their polling places on any of the  
4 registration days when the registrars were in session or  
5 who although not then qualified have since become quali-  
6 fied to be registered or who were refused registration by  
7 the registrars for any reason but the commissioners shall  
8 examine all applicants for registration before them as fully  
9 as the registrars are required to interrogate persons who  
10 appear before them at the polling places and inquire  
11 also whether they were refused registration by the registrars  
12 and if so why and require any person who is chal-  
13 lenged by any qualified elector of the city to meet such  
14 challenge in the same manner as if he had been duly  
15 challenged before the registrars of his election district

16 Section 10 The names and other information concerning  
17 those whom the commissioners shall determine to be en-  
18 titled to be registered at the office of the commission  
19 shall be recorded on the same register as were previously  
20 used at the polling places by the registrars for register-  
21 ing other electors residing in the same election district  
22 and the commissioners shall keep separate lists of the  
23 names and addresses of all electors registered by them  
24 in each election district but need not print them in the  
25 street lists previously prepared by the registrars

26 Section 11 Electors who did not register at a fall  
27 registration may register at the spring registration if any  
28 of the following year if they will be qualified to vote

1 at the spring primary The commissioners shall also sit  
2 on the third Wednesday preceding every special election for  
3 the purpose of registering all electors who have not been  
4 registered in the election district in which they then re-  
5 side but who otherwise are or will be fully qualified to  
6 vote at such election if they shall continue to reside in  
7 said district .

8 Section 12 Two weeks' notice of all registration days  
9 shall be given by the commissioners by posting notices at  
10 the polling places and by one general notice published in  
11 at least two daily newspapers in the city each having  
12 a paid circulation of at least fifty thousand copies daily

13 The registration lists shall become of no validity at  
14 the beginning of the period of fall registration next suc-  
15 ceeding that at which the registers were opened

16 The old registers shall be preserved by the commis-  
17 sioners for at least two years after the year in which  
18 they are in use and shall be open to public inspection  
19 during said period under proper regulations for their safe  
20 keeping and no register shall ever be destroyed without  
21 the previous consent in writing of the District Attorney  
22 of the proper county

23 Section 13 Every person claiming the right to vote  
24 must appear in person before the registrars in the dis-  
25 trict in which he lives or before the Commissioners on  
26 one of the days prescribed by law and answer the ques-  
27 tions put to him by them

1 These answers must be recorded on a single line in  
 2 two registers which shall have the following form

Surname.		Christian Name.		Occupation.		Present Residence.			
						Street and Number.	Householder, Lodger, Lessee or Owner.	Room or Floor Occupied.	
1		2		3		4	5	6	
Length of Residence.		Place of Residence at time of Last Registration.				Place of Birth.	Naturalization Papers Produced, Yes or No.	No. of Affidavit of Naturalization of Father If Taken.	Tax Receipt Produced, Yes or No.
In State.	In District.	State.	City.	Street and Number.	Date of Last Registration.				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Affidavit of loss, if taken. If under 22 years of age, write of "Age".	Personal Description.				Designation of Political Party for Primary Vote.	Signature at time of Registration or of Voting.			
	Color.	Approximate Age.	Tall, Short or Medium.	Approximate Weight.					
17	18	19	20	21	22				
		If Challenged, No. of Challenge Affidavit.	VOTED. These columns are for use at elections and are not to be filled in by Registrars.						
			Fall Primary.		November Election.	Spring Primary.		Special Election.	
			Party Ballot.	Non-Partisan Ballot.		Party Ballot.	Non-Partisan Ballot.		
		23	24	25	26	27	28		

3 The size and character of the said register shall be  
 4 determined by the secretary of the commonwealth and from  
 5 thereof shall be furnished by the said Secretary to the  
 6 respective commissioners

7 Immediately above the form shall be printed the fol-  
 8 lowing instructions "The applicant must be sworn or af-  
 9 firmed that the information given by him in reference to  
 10 his right to be registered shall be the truth Any will-  
 11 ful false statement constitutes perjury and is punishable  
 12 as such"

1 Every register shall be indexed alphabetically from A  
2 to Z The lines of each page shall be consecutively  
3 numbered in both margins beginning with number one at  
4 each alphabetical division of the register The answers of  
5 the applicants shall be recorded in their presence in both  
6 registers in the following manner

7 In the first column shall be entered the surname of  
8 the applicant in the order of his appearance at the  
9 place of registry on the page bearing the index letter  
10 of his surname in the second column shall be entered  
11 his Christian name or names in the third column his  
12 occupation in the fourth column the street and number  
13 of his residence in the fifth and sixth columns whether  
14 he is a householder lodger lessee or owner and if he  
15 is a lodger or lessee of a portion only of a house  
16 the location or number of the room or floor which he  
17 occupies in the seventh and eighth columns shall be en-  
18 tered the length of his residence in the State and dis-  
19 trict respectively in the ninth tenth eleventh and twelfth  
20 columns the location of the house from which he last  
21 registered giving state city street and number respectively  
22 and the year in which he was so registered in the  
23 thirteenth column the state or territory of the United  
24 States or the foreign county where he was born in the  
25 fourteenth column whether being foreign-born he produces his  
26 naturalization papers in the fifteenth column the number of  
27 the affidavit of naturalization of his father if taken in  
28 the sixteenth and seventeenth columns the manner in which  
29 he complies with the law relating to the payment of

