

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SAURMAN, CLARK, NAHILL, LANGTRY, VEON AND FOX,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 8, 1991

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 regulating voting machine equipment.

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

14 Section 1. Section 1202 of the act of June 3, 1937  
15 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is  
16 amended to read:

17 Section 1202. Cards of Instructions and Supplies.--(a)  
18 Prior to each primary and election each county board of election  
19 shall prepare full instructions for the guidance of electors in  
20 districts in which ballots are used, and also similar  
21 instructions for the guidance of electors in districts in which  
22 voting machines are used, and they shall cause the same,

1 together with such portions of this act as deemed advisable, to  
2 be printed in large clear type on separate cards to be called  
3 cards of instruction. They shall also prepare blank forms of  
4 oaths of election officers, records of assisted voters,  
5 affidavits of challenged electors and others, general and  
6 duplicate return sheets, tally papers, statements, blank forms  
7 for numbered lists of voters, with sufficient space for noting  
8 their party enrollment at primaries, notice of penalties for the  
9 information of electors and election officers, and other forms  
10 and supplies required by this act for use in each election  
11 district of the county. Said forms, blank books, and other  
12 supplies shall have printed thereon appropriate instructions. In  
13 districts in which voting machines are used the general and  
14 duplicate return sheets and statement shall be printed to  
15 conform to the type of voting machine used in such districts and  
16 the designating number and letter, if any, on the counter for  
17 each candidate shall be printed thereon opposite the candidate's  
18 name.

19 (b) In districts in which voting machines are used, all new  
20 machines purchased must be equipped with fold down steps and  
21 fold down magnifiers in order to assist electors with the voting  
22 process.

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