

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1142 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY SAYLOR, BARRAR, CUTLER, DAY, HESS, KNOWLES,  
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TALLMAN, BAKER, MILLER, KAUFFMAN AND GINGRICH, APRIL 9, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 9, 2013

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 polling places selected by  
12 a county board and for regulations for polling places.

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

15 Section 1. Section 526(a) of the act of June 3, 1937  
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is  
17 amended by adding subsections to read:

18 Section 526. Polling Places to Be Selected by County  
19 Board.--\* \* \*

20 (d) A polling place selected under this article must be free  
21 of all political material on the day of a primary or election.

22 (e) As used in this section, the term "political material"

1 shall mean pamphlets, posters, signs, advertisements or other  
2 printed, photographed, painted or written materials or  
3 statements, that identify or indicate support for or opposition  
4 to a candidate, political party, political body or a ballot  
5 question. The term does not include materials prepared by the  
6 Secretary of the Commonwealth or a county board of elections  
7 under this act.

8 Section 2. Section 1220(c) of the act is amended to read:

9 Section 1220. Regulations in Force at Polling Places.--\* \* \*

10 (c) No person, when within the polling place, shall  
11 electioneer or solicit votes for any political party, political  
12 body or candidate, nor shall any written, painted or printed  
13 matter be posted up within the said room, except as required by  
14 this act.

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16 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 90 days.