1 taxes as a qualification of the right to vote whether by  
2 the production of his receipt or by making affidavit if  
3 the applicant is less than twenty-two years of age the  
4 word "age" shall be recorded in said columns in the  
5 eighteenth nineteenth twentieth and twenty-first columns his per-  
6 sonal description designating whether white or colored his  
7 approximate age height and weight in the twenty-second  
8 column the designation of the political party of the elec-  
9 tor for the purpose of voting at the next succeeding  
10 primary or primaries if such a statement shall still be  
11 required as preliminary to the right to vote at such  
12 primary or primaries in the twenty-third column in the  
13 register marked "voting check list" he shall be required  
14 to sign his name if able to write if he alleges in-  
15 ability to write a record of the fact shall be made in  
16 the same column and unless due to some apparent physi-  
17 cal infirmity he shall be required to make affidavit of  
18 his inability to write in the twenty-third column in the  
19 register marked "ballot check-list" he shall if challenged  
20 on election day be required to sign his name in the  
21 twenty-fourth column shall be entered the number of the  
22 challenge affidavit of every person who is required to  
23 take said affidavit in the twenty-fifth twenty-sixth twenty-  
24 seventh and twenty-eighth columns the election officers shall  
25 record in one register the obtaining of the ballot and  
26 in the other the casting of the vote of the registered  
27 elector at the Fall primary November election Spring pri-

1 mary or special election as hereinafter provided or as  
2 may hereafter be provided by law

3 Section 14 Every person who shall have paid a State  
4 or county tax either by himself or his duly authorized  
5 agent or attorney which was assessed within two years  
6 and paid at least one month before the next ensuing  
7 November election and who shall possess all the other  
8 qualifications of an elector as provided in the constitution  
9 and laws of this Commonwealth or who by continued  
10 residence in his election district will obtain such qualifica-  
11 tions before the next ensuing general or municipal elec-  
12 tion shall be entitled to be registered at a Fall regis-  
13 tration but at the Spring registration only if he will  
14 be qualified to vote at the Spring primary but no per-  
15 son shall be registered unless at least three of the  
16 registrars or commissioners determine that he is so qualified

17 Section 15 Any person claiming the right to register  
18 at any polling place may be challenged by a registrar  
19 or by any qualified elector of the election division and  
20 any person asking for registration by the commission may  
21 be challenged by any commissioner or qualified elector of  
22 the city Any person so challenged shall answer the ques-  
23 tions of the challenge affidavit as herein specified and  
24 after his answers have been recorded he shall subscribe  
25 them by his signature or mark and swear to their  
26 truth he shall also make affidavit at the same time to the  
27 truth of his answers as recorded in the register which  
28 he shall be deemed to have examined or have had read  
29 to him

1 The affidavits of all persons so registered shall at  
2 the time of every such registration be numbered and kept  
3 with the registers or filed as herein provided

4 Section 16 The challenge affidavit shall be in the fol-  
5 lowing form

6 No .....

7 ..... Election Division..... Ward

8 City of .....

9 State of Pennsylvania ss.

10 County of .....

11 What is your full name .....

12 Are you married or single .....

13 If married where does your family reside .....

14 .....

15 Where did you actually reside immediately prior

16 to taking up your present residence .....

17 .....

18 Give your residence for the last four months

19 .....

20 What is the name of your present employer

21 .....

22 What is the name of your last employer ..

23 .....

24 Where is or was his place of business .....

25 .....

26 Have you read the information given by you

27 as recorded in the register .....

28 .....

1 I the undersigned do solemnly swear (or affirm) that  
2 I have read the information recorded opposite my name  
3 in the register of the .....Division of the ..... Ward  
4 on page ..... and that said information as well as that  
5 recorded in this affidavit is the truth

6 ..... and subscribed

7 this ..... day of .....19....

(Signature of Applicant)

9 .....

10 .....

Registrar or Commissioner

Description of Applicant

Distinguishing marks .....

Other peculiarities .....

Color of hair .....

16 Section 17 The challenged applicant shall produce such  
17 further proof as the law requires challenged persons to  
18 produce on election day and it shall be the duty of  
19 the registrars or commissioners to require it before per-  
20 mitting him to be registered

21 All persons claiming the right to vote by reason of  
22 naturalization shall produce the proper naturalization papers  
23 or a certified copy thereof before they shall be regis-  
24 tered but no such person shall be required to produce  
25 his papers a second time in the same district unless  
26 he is challenged Provided That any person claiming citizen-  
27 ship by reason of the naturalization of his father may  
28 be registered either by the production of his father's original  
29 papers or a certified copy thereof or by making affidavit

1 that his father was naturalized at a time when he the  
2 applicant was less than twenty-one years of age and that  
3 he is unable to produce his father's papers or a cer-  
4 tified copy thereof

5 Section 18 Whenever the applicant is rejected after a  
6 portion of the record has been filled in a line shall  
7 be drawn through the record already made and the regis-  
8 trar or commissioner shall note on said line the reason  
9 for the rejection and shall add his initials thereto

10 All affidavits and vouchers shall be executed in dupli-  
11 cate one being delivered into the custody of each regis-  
12 trar who has charge of the registers

13 The commissioners when receiving applications for regis-  
14 tration shall require the same proofs of all persons as  
15 are required by registrars under similar conditions and  
16 all affidavits and vouchers executed before the commission-  
17 ers shall be retained by them for the same purpose as  
18 those filed by registrars

19 Section 19 On the fifth Wednesday preceding the  
20 Spring Primary the registrars shall in addition to the  
21 registration of electors strike from the list the names of  
22 such persons as shall be proven to their satisfaction by  
23 the affidavits of at least two qualified electors of the  
24 division to have died or removed from the division since  
25 the last registration The registrars shall record on blank  
26 forms provided for that purpose the names and previous  
27 places of registration giving wards and divisions of all  
28 persons registered by them on said day who give as

1 such place of previous registration a place in the same  
2 city and shall forward the same to the commissioners  
3 for their information

4 And the commissioners shall record the like facts re-  
5 lating to persons registered by them who have moved  
6 from one election district of the city into another since  
7 their previous registration

8 Section 20 Upon receiving from any registrars or mak-  
9 ing any record of the registration of any qualified elec-  
10 tor who removed from one division to another in the same  
11 city on any registration day preceding the Spring primary  
12 as aforesaid the commissioners shall examine the registers  
13 of the election district given as the previous place of  
14 registration and if the name of such elector remains  
15 registered therein they shall strike it therefrom and note  
16 therein the reason for so doing

