

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1178 Session of
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

AN ACT

1 Providing a residency requirement for constables and deputy
2 constables.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Residency.

6 (a) General rule.--Constables and deputy constables for any
7 ward or municipality shall be duly registered electors of the
8 ward or municipality from which they have been elected or, in
9 the case of vacancy, for which they have been appointed. A
10 CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF CONSTABLE OR DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR
11 ANY WARD OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL BE A DULY REGISTERED ELECTOR OF
12 THE WARD OR MUNICIPALITY FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE SEEKS TO BE
13 ELECTED OR APPOINTED. Constables and deputy constables shall
14 continue to be duly registered electors of such ward or
15 municipality during their term of service and shall reside

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1 continuously in such ward or municipality during their term of
2 office.

3 (b) Application.--This section shall apply to all constables
4 and deputy constables one year after the effective date of this
5 act. No person or deputy constable shall be eligible for
6 election or appointment as a constable or deputy constable on or
7 after the effective date of this act unless such person is in
8 compliance with subsection (a).

9 Section 2. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect immediately.