

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 705 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, DUSH, J. WARD AND PENNYCUICK,
APRIL 30, 2025

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 30, 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," in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further
12 providing for applications for official mail-in ballots.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1302-D(g) of the act of June 3, 1937
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
17 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
18 read:

19 Section 1302-D. Applications for official mail-in ballots.

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21 (a.1) Application restriction.--Only the Department of State
22 or a county board of election of a county in which a qualified
23 elector's voting residence is located may send an application to

1 a qualified elector for an official mail-in ballot under this
2 article.

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4 [(g) Permanent mail-in voting list.--

5 (1) Any qualified registered elector may request to be
6 placed on a permanent mail-in ballot list file at any time
7 during the calendar year. A mail-in ballot application shall
8 be mailed to every person otherwise eligible to receive a
9 mail-in ballot application by the first Monday in February
10 each year or within 48 hours of receipt of the request,
11 whichever is later, so long as the person does not lose the
12 person's voting rights by failure to vote as otherwise
13 required by this act. A mail-in ballot application mailed to
14 an elector under this section, which is completed and timely
15 returned by the elector, shall serve as an application for
16 any and all primary, general or special elections to be held
17 in the remainder of that calendar year and for all special
18 elections to be held before the third Monday in February of
19 the succeeding year.

20 (2) The Secretary of the Commonwealth may develop an
21 electronic system through which all qualified electors may
22 apply for a mail-in ballot and request permanent mail-in
23 voter status under this section, provided the system is able
24 to capture a digitized or electronic signature of the
25 applicant. A county board of elections shall treat an
26 application or request received through the electronic system
27 as if the application or request had been submitted on a
28 paper form or any other format used by the county.

29 (3) The transfer of a qualified registered elector on a
30 permanent mail-in voting list from one county to another

1 county shall only be permitted upon the request of the
2 qualified registered elector.]

3 Section 2. All regulations and parts of regulations are
4 abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with the provisions
5 of this act.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.