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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 12-57—SB 214

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS
FOR THE PERMANENTLY DISABLED**

SUMMARY: Under this act, electors who have permanent absentee ballot status automatically receive an absentee ballot, rather than an application for one, for each election, primary, and referendum in the municipality in which they are eligible to vote.

The law requires registrars of voters to send an annual notice in January to determine whether such electors (1) continue to reside at the address on their application and (2) may remain on the permanent absentee ballot status list. If a notice is not returned within 30 days or returned as undeliverable, the registrars must remove the elector from permanent absentee ballot status, but not from the voter registry list.

The act specifies that the elector with permanent absentee ballot status must return the notice according to the instructions on the form.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

Permanent Absentee Ballot Status

By law, electors with permanent disabilities may apply to the registrars of voters for permanent absentee ballot status. To be eligible, an elector must file an application together with a doctor's certificate stating that he or she has a permanent disability and cannot appear in person at his or her polling place.

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