

No. 1978-179

AN ACT

HB 2227

Amending the act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), entitled, "An act to provide for the permanent personal registration of electors in cities of the first class 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; and prescribing the powers and duties of citizens, parties, bodies of electors, registration commissions, commissioners, registrars, inspectors of registration and other appointees of registration commission, 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, real estate brokers, rental agents, certain public service companies, persons, firms, and corporations operating vehicles for moving furniture and household goods, and boards of school directors; and imposing penalties," providing for equal rights between married men and married women.

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

Section 1. Clause (c) of section 20, act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), known as "The First Class City Permanent Registration Act," amended July 31, 1941 (P.L.710, No.279), is amended to read:

Section 20. Manner of Registration.—* * *

(c) (1) The surname of the applicant; (2) his Christian name or names; (3) his occupation; (4) the street and number of his residence; (5) if his residence is a portion only of the house, the location or number of the room, apartment, flat or floor which he occupies; (6) the length of his residence in the State and district, respectively; (7) such information relating to the applicant's prior registration and voting record as the commission shall by regulation deem it necessary or advisable to require; (8) the sex of the applicant; (9) the color of the applicant; (10) the state or territory of the United States, or the foreign country, where he was born; (11) the date when, place where, and the court by which naturalized, and number of the naturalization certificate; (12) if not naturalized personally, the name of father, mother or [husband] *spouse* through whom naturalized; (13) whether he is entitled to receive assistance in voting because by reason of illiteracy he is unable to read the names on the ballot or on the voting machine labels, or because he has a physical disability which renders him unable to see or mark the ballot or operate the voting machine or to enter the voting compartment or voting machine booth without assistance, and, if so, his declaration of that fact and his statement of the exact nature of such disability; (14) the designation of the political party of the elector, for the purpose of voting at primaries; (15) the affidavit

of registration, which shall be signed by the elector, attested by the signature of the registrar, commissioner, clerk or employe and dated by him; (16) his height, in feet and inches; (17) the color of his hair; (18) the color of his eyes; and (19) the date of his birth or, unless he claims to have been naturalized through either his father or mother, or unless such date is otherwise material in the determination of citizenship, a statement that he has attained his majority; (20) if an applicant claims naturalization through [her] *his* marriage to a citizen, the date and place of marriage. Each registration card shall also have a sufficient number of spaces thereon for the insertion of (21) the ward and election district in which the elector resides and to which he may from time to time remove, together with his street address in each such district, and the other data required to be given upon such removal; (22) the date of each election and primary at which the elector votes, and the number of stub of ballot issued or number of admission to voting machine, and party at primary; (23) the signature or initials of the election officer who enters the record of voting on the card: Provided, however, That the commission may to more effectually carry out the provisions of this act from time to time alter or change the form of registration cards, the order in which the information shall be recorded thereon and provide additional spaces for the recording of such other information concerning the identity of the applicant or naturalization data of foreign born applicants as it may deem necessary.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 4th day of October, A. D. 1978.

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