17 Section 21 If any person claiming the right to be registered  
18 shall object to the action of any registrar in striking  
19 his name from the registers he may file his petition  
20 with the commissioners not later than two weeks prior  
21 to the Spring primary setting forth the ground of his  
22 complaint under oath and praying for the correction of  
23 the registers by the restoration of his name thereto which  
24 petitions shall be heard and disposed of not later than  
25 ten days preceding the Spring primary after one of the  
26 commissioners shall have fixed a time for a public hearing  
27 thereof at the office of the commission and the petitioner  
28 shall have given each registrar at least forty-eight hours  
29 notice of such hearing by leaving a copy of said peti-

1 tion with the time and place for hearing same indorsed  
2 thereon as the residence of each registrar and at such hearing  
3 if the commissioners are satisfied by affidavits filed that such  
4 notice has been given and that the petitioner is entitled to be  
5 registered they shall amend the register accordingly by  
6 registering the petitioner in the usual manner but any  
7 registrar or qualified elector of the city may appear and  
8 show cause why the same should not be done

9 Section 22 On any registration day preceding the  
10 Spring primary any person who desires to change the  
11 enrollment of his political designation because of change in  
12 his political affiliation at the last preceding November elec-  
13 tion or who has hitherto not enrolled as a member of  
14 a party although registered may appear before the regis-  
15 trars of the proper division or the commissioners which  
16 ever may have the registers and change the enrollment  
17 of his political designation or cause his political designa-  
18 tion of party to be entered on the registers

19 Section 23 Any vacancy occurring in any board of  
20 registrars shall be filled by the commissioner upon like  
21 petitions as those filed for an annual appointment after  
22 such petitions shall have been on file open to public  
23 inspection at least five days except in cases where a  
24 vacancy occurs within ten days of a registration day when  
25 they may appoint any proper person of whom they have knowledge

26 Section 24 The commissioners shall have power to in-  
27 vestigate on their own motion any irregularities in regis-  
28 tration to summon witnesses to examine them under oath  
29 to require the production of any relevant books and pa-

1 pers and to correct the registers by striking off names  
2 which they may find to be improperly registered provided  
3 none be struck off except at the public sessions of the  
4 commission for registration purposes herein provided for To  
5 assist them in securing correct and impartial information  
6 regarding any matter within the jurisdiction of the com-  
7 mission the commissioners may from time to time appoint  
8 as many inspectors of registration as may be necessary  
9 for the city who must be qualified electors of the city  
10 and sober and judicious persons of good moral character  
11 able to read intelligently and to write legibly They shall  
12 be chosen in such manner as shall be agreed upon by  
13 the commissioners without regard to their party affiliations  
14 and shall have the power to administer oaths and the  
15 other powers herein granted them but shall not exercise  
16 the same until they shall have taken an oath of office  
17 such as the commissioner may prescribe and receive a  
18 certificate of appointment stating their names and addresses  
19 and the length of time for which they shall have been  
20 appointed respectively

21 Section 25 Any inspector of registration of any city  
22 shall be entitled to be present at any time during any  
23 session of the registrars at any polling place thereof and  
24 whenever the registrars of any election district shall be  
25 equally divided in opinion regarding any matter any inspector of  
26 registration who may be present shall have the power to  
27 decide the question of difference and thereupon the regis-  
28 trars shall act in accordance with his opinion but such  
29 action shall be subject to revision on petition of any

1 person denied registration thereby or qualified elector not  
2 satisfied with same as in other cases

3 Section 26 Any inspector of registration on his own  
4 motion or on complaint of any person known to him  
5 may and when directed by any commissioner shall

6 a Investigate all questions relating to the registration  
7 of electors and for that purpose shall have power to  
8 enter and inspect any house dwelling building inn lodging  
9 house or hotel with in any city and to interrogate any  
10 inmate householder lodger lessee keeper caretaker owner pro-  
11 priator or agent thereof or therein regarding any person  
12 or persons residing or claiming to reside thereat or there-  
13 in without being required to show any warrant for so  
14 doing except his certificate of appointment aforesaid

15 b Inspect and copy any register of lodgers in loding  
16 houses inns or hotels relating to or affecting the right  
17 of any person to vote or to be registered in like  
18 manner

19 c Arrest any person without warrant except any herein  
20 privileged from such arrest who in the presence of the  
21 inspector of registration violates or attempts to violate any  
22 of the provisions of this act when such violation is pun-  
23 ishable as a crime

24 d Call on any police or peace officer of such city  
25 or of the county to assist the inspector of registration  
26 in the maintenance of peace at any polling place or in  
27 making any arrest as aforesaid

1 Section 27 Parties or bodies of electors who now are  
2 or hereafter may be entitled to have watchers at any  
3 election or primary may recommend not more than three  
4 electors of each election district to act as watchers at  
5 the polling place thereof on each registration day when the  
6 registrars are in session without expense to the city or  
7 county and the commissioners shall appoint all such per-  
8 sons as watchers and provide them with proper certificates  
9 stating their names and the party or policy which they  
10 represent respectively unless any are shown to have pre-  
11 viously been convicted of any crime

12 Section 28 Any inspector of registration or watcher  
13 shall be entitled to remain at any polling place during  
14 all the hours when the registrars shall be in session on  
15 any registration day and to keep a list and other memo-  
16 randum of or concerning the persons applying for regis-  
17 tration and to interrogate or challenge any person regard-  
18 ing his right to be registered and to inspect any pa-  
19 pers produced by such person and the registrars shall  
20 give every inspector of registration and watcher ample op-  
21 portunity and afford them every convenience for the dis-  
22 charge of their duties provided however that they may  
23 at any time be required to show their certificate of ap-  
24 pointment and that not more than one inspector of regis-  
25 tration and one watcher for each party or body of elec-  
26 tors represented shall be allowed in the polling place at  
27 any one time

