

No. 235

AN ACT

To amend part of section seven of an act, approved the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred and seventy-seven), entitled "An act to provide for the personal registration of electors, and their enrollment, as members of political parties, in cities of the first and second classes of this Commonwealth; to make such registration a condition of the right to vote in such cities, and their said enrollment as members of a political party a condition of the right to vote at primaries in said cities; and providing for the payment of witness fees for persons summoned before the commissioners; to provide penalties for violations of its provisions; and to repeal acts inconsistent herewith."

Cities of first and second classes.

Personal registration of electors.

Last paragraph of section 7, of act of July 24, 1913 (P. L. 977), amended.

Manner of registering answers.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the last paragraph of section seven of an act, approved the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred and seventy-seven), entitled "An act to provide for the personal registration of electors, and their enrollment as members of political parties in cities of the first and second classes of this Commonwealth; to make such registration a condition of the right to vote in such cities, and their said enrollment as members of a political party a condition of the right to vote at primaries in said cities; and providing for the payment of witness fees for persons summoned before the commissioners; and to provide penalties for violations of its provisions; and to repeal acts inconsistent herewith," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Every register shall be indexed alphabetically from A to Z. The lines of each page shall be consecutively numbered in both margins, beginning with the number one at each alphabetical division of the register. The answers of the applicants shall be recorded in their presence in both registers in the following manner: In the first column shall be entered the surname of the applicant, in the order of his appearance at the polling-place, on the page bearing the index letter of his surname; in the second column shall be entered his Christian name or names; in the third column his occupation; in the fourth column the street and number of his residence; in the fifth and sixth columns whether he is a householder, lodger, lessee or owner, and, if he is a lodger or lessee of a portion only of a house, the [location or number of the room or] floor which he occupies; in the seventh and eighth columns shall be entered the length of his residence in the State and district, respectively; in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and

twelfth columns, the location of the house from which he last registered, giving State, city, street, and number, respectively, and the year in which he is so registered; in the thirteenth column the State or territory of the United States, or the foreign country, where he was born; in the fourteenth column whether, being foreign-born, he produces his naturalization papers; in the fifteenth column the number of the affidavit of naturalization of his father, if taken; in the sixteenth and seventeenth columns the manner in which he complies with the laws relating to the payment of taxes as a qualification of the right to vote,—whether by the production of his receipt or by making affidavit; if the applicant is less than twenty-two years of age the word “age” shall be recorded in said columns; in the eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first columns, his personal description, designating whether white or colored, [his approximate age] *that he is twenty-one years of age and upwards, and his height and weight*; in the twenty-second column the designation of the political party of the elector for the purpose of voting at the next succeeding primary or primaries, if such a statement shall be by law required as preliminary to the right to vote at such primary or primaries; in the twenty-third column in the register, marked “voting check list,” he shall be required to sign his name, if able to write; if he alleges inability to write, a record of the fact shall be made in the same column and, unless due to some apparent physical infirmity, he shall be required to make affidavit of his inability to write; in the twenty-third column in the register, marked “ballot check list,” he shall, if challenged on election day, be required to sign his name; in the twenty-fourth column shall be entered the number of the challenge affidavit of every person who is required to take said affidavit; in the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, and twenty-eighth columns the election officers shall record in one register the obtaining of the ballot, and in the other the casting of the vote of the registered elector at the fall primary, November election, spring primary, or special election, as hereinafter provided or as may hereafter be provided by law. *No voter shall be required to state his correct age, unless actually registering on age. A statement that the voter is twenty-one years of age and upwards shall be deemed sufficient. It shall be unlawful for the registrars to ask or require answers from a person desiring to register, except as to such questions as are hereinbefore required to be answered.*

Statement of age
not required.

APPROVED—The 23d day of April, A. D. 1927.

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