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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **248** Session of  
1961

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WEINER, RIPP AND DEVLIN,  
FEBRUARY 20, 1961.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,  
FEBRUARY 20, 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. Underlining 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" requiring registrars to visit the residence of certain ill and disabled persons

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

- 1 Section 1 Subsection (b) of section 16 act of April 29 1937 (P L
- 2 487) known as "The Permanent Registration Act for Cities of the Sec-
- 3 ond Class Cities of the Second Class A Cities of the Third Class Bor-

1 oughs Towns and Townships" reenacted and amended May 31 1955

2 (P L 62) is amended to read

3 Section 16 Days and Hours of Registration Places of Registration

4 Use of Polling Places Payment of Rentals Use of School Buildings

5 Public Notice

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7 (b) The commission by its own action may or upon the signed  
8 petition of at least one hundred qualified electors of any city of the  
9 second class city of the second class A city of the third class borough  
10 town or township requesting the same shall cause at least two registrars  
11 to sit not later than fifty days prior to each primary general and municipi-  
12 pal election for the purpose of receiving personal applications for  
13 registrations applications for change of party enrollment and removal  
14 notices from electors of said city of the second class city of the second  
15 class A city of the third class borough town or township at a suitable  
16 and conveniently located place in said city of the second class city of  
17 the second class A city of the third class borough town or township  
18 for at least one day and not more than three days continuously be-  
19 tween such practicable and reasonable hours not less than six (6) hours  
20 each day as the commission shall prescribe or if the commission fails

1 to do so prescribe between the hours of 10 A M and 3 P M and between  
2 the hours of 7 P M and 10 P M The commission upon the signed peti-  
3 tion of a person stating that he is ill or physically disabled shall re-  
4 quire any such registrar to visit the residence of and receive such  
5 application for registration or change of party enrollment from the  
6 person who because of illness or physical disability is unable to appear  
7 in person at any such place Such petitions to be affected shall be filed  
8 with the commission at least sixty-five days prior to any primary  
9 municipal or general election Immediately upon such motion of the  
10 commission or immediately upon the receipt of any such petition the  
11 commission shall notify in writing the county chairman of the political  
12 parties enrolling the largest and second largest number of voters within  
13 the county at the preceding November election of the filing of said  
14 petition and of the number of registrars the commission will appoint  
15 to serve in said cities of the second class cities of the second class A  
16 cities of the third class boroughs towns and townships Not later than the  
17 third day after receipt of said notice said chairman shall submit to  
18 the commission a list of qualified electors of the county to serve as  
19 registrars for said days Of the registrars appointed by the commission  
20 for such registration days an equal number shall be appointed from

1 the names on each of the lists so submitted Provided however That  
 2 if either or both of said chairmen shall fail to submit such list within  
 3 the time herein provided the commission shall appoint an equal num-  
 4 ber of persons from the list actually submitted and an equal number  
 5 of any qualified electors of the county or shall appoint as all of such  
 6 registrars any qualified electors of the county as the case may be  
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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. 1861.

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 Governor