28 Section 29 Not more than ten electors other than the  
29 registrars and any inspector of registration and watchers

1 aforesaid shall be allowed in the polling place of any  
2 election district at any one time but if more are in  
3 waiting immediately outside the entrance thereto at the  
4 time for closing any session on any registration day they  
5 also shall be entitled to admittance and examination be-  
6 fore said polling place is closed notwithstanding the ex-  
7 tension of such session thereby

8 Section 30 Such parties or bodies of electors shall  
9 also be entitled to appoint any attorneys or watchers  
10 who are qualified electors of the city to represent such  
11 parties or bodies of electors at any public session or  
12 sessions of the commissioners which attorneys or watchers  
13 may exercise the same rights as watchers at polling  
14 places but the number who may be present at any one  
15 time may be limited by the commissioners to not less  
16 than three for each party or body of electors and every  
17 candidate for nomination or election to any office shall  
18 also be entitled to be present in person and to partici-  
19 pate in any proceedings before the commissioners whenever  
20 any matters which may effect his candidacy are being  
21 heard

22 Section 31 Commissioners registrars and inspectors of  
23 registration shall be privileged from arrest while perform-  
24 ing their duties as such upon all registration days except  
25 upon warrant of a court of record or judge thereof for  
26 felony for wanton breach of the peace or for criminal  
27 violation of this act

28 Section 32 The two registrars designated to keep the  
29 two registers shall obtain at the office of the commis-

1 sioners before the first registration day in the fall of  
2 each year and before the fifth Wednesday preceding the  
3 spring primary the blank books forms and other supplies  
4 prepared for their use and shall have the same at the  
5 polling place on each day when they are or should be  
6 in session On such registration days and during the time  
7 from one such day to another while the registrars affi-  
8 davits and other records remain in the custody of the  
9 said registrars they shall be charged with the safe keep-  
10 ing of the lists of the names and addresses of persons  
11 being registered from which the street lists are subse-  
12 quently to be prepared as hereinafter provided

13 Section 33 At the end of each day when the regis-  
14 trars are in session they shall compare the two regis-  
15 ters and cause any errors in either of them to be cor-  
16 rected if they are explained by the entries in the other  
17 so as to make them agree respecting all facts properly  
18 recorded If this is impossible the registrars shall report  
19 any serious omission or difference to the commissioners by  
20 mail who shall cause the same to be properly investigated  
21 In order to prevent further entries in the registers with-  
22 out the direction of the commissioners all of the regis-  
23 trars shall at the end of each day aforesaid sign their  
24 initials in the line immediately under the last name  
25 registered by them under each letter in each book to-  
26 gether with the date

27 Section 34 At the end of the fifth Wednesday pre-  
28 ceding the spring primary and at the end of the last  
29 day in the fall of each year when the registrars are

1 in session they shall sign a certificate the form of which  
2 shall be printed on the last page of the register setting  
3 forth the number of persons registered on each day and  
4 the number of names which have been stricken out if any  
5 and the total number of names remaining registered

6 At the same time the two registrars who have not  
7 charge of the registers shall prepare two "street lists" of  
8 the names and addresses of all persons registered in the  
9 order in which their residences appear upon the streets  
10 of the election district One of said street lists shall be  
11 hung outside of the polling place and shall remain in  
12 that position until the next November election or spring  
13 primary

14 Section 35 Before ten o'clock post meridian on the Tues-  
15 day following the last day when the registrars shall be  
16 in session in the fall of any year and before the like  
17 hour of the fifth Saturday preceding the spring primary  
18 the two registrars who have been charged with the keep-  
19 ing of the registers shall deliver the same together with  
20 the aforesaid certificate and one street list and all affidavits  
21 vouchers unused forms et cetera to the commissioners at  
22 such place or places as may be designated by them by  
23 general instructions previously given to such registrars and  
24 none of the registrars shall be entitled to any compen-  
25 sation until the said registers et cetera are returned as  
26 aforesaid

27 Section 36 The commissioners shall cause at least one  
28 hundred exact copies of the street list of each election

1 district to be printed in pamphlet form as soon as pos-  
2 sible and they shall distribute the same as they deem  
3 proper among the inspectors of registration and the city  
4 and county officials concerned with the conduct of any  
5 election or primary and among the parties bodies of  
6 electors and candidates interested therein giving at least  
7 ten copies of each street list to the central or city  
8 committee of each political party or body of electors upon  
9 the written application of the chairman thereof and keeping  
10 two complete sets of such street lists on file at the  
11 office of the commission convenient for public inspection  
12 during all the hours when their other records are open  
13 to public inspection as herein provided

14 Section 37 If any qualified elector including any watcher  
15 registrar or inspector of registration of any city shall ob-  
16 ject to any action of any registrars in registering any  
17 person or in refusing to strike off the name of any  
18 person registered such elector may file his petition with  
19 the commission praying for the correction of the registers  
20 upon such grounds as he may set forth in such petition  
21 under oath One of the commissioners shall fix a time  
22 and place for hearing such petition not later than five  
23 days before any Fall Primary or ten days preceding any  
24 election or Spring Primary and the petitioner shall cause  
25 forty-eight hours notice of the proceedings to be given to  
26 the person whose registration is in question by leaving a  
27 copy of the petition with the time and place fixed for  
28 hearing the same indorsed thereon with an adult person  
29 at his place of residence as given by him to the regis-

1 trars and recorded in the registers and upon proof of  
2 service of such notice and after a public hearing the com-  
3 missioners if satisfied that the said person is not entitled  
4 to be registered shall strike his name from the registers  
5 and otherwise amend the records of the election district  
6 where he was registered accordingly

