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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE BILL

No. **199**

Session of  
1961

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WEINER AND SEYLER,  
FEBRUARY 13, 1961.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,  
FEBRUARY 13, 1961.

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## AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29 1937 (P L 487) entitled as amended "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of electors in cities of the second class cities of the second class A cities of the third class boroughs towns and townships as a condition of their right to vote at elections and primaries and their enrollment as members of political parties as a further condition of their right to vote at primaries prescribing certain procedure

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill.  
Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

for the conduct of elections and primaries and the challenge and proof of qualifications of electors requiring the county commissioners of the various counties to act as a registration commission therefor and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens parties political bodies registration commissions commissioners registrars inspectors of registration and other appointees of registration commissions county election boards election officers municipal officers departments and bureaus police officers courts judges prothonotaries sheriffs county commissioners peace officers county treasurers county controllers registrars of vital statistics certain public utility corporations real estate brokers rental agents and boards of school directors and imposing penalties" further regulating the manner of registration

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 Subsections (a) and (b) of section 18 act of April 29
- 2 1937 (P L 487) known as "The Permanent Registration Act for Cities
- 3 of the Second Class Cities of the Second Class A Cities of the Third
- 4 Class Boroughs Towns and Townships" reenacted and amended May
- 5 31 1955 (P L 62) are amended to read

1 Section 18 Manner of Registration

2 (a) Every person claiming the right to be registered as an elector  
3 ~~[must]~~ may (1) appear in person before the commission a commissioner  
4 a registrar or a clerk at the office of the commission or at such other  
5 place as the commission shall have designated and answer the ques-  
6 tions required to be asked in accordance with this act or (2) register  
7 by furnishing the registration commission with a notarized petition and  
8 registration affidavit setting forth the information required by this act  
9 The petition may be filed in person by the petitioner or by an attorney  
10 of a court of record of the county

11 (b) [He] Persons who do not register by notarized petition as  
12 hereinbefore provided shall first be sworn or affirmed to the truth  
13 of the statements which he is about to make and informed that any  
14 wilful false statement will constitute perjury and will be punishable  
15 as such He then shall be asked to state the facts required herein and  
16 his answers together with other information herein required shall be  
17 recorded in his presence by the registrar commissioner or clerk in  
18 permanent writing or typewriting in duplicate in the proper spaces  
19 on the registration cards as follows

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We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The ..... day of ..... A. D. 1961.

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Governor