

No. 1982-22

AN ACT

HB 497

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," further providing for the approval of official registration application cards and authorizing change of registration by mail.

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

Section 1. The act of March 30, 1937 (P.L.115, No.40), known as "The First Class City Permanent Registration Act," is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 19.2. Change of Registration by Mail.—(a) Any registered elector may change his registration in the same manner as section 19.1 provides for registration by mail.

(b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to be prepared and printed at the expense of the Commonwealth forms upon which a registered elector may change his registration by mail in a similar fashion as provided for in section 19.1.

Section 2. Subsection (d) of section 20.3 of the act, added July 1, 1976 (P.L.476, No.122), is amended to read:

Section 20.3. Approval of Official Registration Application Cards.—* * *

(d) If the official registration application card is not in compliance with this act the commission shall mark "REJECTED" on the application form together with the reason for rejection and return same to the applicant by first class non-forwardable mail, return postage guaranteed: Provided, however, That an application shall not be rejected because the color of the applicant is not indicated on the application.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of February, A. D. 1982.

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