

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1659 Session of
1993

INTRODUCED BY JAMES, CARN, TULLI, ROBINSON, ARGALL, TIGUE, VEON,
WILLIAMS, KUKOVICH, BEBKO-JONES, COLAIZZO, MASLAND, MELIO,
WAUGH, TRICH AND CURRY, MAY 24, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 24, 1993

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 manner of signing
12 nomination petitions.

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

15 Section 1. Section 908 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
16 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, amended August
17 13, 1963 (P.L.707, No.379), is amended to read:

18 Section 908. Manner of Signing Nomination Petitions; Time of
19 Circulating.--Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign
20 but one such petition for each office to be filled, and shall
21 declare therein that he is a registered and enrolled member of
22 the party designated in such petition: Provided, however, That

1 where there are to be elected two or more persons to the same
2 office, each signer may sign petitions for as many candidates
3 for such office as, and no more than, he could vote for at the
4 succeeding election. He shall also declare therein that he is a
5 qualified elector of the county therein named, and in case the
6 nomination is not to be made or candidates are not to be elected
7 by the electors of the State at large, [or] of the political
8 district therein named, in which the nomination is to be made or
9 the election is to be held. He shall add his [occupation and]
10 residence, giving city, borough or township, with street and
11 number, ward, division or precinct, if any, and shall add the
12 date of signing, expressed in words or numbers: Provided,
13 however, That if the said political district named in the
14 petition lies wholly within any city, borough or township, or is
15 coextensive with same, it shall not be necessary for any signer
16 of a nomination petition to state therein the city, borough or
17 township of his residence. The collector of petition signatures
18 shall be solely responsible for inserting the correct ward,
19 division or precinct for each signer. No nomination petition
20 shall be circulated prior to the thirteenth Tuesday before the
21 primary, and no signature shall be counted unless it bears a
22 date affixed not earlier than the thirteenth Tuesday nor later
23 than the tenth Tuesday prior to the primary.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1993.