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CORRIGAN, SERAFINI, RAMOS AND J. TAYLOR, APRIL 30, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 30, 1997

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 day for nonpresidential general  
12 primaries and municipal primaries.

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

15 Section 1. Section 603 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,  
16 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, amended  
17 October 12, 1990 (P.L.534, No.131), is amended to read:

18 Section 603. General Primary; Candidates to Be Nominated and  
19 Party Officers to Be Elected.--[(a)] There shall be a General  
20 primary preceding each general election which shall be held on  
21 the [third Tuesday of May] second Tuesday of September in all  
22 even-numbered years, except in the year of the nomination of a

1 President of the United States, in which year the General  
2 primary shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of April. Candidates  
3 for all offices to be filled at the ensuing general election  
4 shall be nominated at the General primary. The vote for  
5 candidates for the office of President of the United States, as  
6 provided for by this act, shall be cast at the General primary.

7 [(b.1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the General primary  
8 for 1994 shall be held on May 10, 1994.]

9 Section 2. Section 604 of the act, amended January 14, 1952  
10 (1951 P.L.1937, No.540), is amended to read:

11 Section 604. Municipal Primary; Officers to be Nominated.--

12 There shall be a Municipal primary preceding each municipal  
13 election which shall be held on the [third Tuesday of May]  
14 second Tuesday of September in all odd-numbered years.

15 Candidates for all offices to be filled at the ensuing municipal  
16 election shall be nominated at the Municipal primary.

17 Section 3. The amendment of section 604 of the act shall  
18 apply to municipal primaries held after the year 1997.

19 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.