

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 300 Session of 1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. KELLER, LANE, VAN SANT, HAYS AND KESSLER, FEBRUARY 27, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, FEBRUARY 27, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3 1937 (P L 1333) entitled "An act concern- ing elections including general municipal special and primary elections the nomination of candidates primary and election ex- penses and election contests creating and defining membership of county boards of elections imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth courts county boards of elections county commissioners imposing penalties for violation of the act and codifying revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto

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

and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections”

further regulating the form of official absentee ballots

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

1 Section 1 Section 1304-B act of June 3 1937 (P L 1333) known as
2 the “Pennsylvania Election Code” added January 8 1960 (P L 2135)
3 is amended to read

4 Section 1304-B Issuance of Official Absentee Ballots Envelopes
5 and Certificates Upon delivery to him of an application for an official
6 absentee ballot as prescribed by section 1303-B the chief clerk of the
7 county board of elections shall compare the signature and voting
8 residence of the applicant upon such application with the signature
9 and voting residence of applicant in the permanent registration records
10 of the board of registration commissioners and if he is satisfied that
11 applicant is entitled to vote as stated in the application and has no
12 reason to believe to the contrary he shall enter in ink on the appro-
13 priate district register in the place provided to signify the applicant's
14 having voted at the election the letter “A” and he shall sign Part 2
15 on both the original and duplicate of the application and he shall hand
16 or mail to the applicant the following

1 (a) One official absentee ballot which shall be in substantially
2 the same form as regular and official ballots except that it shall be
3 printed upon blue paper and shall have printed on the back thereof in
4 addition to any other matter now required by law the words "Official
5 Absentee Ballot" The county board of elections may instead of printing
6 on said ballots the names of the various candidates for district county
7 and local offices issue ballots which contain blank spaces only under
8 the titles of such offices in which electors may insert the names of the
9 candidates for whom they desire to vote and in such cases the county
10 board of elections shall furnish to electors lists containing the names
11 of all the candidates who have been regularly nominated under the
12 provisions of this act for the use of such electors in preparing their
13 ballots

14 (b) A gummed envelope approximating the size known com-
15 mercially as number six and three-quarters with the words "Official
16 Absentee Ballot" printed upon it and nothing else Such envelope is
17 hereafter referred to as the first envelope

18 (c) The original of the form prescribed by section 1302-B Parts
19 1 and 2 of which shall have been completed as aforesaid

20 (d) A gummed envelope approximating the size known commer-

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- 1 ially as number ten on which there shall be printed as addressee the
- 2 name and post office address of the county board of elections and in
- 3 the upper left corner the words "Absentee Elector" Such envelope is
- 4 hereafter referred to as the second envelope

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