

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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1989

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BARLEY, SCHULER, STRITTMATTER AND RAYMOND, MAY 31, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 31, 1989

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," further providing for the time when specimen
12 ballots are to be made available.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1008 of the act of June 3, 1937
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
17 amended to read:

18 Section 1008. Forms of Ballots on File and Open to Public
19 Inspection; Ballots and Diagrams to Be Furnished to Candidates
20 and Parties.--

21 (a) The county board of elections shall have on file in its
22 office, on and after the [Thursday] twentieth (20th) day

1 preceding each primary and election, open to public inspection,
2 forms of the ballots and ballot labels, with the names and such
3 statements and notations as may be required by the provisions of
4 this act, printed thereon, which shall be used in each election
5 district within the county.

6 (b) On [the Thursday] and after the twentieth (20th) day
7 preceding each primary, the county board shall, upon request
8 made at their office, there deliver to each candidate whose name
9 is printed on the ballot of any party, or to his authorized
10 representative, without charge, three specimen ballots of such
11 party for the entire district in which such candidate is to be
12 voted for, and the candidate may, at his own expense, have
13 printed on different colored paper as many copies as he requires
14 for conducting his campaign.

15 (c) On [the Thursday] and after the twentieth (20th) day
16 preceding each November election, the county board shall, upon
17 request made at their office, there deliver to the county
18 chairman or other authorized representative of each political
19 party and political body in the county, without charge, two
20 specimen ballots or diagrams for each election district within
21 the county in which candidates of such party or political body
22 are to be voted for, and such political party or political body
23 may, at its own expense, have printed on different colored paper
24 as many copies as it requires for conducting its campaign.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.