

No. 184

AN ACT

SB 1372

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 certain residence and citizenship requirements and days of operation of registration places for the registration of electors.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16 and section 19, 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), are amended to read:

Section 16. Days and Hours of Registration; Places of Registration; Use of Polling Places; Payment of Rentals; Use of School Buildings; Public Notice.—

(a) From and after the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, each commission, or any commissioner or a registrar or clerk appointed by the commission, shall during ordinary business hours, and during such additional hours as the commission shall from time to time prescribe, on each day, except Sunday, holidays, the day of each election and each primary, the ~~[fifty]~~ *thirty* days next preceding each general, municipal and primary election, and the thirty days next following each election and the five days next following each primary, at the office of the commission and at such additional places in the cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns and townships as the commission may from time to time designate, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) herein, receive personal applications from persons who claim that they are entitled to be registered as electors of any city of the second class, city of the second class A, city of the third class, borough, town or township and who appear for registration.

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Section 19. Who May Register; Who May Vote; Electors Need Register Only Once; Exception.—Every person living in a city of the second class, city of the second class A, city of the third class, borough, town or township who shall possess all the qualifications of an elector as provided in the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, **[or who by continued residence in his election district will have obtained such qualifications before the next ensuing elections,]** *and has been a citizen of the United States for at least one month and who has resided in this Commonwealth and the election district where he shall offer to vote for at least thirty days prior to the next ensuing general, municipal or primary election,* shall be entitled to be registered as herein provided. From and after the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five, no person shall be permitted to vote at any election or primary held in any city of the second class, city of the second class A, city of the third class, borough, town or township unless he shall have been so registered, except by order of a court of common pleas as hereinafter provided; and no elector so registered shall be required to register again for any election or primary while he continues to reside at the same address, unless his registration is cancelled by reason of his failure to vote during a period of two years as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of July, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 184.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*