

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1013 Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY HASKELL, STAPLETON, HOEFFEL, WILT, CESSAR AND
GOEBEL, APRIL 27, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 27, 1977

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," extending the time records must be preserved by
12 County Boards of Election.

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

15 Section 1. Section 309, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
16 No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code," amended July
17 14, 1961 (P.L.648, No.334), is amended to read:

18 Section 309. Preservation of Records.--All documents, papers
19 and records in the office of the county board of elections of
20 each county shall be preserved therein for a period of at least
21 [eleven (11) months,] two (2) years and all official ballots and
22 the contents of ballot boxes shall be preserved therein for a
23 period of at least four (4) months; in the event the county

1 board has been notified in writing by the district attorney of
2 the county, or by a judge of a court of record, to preserve said
3 papers or contents of ballot boxes for a longer period of time,
4 for the purposes of pending prosecution or litigation, said
5 records shall be preserved accordingly.

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