

Districts other than cities.

cases where personal registration is not required, as in districts other than in said cities, if an elector, although enrolled as a member of any particular party, is challenged regarding such membership, he shall be required to make oath or affirmation that, at the last preceding election at which he voted, he voted for a majority of the candidates of said party, and, upon executing such affidavit, he shall be entitled to receive and vote the ballot of such party, but if he is unable or unwilling to make such affidavit, he shall be denied the right to receive such ballot, but he shall not be deemed to be guilty of any violation or attempted violation of any law by reason of having asked for a ballot of the party with which he is enrolled.

Presidential electors to be counted as two candidates.

If such last preceding election at which such elector voted was a general election at which Presidential electors were voted for, he shall, in determining the number of candidates for which he voted thereat, count the group of Presidential electors as two candidates.

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No. 219

AN ACT

To amend the first paragraph, section four of the act, approved the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and six (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-three), entitled "An act to provide for the personal registration of electors in cities of the third class of this Commonwealth, to make such registration a condition of the right to vote in such cities, and to provide penalties for violations of its provisions," as amended, limiting the time allowed electors to petition the county commissioners to have their names placed on the registers.

Personal registration.

Cities of third class.

Paragraph first, section 4, act of March 5, 1906 (P. L. 63), as last amended by act of July 6, 1917 (P. L. 738), further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the first paragraph of section four of the act, approved the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and six (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-three), entitled "An act to provide for personal registration of electors in cities of the third class of this Commonwealth, to make such registration a condition of the right to vote in such cities, and to provide penalties for violation of its provisions," which was last amended by section two of the act, approved the sixth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, seven thirty-eight), entitled "An act to further amend the act, approved the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and six, entitled 'An act to provide for the personal registration of electors in cities of the third class of this Commonwealth, to make such registration

a condition of the right to vote in such cities, and to provide penalties for violation of its provisions,' by providing for special registration for special elections," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Every person claiming the right to vote must appear in person before the registrars in the precinct or ward in which he lives, on one of the days prescribed by law, prior to every November election; and if he has, subsequently to the said November election, moved into another precinct or ward, he must appear in person before the registrars, in the district to which he has thus removed, in order to enable him to vote at the ensuing Spring primary, or any ensuing special election; unless, in either case, he is prevented by sickness or necessary absence from the city from appearing before the said registrars to be registered in person. In either of these cases, it shall be his right, at any time *until noon of the Saturday preceding the day on which the election or primary is to be held*, to present his petition to the county commissioners; and in case they shall refuse to order his name placed on the registration list, the said petitioner may appeal to the court of common pleas of the district in which he resides, if the said court is in session, or, if not in session, to any judge thereof; whereupon the said court shall grant a rule upon the said county commissioners to show cause why the name of the said person should not be placed upon the register; and the said court, or judge thereof, shall fix a day certain for the return of the said rule, at which time the parties can be heard; and upon the return of the said rule, upon a hearing duly had, if the said court or judge shall be satisfied that the facts set forth in the petition are true, and that the applicant was prevented by sickness or necessary absence from the city from appearing in person before the registrars and being registered, and is qualified to vote, the rule may be made absolute; and the registrars shall be directed to place the name of such person or persons upon the registers.

Registration.

Time limited for registration by commissioners.

Refusal.

Appeal.

Rule on county commissioners.

Hearing.

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