

1 AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 401, VOLUME 62, AS
2 AMENDED BY CHAPTER 260, VOLUME 76,
3 LAWS OF DELAWARE, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO
4 REINCORPORATE THE TOWN OF FRANKFORD"
5 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
9 DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each House thereof concurring
10 therein):

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12 Section 1. Amend Chapter 401, Volume 62, as amended by Chapter 260, volume 76.
13 Laws of Delaware, entitled "An Act to Reincorporate the Town of Frankford" by deleting
14 the ~~stricken-through~~ text and adding the underlined text to Section 5, ELECTIONS, as
15 follows:

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17 Section 5. ELECTIONS

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19 A. An election shall be held in the Town of Frankford for Town Council on the
20 ~~first second~~ Saturday of ~~February~~ March. Hours for the length of poll openings shall be
21 set by the Town Council and announced in all notices required by law.

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23 B. Every person who is a citizen of the United States; is at least eighteen (18)
24 years of age; has resided within the corporate limits of the Town for at least six (6)
25 months prior to the next Town election; and is registered as required by law, shall be a
26 qualified voter of the Town. Every qualified voter of the Town shall be entitled to vote in
27 any or all Town elections.

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29 C. Each Council member shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age; shall have
30 resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election; shall
31 be a qualified voter (as set out above) in the Town of Frankford; and shall not have been
32 convicted of a felony. The filing deadline for candidates for office shall be 21 days
33 prior to the election.

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35 D. The Town shall enter into an agreement with the Department of Elections
36 to use the State's Voter Registration system as the source of its list of registered
37 voters.

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39 E. There shall be a Board of Elections consisting of 3 members appointed
40 and approved by the Town Council for staggered terms of 3 years who shall oversee
41 the election and it shall have all duties, responsibilities, powers, and authority
42 granted to boards of election by law. Prior to the next election following the
43 adoption of this provision, one member shall be appointed for a term of 1 year; the
44 second for a term of 2 years; and the third for a term of 3 years. Upon the
45 expiration of the first terms, appointments shall be for three (3) year terms.

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2 **F. The Town Council shall appoint no less than 3 Election Officers to**
3 **conduct the election and they shall have all the duties, responsibilities, powers and**
4 **authority granted to election officers by law.**
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6 **G. The use of absentee ballots is expressly permitted and shall be governed**
7 **by the procedure set forth in Chapter 75, Subchapter V of Title 15, Delaware Code.**
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9 **D. H.** Except as set out herein, the conduct of general elections of the Town of
10 Frankford and absentee voting shall be governed by the laws of Delaware set out in Title
11 15, Chapter 75, **Subchapters IV and V** of Delaware Code, entitled Municipal Elections,
12 as they may be from time to time hereafter amended.
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15 **SYNOPSIS**

16 This amendment to the Charter of Frankford establishes the date of the general
17 election as the second Saturday in March; establishes the filing deadline for candidates;
18 establishes the States voter registration system in lieu of the current Towns system; reaffirms
19 the appointment and terms of a Board of Elections and of Election Officers by the Town
20 Council; and specifically authorizes the use of absentee ballots.
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22 All other elections matters will be subject to State municipal election laws.