

AN ACT

1 Making an appropriation from the General Fund to the Department
2 of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, for the
3 purpose of providing mail-in ballot applications and mail-in
4 ballots to qualified electors for the 2020 primary and
5 general elections.

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

8 Section 1. Appropriation.

9 The sum of \$40,000,000 is hereby appropriated from the
10 General Fund to the Department of State for the fiscal year
11 beginning July 1, 2019, for the purpose of providing mail-in
12 ballot applications and mail-in ballots to qualified electors
13 for the 2020 primary and general elections.

14 Section 2. Procedures.

15 (a) General rule.--The county boards of elections, in
16 coordination with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, shall send
17 each qualified mail-in elector an application for a mail-in
18 ballot for the 2020 primary and general elections. An
19 application for a mail-in ballot shall be mailed to the address

1 recorded on the elector's registration along with a postage
2 prepaid, preaddressed return envelope. The application shall
3 state that an elector who receives a mail-in ballot application
4 or mail-in ballot under this section is not obligated to vote by
5 mail and may choose to vote at the elector's polling place on
6 election day. The procedures governing application approval and
7 voting by official mail-in ballot under Article XIII-D of the
8 act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the
9 Pennsylvania Election Code, not inconsistent with the section
10 shall apply to mail-in ballot applications and mail-in ballots
11 provided pursuant to this act.

12 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
13 "qualified mail-in elector" means a "qualified mail-in elector"
14 as defined in section 102(z.6) of the Pennsylvania Election
15 Code.

16 Section 3. Construction.

17 The appropriation under section 1 shall be in addition to any
18 appropriation to the Department of State under the act of June
19 28, 2019 (P.L. , No.1A), known as the General Appropriation Act
20 of 2019.

21 Section 4. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect immediately.