

No. 63.

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the thirtieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 115), 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," by further changing the provisions of said act as to the registration of electors before certain elections, the correction of registers and the preparation of street lists.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section seventeen and section thirty-four of the act, approved the thirtieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 115), 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," as last amended by the act, approved the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 21), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"The First Class City Permanent Registration Act."

Subsection (a) of section 17 and section 34, act of March 30, 1937. P. L. 115, as last amended by act of March 5, 1947. P. L. 21, further amended.

* "director" in original.

Section 17. * * * * *

(a) The commission, or any commissioner, employe or clerk assigned for that purpose shall at the main office of the commission, during ordinary business hours, and during such additional hours as the commission shall from time to time prescribe, on each day, and on such days and during such hours as the commission may from time to time designate at other offices in the city which the commission shall from time to time during the period of ninety days preceding any election have power to establish and discontinue, except Sundays, holidays, the days hereinafter provided for the registration of electors in the districts or wards, the day of each election and each primary, the fifty days next preceding each general, *municipal* and primary election, [and the thirty-five days next preceding each municipal election,] and the thirty days next following each election and the five days next following each primary, receive personal applications from persons who claim that they are entitled to be registered as electors of the city and who appear for registration: Provided, however, That in case of a special election within a certain district (congressional, senatorial or representative), *held on a day other than the day of a primary, general or municipal election*, the registration of electors shall be discontinued [only] in the wards comprising such district for the period of thirty-five days prior to and the five days next following such special election. In each year the commission may also, when it considers it necessary for the convenience of the electors, provide one or more places of registration in each or any ward of the city, at which two or more registrars, as the commission may deem necessary, shall be present to receive personal applications from qualified electors of the city who claim that they are entitled to be registered, which registrars shall be present thereat between the hours of seven antemeridian and one postmeridian, and between the hours of four and ten postmeridian on such days as may be selected by the commission, which shall be not more than sixty days, and not less than fifty days, prior to any general, *municipal* or primary election [, and not more than forty days and not less than thirty-five days prior to any municipal election;]: Provided, further, however, That with respect to any person who shall become a citizen of the United States on a day subsequent to the sixtieth day prior to any election or primary, but at least one month prior to the day of such election or primary, the commission or any commissioner, employe or clerk assigned for that purpose shall receive personal applications from such person if he or she is otherwise qualified at the office of the registration commission until the thirtieth day prior to such election or primary during ordinary business

hours except Sundays, holidays and the days hereinbefore provided for the registration of electors in the districts or wards.

Section 34. Comparison and Correction of Registers, Street Lists.—(a) Commencing fifty days prior to each primary and each general *and municipal* election, [and thirty-five days prior to each municipal election,] the commission shall compare and correct the general and district registers.

(b) After the last day preceding each primary, municipal and general election when electors may be registered, the commission shall prepare for each election district a street list of the names and addresses of all registered electors resident in the district, arranged by streets and house numbers, and [, except before each municipal election] shall cause to be made at least a hundred exact copies of such list, and, not later than fifteen days preceding each primary and *each general and municipal* election, shall distribute copies of such lists among the inspectors and special inspectors of registration and the official concerned with the conduct of primaries and elections and among the parties, bodies of electors, candidates, and organized bodies of citizens interested therein, giving at least ten copies of each street list to the city committee of each political party or body of electors, upon the written application of the chairman thereof, and at least ten copies of each street list to the executive or governing board or committee of each organized body of citizens having as its purposes the investigation and prosecution of election frauds, upon the written application of the presiding officer of such body of citizens, and at least one copy of each street list with which his candidacy is concerned to each candidate, upon his written request, and keeping two complete sets of such street lists on file at the office of the commission convenient for public inspection during all the hours when the other records of the commission are open to public inspection as herein provided. Not later than the seventh day preceding each election and primary, the commission shall post or cause to be posted at each polling place in such city, at a point accessible to the public, one of the said street lists to be maintained at such place until the closing of the polls on the succeeding election day.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective
immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of May, A. D. 1951.

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