

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon the passage of substantially similar legislation by the State of New Jersey.

APPROVED—The 25th day of July, A.D. 1961.

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No. 375

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 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," changing provisions for proof of citizenship for certain persons previously registered.

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

The Permanent Registration Act for Cities of the Second Class, Cities of Second Class A, Cities of the Third Class, Boroughs, Towns and Townships.

Section 21, act of April 29, 1937, P. L. 487, reenacted and amended May 31, 1955, P. L. 62, further amended.

Section 1. Section 21, act of April 29, 1937 (P. L. 487), known as "The Permanent Registration Act for Cities of the Second Class, Cities of the Second Class A, Cities of the Third Class, Boroughs, Towns, and Townships," reenacted and amended May 31, 1955 (P. L. 62), is amended to read:

Section 21. Naturalized Applicants; Applicants Whose Fathers, Mothers or Husbands Were Naturalized.—All persons claiming the right to vote by reason of naturalization shall produce the proper naturalization papers, or a certificate under the seal of the court in which his naturalization was effected, before they shall be registered: Provided, That any person claiming citizenship by reason of the naturalization of his father or mother during his minority may be registered either by the production of his father's or mother's original papers, or a certified copy thereof, or certificate of the court, or by making

affidavit as to the court in which, and time when, his father or mother was naturalized, and that he, the applicant, was then less than twenty-one years of age and that he is unable to produce his father's or mother's papers or a certified copy thereof, or certificate: And provided further, That any woman claiming citizenship by reason of her marriage prior to September twenty-second, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, may be registered either—(a) by the production of her husband's original naturalization papers, or a certified copy thereof, or certificate of the court in which the naturalization was effected, or by making affidavit that her husband was naturalized prior to their marriage, stating therein the time when, and the court in which such naturalization took place, and that she, the applicant, is unable to produce his original naturalization papers, or a certified copy thereof, or certificate; or (b) by the production of evidence that her husband was a native born citizen of the United States. Each such affidavit shall be filed with the registration affidavit of the person whose registration it affects, and shall be returned therewith to the office of the registration commission.

*A person who has previously been registered in any city of the second class, city of the second class A, city of the third class, borough, town or township, and moves to another address in the same city, borough, town or township, may be reregistered notwithstanding his inability to produce documentary proof of citizenship, if such proof was submitted in connection with his prior registration and the fact thereof was noted on his registration record: And further provided, That such person has voted within two years of the date of such reregistration.*

APPROVED—The 25th day of July, A.D. 1961.

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No. 376

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1333), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses 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; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," further regulating the time in which the court of quarter sessions shall appoint election officers of newly created election districts.