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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 204 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, GIRAL, SANCHEZ,  
HADDOCK, FREEMAN, DONAHUE AND OTTEN, JANUARY 17, 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 17, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled  
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,  
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,  
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating  
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;  
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;  
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,  
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and  
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to  
11 elections," in electronic voting systems, further providing  
12 for returns.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1114-A(b)(1) of the act of June 3, 1937  
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is  
17 amended to read:

18 Section 1114-A. Returns.--\* \* \*

19 (b) (1) All proceedings at the central tabulation center  
20 shall be under the direction of the county board of elections or  
21 of such persons as it may designate and shall be conducted under  
22 the observation of the public insofar as is practical, but no  
23 persons except those authorized for the purpose shall touch any

1 ballot or district totals card. All persons who are engaged in  
2 processing and counting the ballots and district totals cards  
3 shall be deputized and take an oath that they will faithfully  
4 perform their assigned duties. Compensation and other payments  
5 received by an individual hired for the sole purpose of  
6 performing duties under this paragraph shall not be deemed  
7 income classified and categorized under section 303 of the act  
8 of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the "Tax Reform Code of  
9 1971."

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