

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1572 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY RABB, DIAMOND, IRVIN, ROTHMAN, SOLOMON AND
McCLINTON, JUNE 16, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 16, 2017

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," in dates of elections and primaries and special
12 elections, providing for fines imposed for certain
13 resignations and establishing the Special Election Fund.

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

16 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known
17 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding a
18 section to read:

19 Section 638. Fines Imposed for Certain Resignations.--(a)
20 Notwithstanding other applicable penalties set forth under law,
21 if a Senator or Representative in the General Assembly resigns
22 from office as a result of being found guilty of or entering a
23 plea of guilty or nolo contendere to an offense graded as a

1 felony, the Senator or Representative shall pay a fine of one
2 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) into the Special Election
3 Fund established under subsection (b).

4 (b) The Special Election Fund is established as a separate
5 restricted account within the General Fund to receive the fines
6 incurred under subsection (a), reimburse county boards of
7 elections for the costs associated with holding special
8 elections and defray administrative expenses incurred by the
9 Department of State associated with special elections.

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