7 Section 38 At any time not later than five days be-  
8 fore any Fall Primary or ten days preceding any elec-  
9 tion or Spring Primary any qualified elector of the city  
10 including any watcher registrar or inspector of registration  
11 as aforesaid may petition the commission to strike off from  
12 the registers of any election district the name of any  
13 person previously registered therein by the commissioners  
14 setting forth under oath supported by the affidavits of at  
15 least two adult persons sufficient grounds for striking off  
16 such name and also setting forth that due notice of the  
17 time and place when said petition would be presented had  
18 been given to the person so registered personally at least  
19 twenty-four hours prior to the presentation of the same  
20 or that he could not be found at the place given in  
21 the registers as his residence and that the person in  
22 charge thereof to be mentioned by name in said petition  
23 had declared that he or she was well acquainted with  
24 the names of all persons residing at the address given  
25 as such residence and that the person so registered had  
26 never been or was no longer one of them whereupon the  
27 commissioners shall forthwith strike such name from the  
28 register unless the person so registered shall appear and  
29 show cause why the same should not be done

1 Section 39 Any insertion or striking out of names or  
2 other information in registers or the amending of any  
3 records done by any clerks of the commissioners  
4 by order of the commissioners shall be construed  
5 to have been done by the commissioners themselves  
6 and shall likewise be subject to the correction  
7 of any errors in the doing thereof and the commissioners  
8 may make any regulations not inconsistent with this act  
9 or the laws of this commonwealth or of the United States  
10 for the regulation of the business and public sessions of  
11 the commission and may enforce such regulations and all  
12 their orders and subpoenas to witnesses as herein provided  
13 and if necessary have the assistance of the Courts of  
14 Common Pleas of the county and of all public officers  
15 subservient thereto in enforcing the same which assistance  
16 said officers as well as the judges of said courts shall  
17 render when requested to do so subject however to the  
18 right of certain persons to appeal from the orders of  
19 the commissioners as hereinafter provided

20 Section 40 Any person whose claim for registration has  
21 been denied by the commission or whose name although  
22 previously registered has been struck off by the commis-  
23 sioners or by any registrars and not restored by the  
24 commissioners upon a petition filed for that purpose as  
25 aforesaid or any qualified elector of any city whose  
26 rights are impaired by any general order made by the  
27 commissioners not including registration of particular names  
28 by the commissioners on personal applications made to  
29 them as aforesaid or refusals to strike off names upon

1 any petition of any kind aforesaid may file an appeal  
2 with the proper Court of Common Pleas not later than  
3 the fourth day preceding any Fall Primary or the eighth  
4 day preceding any election or Spring Primary setting forth  
5 why he feels that an injustice has been done and pray-  
6 ing for such order as will give him relief provided that  
7 such appellant shall pay the Prothonotary a fee of three  
8 dollars for filing such appeal and thereupon any Judge of  
9 the said court may fix a time and place for hearing  
10 the matter in dispute of which notice shall be served  
11 with a copy of said appeal by the appellant upon the  
12 counsel for the commissioners and upon any elector or  
13 his attorney who opposed the contention of the appellant  
14 before the commissioners at least forty-eight hours before  
15 such matter may be reviewed by the court and proof  
16 of notice or the waiver thereof must be filed therein  
17 Any judge of said court may enlarge the time of notice  
18 or postpone such hearing as may be reasonable with due  
19 regard for the time remaining before the succeeding elec-  
20 tion or primary and at the time so fixed the Court or  
21 any Judge thereof assigned for the purpose shall hear all  
22 the witnesses and other evidence that may be offered de  
23 novo unless the issue can be decided in some other manner  
24 by agreement of all concerned After such public hearing  
25 the said court may reverse affirm or alter the decision  
26 of the commissioners and modify any order made by them  
27 accordingly and if necessary issue its mandate to the  
28 election officers of any election district to permit the ap-

1 appellant to vote at any designated election or primary al-  
2 though his name may not have been entered in or re-  
3 stored to the registers of such district The said court  
4 may compel the appellant or any opposing party other  
5 than the commissioners to pay all the witness fees and  
6 other legal costs of such appeal which may be taxed by  
7 the Prothonotary in the usual manner

8 Section 41 At the written request of any person tak-  
9 ing an appeal from any action or order of the com-  
10 mission as aforesaid the commissioners shall produce at  
11 the hearing thereof any petition register or other record  
12 in its custody relevant to the issue involved but the com-  
13 missioners shall not be obliged to answer any appeal and  
14 shall not be obliged by subpoena or otherwise to appear  
15 at any such hearing unless they deem it expedient to do so

16 Section 42 Any person filing any petition of any kind  
17 aforesaid with the commission or opposing same shall have  
18 the privilege of having subpoenas issued by the Com-  
19 mission over the signature of its Chief Clerk to compel  
20 the attendance of witnesses upon condition that all wit-  
21 nesses as subpoenaed shall be paid two dollars and fifty  
22 cents each per day as witness fees in the manner here-  
23 in provided The Commissioners on their own motion may  
24 subpoena witnesses including registrars each of whom shall  
25 also be entitled to daily witness fees at the rate afore-  
26 said to be paid by the chief clerk of the commission  
27 out of the money to be provided for the purpose by  
28 the city councils of each city in the same manner as  
29 its other necessary expenses are to be provided for All

