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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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," providing for early voting in elections.

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

14 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known  
 15 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding an  
 16 article to read:

17 ARTICLE XII-A

18 EARLY VOTING IN ELECTIONS

19 Section 1201-A. Conduct of early voting.

20 (a) Authority to conduct.--Each county board shall provide  
 21 for a period of early voting in elections as provided for in

1 this article.

2 (b) Issuance of ballots and voting booths.--

3 (1) If a request is made to vote early by a registered  
4 elector, the county board shall issue a ballot to the  
5 registered elector, except in districts where voting machines  
6 are used in accordance with Article XI, for in-person early  
7 voting. Except as otherwise provided in this article, all  
8 ballots issued to registered electors for early voting must  
9 be voted on the premises of the county board and returned to  
10 the county board.

11 (2) On the dates for early voting prescribed in section  
12 1203-A, each county board shall provide voting booths with  
13 voting machines and other suitable equipment for voting on  
14 the premises of the county board and at any other early  
15 voting polling place designated by the county board for the  
16 conduct of early voting in accordance with this article.

17 (c) Maintenance of list.--The county board shall maintain a  
18 list of all registered electors in each election district who  
19 vote during the early voting period. The list must be maintained  
20 for each election district in the county. Before the opening of  
21 the polls on election day, the county board shall deliver to the  
22 judges of elections in each election district the list of  
23 registered electors who have voted by early ballot.

24 Section 1202-A. Permanent polling places for early voting.

25 The following shall apply:

26 (1) A county board may establish permanent polling  
27 places for in-person early voting at locations throughout the  
28 county in which the county board has jurisdiction, including,  
29 but not limited to, any school, county building or any other  
30 office or building owned or maintained by the county. A

1 registered elector entitled to early voting may do so at any  
2 polling place established by the county board for early  
3 voting.

4 (2) During each election, the county board, in a county  
5 with a population of more than 250,000, shall establish at  
6 least one permanent polling place for in-person early voting  
7 at a location within each of the three largest municipalities  
8 within the county board's jurisdiction. If the population of  
9 any of the three largest municipalities in the county is more  
10 than 80,000, the county board shall establish at least two  
11 permanent polling places within the municipality. All  
12 population figures shall be determined by the most recent  
13 Federal decennial census.

14 (3) During each election, the county board in a county  
15 with a municipality with a population of more than 100,000,  
16 shall establish at least three permanent polling places for  
17 in-person early voting.

18 (4) During each election, the county board in a county  
19 with a population of more than 100,000 but less than 250,000,  
20 shall establish at least one permanent polling place for in-  
21 person early voting.

22 (5) The location for early voting may be the county  
23 board's main office or any other location designated by the  
24 county board for early voting. The county board may designate  
25 additional sites for in-person early voting as the county  
26 board deems appropriate.

27 (6) A permanent polling place designated for early  
28 voting in accordance with this section may not be located  
29 within 1.5 miles of another permanent polling place required  
30 under this section, unless the permanent polling place is

1 within a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more.

2 (7) All population figures enumerated in this section  
3 shall be determined by the most recent Federal decennial  
4 census.

5 Section 1203-A. Period for early voting.

6 (a) Commencement and end of early voting.--The period for  
7 in-person early voting shall begin the 30th day preceding the  
8 date of an election and extend through the end of the day before  
9 election day.

10 (b) Schedules of early voting.--Except as provided under  
11 subsection (c), the following apply:

12 (1) Except as provided under paragraphs (2) and (3), a  
13 permanent polling place for early voting must remain open  
14 beginning the 30th day before an election through the end of  
15 the day before election day as follows:

16 (i) during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 9  
17 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays; and

18 (ii) during the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon on  
19 Saturdays and holidays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

20 (2) Eight days before election day a permanent polling  
21 place for early voting must remain open during the hours of  
22 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

23 (3) In addition to the hours prescribed under paragraphs  
24 (1) and (2), a permanent polling place designated by a county  
25 board under section 1202-A must remain open for a total of at  
26 least eight hours on any holiday during the early voting  
27 period and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend  
28 during the early voting period.

29 (c) Emergency closure of polling place.--Notwithstanding  
30 subsection (b), a county board may close an early voting polling

1 place if the building in which the polling place is located has  
2 been closed by a State, county or local agency in response to a  
3 severe weather emergency or other emergency. The county board  
4 shall notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of any closure  
5 and shall make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the  
6 public of an alternative polling place for early voting.

7 Section 1204-A. Designation of temporary polling places.

8 (a) Temporary polling places.--In addition to permanent  
9 polling places for early voting under section 1202-A, the county  
10 board may establish temporary polling places for early voting.

11 (b) Applicability of schedule.--The schedules for the  
12 conduct of early voting under section 1203-A(b) shall not apply  
13 to temporary polling places. Early voting at temporary polling  
14 places may be conducted on any one or more days and during any  
15 hours within the early voting period established for in-person  
16 early voting under section 1203-A(b), as determined by the  
17 county board. The schedules for the conduct of early voting at a  
18 temporary polling place do not need to be uniform among the  
19 temporary polling places.

20 Section 1205-A. Use of public buildings as polling places.

21 Upon request by a county board, the governing body of a  
22 municipality shall make public buildings within the county  
23 available as permanent or temporary early voting polling places  
24 without charge. Any request to use a public building shall  
25 include reasonably necessary time before and after the period  
26 that early voting will be conducted at the public building. A  
27 municipality making a public building available as a permanent  
28 or temporary early voting polling place shall ensure that any  
29 portion of the building made available is accessible to voters  
30 with disabilities and elderly voters.

1 Section 1206-A. Publication of early voting locations and  
2 schedules.

3 (a) Notice.--During the week immediately preceding the  
4 commencement of early voting and at least once each week during  
5 the period of early voting, the county board shall publish in a  
6 newspaper of general circulation in the county a schedule  
7 stating:

8 (1) the location of each permanent and temporary early  
9 voting polling place and the election districts served by  
10 each such polling place; and

11 (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be  
12 conducted at each temporary early voting polling place.

13 (b) Posting requirements.--Each county board shall post a  
14 copy of the schedule at an office or other location that is to  
15 be used as a temporary early voting polling place. The schedule  
16 must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later  
17 than the 10th day before the commencement of early voting and  
18 ending on the last day of the early voting period.

19 (c) Copies.--The county board must make copies of the  
20 schedule available to the public in reasonable quantities  
21 without charge during the period of posting.

22 (d) Electronic posting.--If the county board maintains a  
23 publicly accessible Internet website, the county board shall  
24 make the schedule available on the website.

25 (e) Prohibition and exception after schedule publication.--  
26 Additional permanent early voting polling places may not be  
27 established after the schedule is published under this section.  
28 Additional temporary early voting polling places may be  
29 established after the schedule is published if the temporary  
30 early voting polling places are open to all registered electors.

1 The locations, dates and hours of all additional temporary early  
2 voting polling places shall be reported to the Secretary of the  
3 Commonwealth and posted on the county board's publicly  
4 accessible Internet website.

5 Section 1207-A. List of polling places.

6 At least 10 days before the commencement of early voting,  
7 each county board shall provide the Secretary of the  
8 Commonwealth with a list of all permanent and temporary early  
9 voting polling places and the hours each polling place will be  
10 open for early voting.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.