AN ACT

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

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

Section 1. Appropriation.

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

Section 2. Procedures.

(a) General rule.—The county boards of elections, in coordination with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, shall send each qualified mail-in elector an application for a mail-in ballot for the 2020 primary and general elections. An application for a mail-in ballot shall be mailed to the address
recorded on the elector's registration along with a postage prepaid, preaddressed return envelope. The application shall state that an elector who receives a mail-in ballot application or mail-in ballot under this section is not obligated to vote by mail and may choose to vote at the elector's polling place on election day. The procedures governing application approval and voting by official mail-in ballot under Article XIII-D of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, not inconsistent with the section shall apply to mail-in ballot applications and mail-in ballots provided pursuant to this act.

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

Section 3. Construction.

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

Section 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.