1 subpoenas shall be in substantially the same form and  
2 have the same force and effect as subpoenas now issued  
3 by the Court of Common Pleas and the commissioners  
4 shall have the benefit of the process of said courts if  
5 necessary to enforce any subpoena issued by the commis-  
6 sion. No subpoena shall be issued for the benefit of any  
7 person other than the commissioners until he shall have  
8 paid the chief clerk a fee of twenty-five cents for issu-  
9 ing the same and deposited with said clerk one day's  
10 witness fees for each witness to be summoned thereby  
11 whose names shall be given to the clerk and entered  
12 by him in such subpoena and among the records of the  
13 commission and no such subpoena shall be of any virtue  
14 to require the further attendance of any witness after the  
15 day mentioned therein unless the hearing be postponed or  
16 continued by the commission and before four o'clock post  
17 meridian of said day the person for whose benefit it be  
18 issued shall have deposited with the said chief clerk an  
19 additional day's witness fees for each witness whose fur-  
20 ther attendance is desired and as soon as convenient after  
21 any hearing is concluded (or postponed or continued) on  
22 any day the chief clerk shall disburse the fees deposited  
23 with him by any person aforesaid among those witnesses  
24 who have appeared in response to subpoenas issued as  
25 aforesaid and return any fees deposited for others who  
26 did not attend to the person who deposited same and  
27 shall also pay like fees to any summoned by the com-  
28 missioners as aforesaid taking their receipts therefor so  
29 long as there are sufficient funds available for such pay-

1 ments The chief clerk shall pay over to the city trea-  
2 surer all fees received for subpoenas and his accounts  
3 respecting the disbursements of witness fees out of appro-  
4 priations made to the commission by councils shall be  
5 subject to audit by the city controller from time to  
6 time

7 Section 43 The commissioners shall have power to ap-  
8 point a chief clerk (who shall have power to administer  
9 oaths) and to fix his compensation at a sum not ex-  
10 ceeding twenty-five hundred dollars per annum two assist-  
11 ant clerks at salaries not over eighteen hundred dollars  
12 per annum for each a stenographer (who may act as a  
13 clerk) who shall receive not more than fifteen hundred  
14 dollars per annum one or two custodians of the records  
15 to guard the same while they are open to the public  
16 inspection each of whom shall receive not more than  
17 twelve hundred dollars per annum a messenger who shall  
18 receive not more than one thousand dollars per annum as  
19 many clerks as they may deem necessary from time to  
20 time at a compensation not exceeding four dollars per  
21 diem for the time actually employed such inspectors of  
22 registration as they may deem necessary from time to  
23 time at a compensation not exceeding five dollars per  
24 diem for the time actually employed except on days when  
25 the registrars are in session at the polling place when  
26 said inspectors shall be paid at the same rate of com-  
27 pensation as the registrars and the registrars as aforesaid  
28 who shall be paid for their services at the rate of ten  
29 dollars for each day that they are in session at the

1 polling places (after they deliver the registrars etcetera  
2 to the commission as herein provided) and at the same  
3 rate as other witnesses when they are summoned to appear  
4 before the commission or the Court of Common Pleas

5 Section 44. The commissioners may employ special coun-  
6 sel at a compensation not exceeding two thousand dollars  
7 per annum. Such counsel shall advise the commissioners  
8 from time to time regarding their powers and duties and  
9 the rights of electors and concerning the best methods of  
10 legal procedure for carrying out the various provisions of  
11 this act and shall appear for and represent them on all  
12 appeals taken from their decisions or orders to the Court  
13 of Common Pleas as herein before provided

14 Section 45. The councils of each city shall appropriate  
15 annually and from time to time the funds that shall be  
16 necessary for the maintenance and operation of the com-  
17 mission and the carrying out of the provisions of this  
18 act including the payment of the compensation of the  
19 registrars the commissioners and their clerks counsel in-  
20 spectors of registration and other employees and the fees  
21 of witnesses as herein provided. The councils of each city  
22 shall provide the commissioners thereof with suitable and  
23 adequate rooms and furniture for keeping their records  
24 holding their public sessions and otherwise performing their  
25 duties and shall also make appropriations from time to  
26 time for printing in accordance with the directions of the  
27 commissioners securing and distributing or receiving and pre-  
28 serving all street lists blank registers affidavits vouchers  
29 account books stationery and other supplies which the com-

1 missioners consider necessary for the purpose of this act  
2 and for all other necessary expenses Any unexpended bal-  
3 ances of any appropriations heretofore made by any coun-  
4 cils of any city to which this act applies for the pur-  
5 pose of carrying out any provision of the Personal Reg-  
6 istration Act approved July twenty-fourth one thousand nine  
7 hundred and thirteen and the amendments thereto shall be  
8 transferred to and made available for the commission  
9 hereby created for such city for the expenses of carry-  
10 ing out the provisions of this act immediately after the  
11 passage of this act and the appointment of such commis-  
12 sion after allowing full compensation to all existing Reg-  
13 istration Commissioners and their permanent appointees for  
14 the remainder of any current month during which their  
15 terms of office shall expire and all monies required in  
16 addition to any original appropriation in the current year  
17 or any other year shall be appropriated from time to  
18 time as soon as it appears what extra sums are needed

19 Section 46 It shall be the duty of the County Com-  
20 missioners of each county to see that the polling places  
21 are open and in proper order for the use of the reg-  
22 istrars on each day when they are required to be in session in  
23 the various election districts and to provide for the pay-  
24 ment of all rentals for same upon proper vouchers by  
25 the treasurer of such county Whenever the registrars of  
26 any election district or any inspector of registration shall  
27 at any time make written report to the commission that  
28 the registrars are or will be unable to hold their ses-  
29 sions on any registration day at the polling place of

1 such district on account of the failure of the county  
2 commissioners to arrange for the use thereof and the re-  
3 fusal of the owner or occupant thereof to permit such  
4 use or because the building has been so altered or de-  
5 stroyed that it is no longer suitable for registration pur-  
6 poses the registration commissioners may forthwith on their  
7 own motion remove the place of registry in that district  
8 to any other place therein that is suitable and convenient  
9 for such purposes provided that immediate notice of such  
10 change be given to the central or city committee of each  
11 party or body of electors by messenger and to the elec-  
12 tors of said district by posting at least two written or  
13 printed handbills outside or adjacent to the old polling  
14 place stating in large type where the registrars will hold  
15 their sessions and reposting such handbills on each regis-  
16 tration day during each following period of registration  
17 until proper arrangements are made to use or change the  
18 polling place but such changes of the places of registry  
19 by the registration commissioners shall not operate as a  
20 change of the polling places in any election districts  
21 aforesaid for the holding of elections or primaries therein  
22 unless the county commissioners shall duly approve the  
23 same upon petitions filed by electors as now is or here-  
24 after may be required by law The word polling place  
25 when used elsewhere in this act shall be held to include  
26 any such temporary place of registry

