

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1371 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY CLAY, O'BRIEN, V. BROWN, CRUZ, FLYNN, SCHLOSSBERG, MILLARD, YOUNGBLOOD, KIRKLAND, DeLUCA, SWANGER, DAVIS, HELM, COX, PETRI AND ROEBUCK, MAY 13, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 13, 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," providing for false signatures and offenses by
 12 circulators.

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

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

18 Section 1813.1. False Signatures; Offenses by Circulators.--
 19 If any person who is a circulator of nomination petitions or
 20 papers shall knowingly make a false statement in any affidavit
 21 required by the provisions of this act, to be appended to or to
 22 accompany a nomination petition or a nomination paper in which

1 multiple signatures are determined to be in the same handwriting
2 as one signer of the same petition or paper, he shall be guilty
3 of a felony of the third degree, and, upon conviction thereof,
4 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding fifteen thousand
5 (\$15,000) dollars, or to undergo imprisonment of not more than
6 seven (7) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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