

No. 1978-59

## AN ACT

HB 1856

Amending the act of April 29, 1937 (P.L.487, No.115), 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," providing for the composition of registration commissions in home rule counties.

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

Section 1. Section 3, act of April 29, 1937 (P.L.487, No.115), 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, No.32), is amended to read:

Section 3. County Commissioners to Act as Registration Commission for Cities of the Second Class, Cities of the Second Class A, Cities of the Third Class, Boroughs, Towns and Townships.—(a) The county commissioners of each county containing one or more cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns or townships shall act as a registration commission in and for such county, which commission shall have jurisdiction over the registration of electors in the cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns and townships of such county under the provisions of this act. ***In counties which have adopted home rule charters or optional plans, the registration commission shall consist of the members of the county body which performs legislative functions unless the county charter or optional plan provides for the appointment of the registration commission. In either case, there shall be minority representation on the registration commission. The county body which performs legislative functions shall in the case where the registration commission does not contain minority representation appoint such representation from a list submitted by the county chairman of the minority party.***

(b) The commissioners shall receive no compensation in addition to their compensation as county commissioners.

(c) All actions of a commission shall be decided by a majority vote of all members, except as may be otherwise provided herein.

(d) Each commission shall keep a record in permanent form of its proceedings.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 1st day of June, A. D. 1978.

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