27 Section 47 Not later than noon of the second day  
28 preceding any election or primary the commissioners shall  
29 deliver to the commissioners of the proper county the

1 two registers prepared for each election district in order  
2 that the same may be delivered to the election officers  
3 with other election materials for uses on election day in  
4 the manner in which the county commissioners now are  
5 or hereafter may be required to deliver the same

6 Section 48 No part of any day fixed for the per-  
7 formance of any duties by any person or official under  
8 this act shall be deemed a Sunday or legal holiday so  
9 as to affect the legality of any work done for the  
10 purpose of carrying out the provisions hereof or the  
11 right of any person to any compensation herein provided  
12 for for rendering any service required hereby or so as to  
13 relieve any person from doing on such day whatever is  
14 necessary for such purposes and such services are hereby  
15 declared to be necessary public services

16 Section 49 Any person whose name is on the reg-  
17 ister shall be entitled to vote at any general or mu-  
18 nicipal election unless it be shown to the satisfaction of  
19 the election officers that he has become disqualified since  
20 registration Any person who is registered and also en-  
21 rolled as a member of a political party may vote the  
22 ballot of said party at the primary or primaries suc-  
23 ceeding such registration without being subject to any  
24 challenges regarding his party membership provided that no  
25 elector registered and enrolled as a member of any one  
26 particular party shall be allowed to receive or vote the  
27 ballot of any other political party at any primary elec-  
28 tion and that any qualified elector registered although  
29 not enrolled as aforesaid shall be permitted to vote a

1 non-partisan ballot according to any law providing for  
2 same at any primary election provided further that the  
3 presence of any person's name on the register shall not  
4 be conclusive evidence of his qualifications as to length  
5 of residence at the time of any primary or special  
6 election which may intervene between the day of his reg-  
7 istration and the next general or municipal election but  
8 if challenged regarding such qualification he shall produce  
9 such further proof as the law requires before being per-  
10 mitted to vote No one except a qualified elector who is  
11 in actual military service under a requisition from the  
12 President of the United States or by the authority of  
13 this commonwealth shall be entitled to vote at any elec-  
14 tion or primary without being registered except by order  
15 of the Court of Common Pleas as herein provided re-  
16 garding appealed cases and any person although registered  
17 may be challenged at any election or primary as to  
18 his identity and residence and if challenged he shall sign  
19 his name in the register marked "ballot check list" in  
20 the place provided for that purpose if able to do so  
21 and produce such other evidence as is or may be re-  
22 quired by law to satisfy the election officers of his  
23 identity and residence The two registers shall be used  
24 at elections and primaries by the election officers in the  
25 place of the ballot check list and the voting check list  
26 One of said registers shall be marked "ballot check list"  
27 and the other "voting check list" After the polls are  
28 closed the names of all electors in each register checked

1 as having voted shall be immediately counted and the  
2 results compared and announced and the cause of any  
3 difference ascertained if possible before the ballot box is  
4 opened The two registers shall be immediately sealed in  
5 an envelope and shall be returned to the custody of the  
6 registration commissioners by the majority inspector before  
7 four post meridian on the second day following each  
8 election or primary

9 Section 50 The receiver of taxes in each city to  
10 which this act applies shall designate the chief clerk of  
11 the commission in said city to be a deputy receiver of  
12 taxes for the collection and receipt of poll taxes from  
13 persons assessed as residents of such city such deputy  
14 to hold office only while continuing in office as such  
15 chief clerk provided that he shall give said receiver of  
16 taxes a bond in a sum not exceeding five thousand  
17 dollars in proper form for the safe keeping and paying  
18 over to him of all poll taxes collected by said deputy  
19 in such amount and with such surety as may be ap-  
20 proved by said receiver of taxes or by the court of  
21 common pleas of the proper county

22 Said receiver of taxes shall prepare blank poll tax  
23 receipts bound together in books containing fifty each and  
24 impressed with the proper seal of the city and issue  
25 such number to such deputy from time to time as he  
26 may request provided that the number of receipts so  
27 delivered to him and not accounted for as hereinafter  
28 provided shall not exceed ten thousand at any time

1 On the days when electors may be registered by the  
2 commission more than one month prior to any general  
3 or municipal election such deputy shall be ready during  
4 the hours when the commission shall be in session to  
5 receive poll taxes from the residents of the various elec-  
6 tions districts in such city applying for such registration  
7 upon any assessment of such taxes made within two  
8 years prior to such election and give them the official  
9 receipts therefor to be provided as aforesaid

10 Such deputy may from time to time and within ten  
11 days after each November election shall account to said  
12 receiver of taxes for all such taxes collected prior to  
13 such accounting less ten per centum thereof which such  
14 deputy may retain as his commission for collecting the  
15 same which commission shall be in addition to any com-  
16 pensation allowed such deputy for his services as such  
17 chief clerk and such deputy shall return the stub of each  
18 receipt given for such taxes and on or before the tenth  
19 day following the November election such deputy shall also  
20 return all unused receipts to said receiver of taxes who  
21 shall keep such stubs and unused receipts as a part of  
22 the records of his department for a period of one year

23 Any such deputy who shall upon request of any per-  
24 son assessed as a voter as aforesaid refuse to accept  
25 the payment of his poll tax and to furnish a receipt  
26 therefor or who shall accept payment of any poll tax from  
27 any person except an elector upon whom such tax has been  
28 properly assessed or his duly authorized agent or attorney  
29 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction

1 thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding  
2 five hundred dollars for each offence

