

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 984

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 2, 1979

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," changing the number of signers and filing fees  
 12 connected with certain nomination petitions and making  
 13 repeals.

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

16 Section 1. Section 912, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,  
 17 No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code," is repealed.

18 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

19 Section 912.1. Signers Required on Petitions of Primary  
 20 Candidates.--(a) If for the office of President of the United  
 21 States, or of United States Senator, by at least one thousand  
 22 registered and enrolled members of the proper party in each of  
 23 at least ten counties of the State.

1       (b) If for a State office to be filled by a vote of the  
2 electors of the State at large, by at least one thousand  
3 registered and enrolled members of the proper party in each of  
4 at least ten counties for the office of delegate or alternate  
5 delegate at large to a National party convention, or for the  
6 office of member of the National committee, by at least one  
7 hundred registered and enrolled members of the proper party in  
8 each of at least five counties of the State.

9       (c) If for the office of Representative in Congress, by at  
10 least two hundred registered and enrolled members of the proper  
11 party.

12       (d) If for the office of delegate or alternate delegate to a  
13 National party convention, other than delegate or alternate  
14 delegate at large, by at least five hundred registered and  
15 enrolled members of the proper party.

16       (e) If for the office of judge of any court of record other  
17 than a court whose judges are to be elected by a vote of the  
18 electors of the State at large, or of State senator by at least  
19 one thousand registered and enrolled members of the proper  
20 party.

21       (f) If for a municipal office to be filled by a vote of the  
22 electors of a senatorial district, by at least two hundred  
23 registered and enrolled members of the proper party.

24       (g) If for the office of inspector of election, by at least  
25 five registered and enrolled members of the proper party.

26       (h) If for the office of Representative in the General  
27 Assembly, by at least seven hundred fifty registered and  
28 enrolled members of the proper party.

29       (i) If for the office of member of the State committee, by  
30 at least five hundred registered and enrolled members of the

1 proper party.

2 (j) If for an office to be voted for by the electors of the  
3 entire county, or an office to be voted for by the electors of  
4 an entire city, by at least one thousand registered and enrolled  
5 members of the proper party.

6 (k) If for the office of district councilman in a city of  
7 the first class, by at least seven hundred fifty registered and  
8 enrolled members of the proper party.

9 (l) If for the office of councilman at large in a city, by  
10 at least one hundred registered and enrolled members of the  
11 proper party.

12 (m) And for all other offices and all other party offices,  
13 by at least ten registered and enrolled members of the proper  
14 party.

15 Section 3. Subsection (b) of section 913 of the act, amended  
16 May 16, 1951 (P.L.302, No.62), is repealed.

17 Section 4. Section 913 of the act is amended by adding  
18 subsections to read:

19 Section 913. Place and Time of Filing Nomination Petitions;  
20 Filing Fees.--\* \* \*

21 (b.1) Each person filing any nomination petition shall pay,  
22 for each petition, at the time of filing, a filing fee to be  
23 determined as follows, and no nomination petition shall be  
24 accepted or filed, unless and until such filing fee is paid by a  
25 certified check or money order or also by cash when filed with  
26 the county board. Whenever a petition is to be filed with the  
27 county board, the person filing the same shall pay the filing  
28 fee in cash or by a certified check or money order to the county  
29 board. All moneys paid on account of filing fees shall be  
30 transmitted by the county board to the county treasurer and

1 shall become part of the General Fund. Certified checks or money  
2 orders in payment of filing fees shall be made payable to the  
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the county, as the case may  
4 be, and shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer or to the  
5 county treasurer, and shall become part of the General Fund.

6 1. If for the office of President of the United States, or  
7 for any public office to be filled by the electors of the State  
8 at large, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

9 2. If for the office of Representative in Congress the sum  
10 of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).

11 3. If for the office of judge of a court of record,  
12 excepting judges to be voted for by the electors of the State at  
13 large, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

14 4. If for the offices of Senator or Representative in the  
15 General Assembly, for any office to be filled by the electors of  
16 an entire county, for the office of district councilman, in a  
17 city of the first class and for any office to be filled by the  
18 electors of an entire city, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

19 5. If for any borough, town, township of the first class,  
20 school district or poor district office, not otherwise provided  
21 for, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00).

22 6. If for the office of delegate or alternate delegate to  
23 National party convention, or member of National committee or  
24 member of State committee, the sum of twenty-five dollars  
25 (\$25.00).

26 7. If for the office of justice of the peace or constable,  
27 the sum of two dollars (\$2.00).

28 8. If for the office of township auditor or road supervisor,  
29 the sum of one dollar (\$1.00).

30 (b.2) A filing fee shall not be paid for a nomination

1 petition for any public office for which no compensation is  
2 provided by law, nor for any nomination petition for any public  
3 officer in any township of the second class.

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5 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.