3 Section 51 Any person who wilfully disobeys a law-  
4 ful order of the commissioners or refuses to obey their  
5 subpoena duly issued and served under the provisions of  
6 this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon con-  
7 viction shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding  
8 five hundred (500) dollars

9 Any wilful false statement made under oath or in  
10 writing stating that it is so made although such oath  
11 may not have actually been made by any person regard-  
12 ing any material matter or thing relating to any subject  
13 being investigated heard or acted upon by any registrar  
14 commissioner judge watcher inspector of registration court  
15 or commission by virtue of this act shall be perjury and  
16 any person upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to  
17 pay a fine not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars or  
18 to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding two years or  
19 both in the discretion of the court

20 Any registrar who knowingly registers or permits to  
21 be registered a person not lawfully entitled to be regis-  
22 tered or who without reasonable cause refuses to register  
23 a person entitled to be registered or knowingly assists in  
24 preventing such person from being registered shall be guilty  
25 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced  
26 to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to  
27 undergo an imprisonment not exceeding five years or both  
28 at the discretion of the court

1 A person who applies for registration knowing or hav-  
2 ing reason to know that he is not entitled to be regis-  
3 tered or who falsely personates another in an application  
4 for registration or who knowingly offers false naturalization  
5 papers or a fraudulent tax receipt to establish his claim  
6 to be registered shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
7 upon conviction shall be sentenced for every such offense to  
8 pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to  
9 undergo an imprisonment not exceeding three years or both  
10 in the discretion of the court

11 A registrar who inserts or intentionally permits to be  
12 inserted a name on the registry list without a proper  
13 application in person during the hours of registration on  
14 a registration day on the part of the person registered  
15 or without requiring the proper evidence of the right of  
16 the applicant to be registered or who materially alters  
17 any registry list after the entry had been made except  
18 upon an order of the court or of the commissioners or  
19 who makes any entry therein at any time other than  
20 during the hours of registration and in the presence of  
21 the other registrars except upon such an order shall be  
22 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be  
23 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dol-  
24 lars or to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding five  
25 years or both in the discretion of the court

26 Any election officer who knowingly refuses the vote of  
27 a duly registered and qualified elector or who knowingly  
28 accepts the vote of a person not registered in accordance

1 with the provisions of this act except that of a soldier  
2 or a person having an order of court as aforesaid or  
3 who knowingly receives a vote from a person falsely claim-  
4 ing to be a registered voter shall be guilty of a mis-  
5 demeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay  
6 a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to undergo  
7 an imprisonment not exceeding five years or both in the  
8 discretion of the court

9 Any commissioner registrar chief clerk inspector of  
10 registration or other officer upon whom a duty is laid  
11 by this act who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to per-  
12 form his said duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
13 and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a  
14 fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to undergo an  
15 imprisonment not exceeding two years or both in the dis-  
16 cretion of the court

17 Any person who inserts or intentionally permits to  
18 be inserted any name or material entry on any register  
19 street list affidavit petition subpoena certificate report or  
20 other record authorized or required by this act to be  
21 made or prepared for any purpose herein mentioned ex-  
22 cept in accordance herewith or who materially alters or  
23 destroys an entry which has been duly made therein  
24 except as herein provided or who takes and removes any  
25 such book paper or other record from the custody of  
26 any person having lawful charge thereof in order to  
27 prevent the same from being used or inspected or copied  
28 as herein provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
29 upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine not

1 exceeding one thousand dollars or to undergo an imprison-  
2 ment not exceeding three years or both in the discretion  
3 of the court

4 Any person who neglects or refuses to furnish to  
5 any inspector of registration any information which he is  
6 herein authorized to obtain or to exhibit any records pa-  
7 pers or documents herein authorized to be inspected by  
8 him shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon convic-  
9 tion shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five  
10 hundred dollars or to undergo an imprisonment not ex-  
11 ceeding two years or both in the discretion of the court

12 Any constable policeman sheriff or other peace or po-  
13 lice officer or deputy or subordinate thereof who shall  
14 fail upon demand of any inspector of registration to  
15 render such aid and assistance to him as he shall de-  
16 mand in the maintenance of peace and in the making  
17 of arrests without warrant as herein provided or who  
18 shall wilfully hinder or delay or attempt to hinder or  
19 delay any inspector of registration in the performance of  
20 any duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
21 conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
22 exceeding five hundred dollars or to undergo an imprison-  
23 ment not exceeding two years or both in the discretion  
24 of the court

25 Any person who intentionally interferes with hinders or  
26 delays any other person in the performance of any act  
27 or duty authorized or imposed herein shall be guilty of  
28 a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sen-  
29 tenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars

1 Section 52 The provisions of this act shall be sev-  
2 erable and if any of the provisions shall be held to  
3 be unconstitutional such decision shall not affect the va-  
4 lidity of any of the remaining provisions of this act

5 Section 53 The act approved July twenty-fourth Anno  
6 Domino one thousand nine hundred and thirteen entitled  
7 "An Act to provide for the personal registration of  
8 electors and their enrollment as members of political par-  
9 ties in cities of the first and second classes of this  
10 commonwealth to make such registration a condition of  
11 the right to vote in such cities and their said enroll-  
12 ment as members of a political party a condition of  
13 the right to vote at primaries in said cities and pro-  
14 viding for the payment of witness fees for persons sum-  
15 moned before the commissioners to provide penalties for  
16 violations of its provisions and to repeal acts inconsis-  
17 ent herewith" and the various amendments thereto and all  
18 other acts of assembly or parts of acts in conflict or  
19 inconsistent with this act or any part hereof be and  
20 the same are hereby repealed insofar as they relate to  
21 any city to which this act applies provided that the  
22 provisions of this act shall not affect any suit or  
23 prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any  
24 right or penalty or punish any offence under the author-  
25 ity of such acts so repealed