THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2447 Session of 1990

INTRODUCED BY ITKIN, BURD, TRELLO, PESCI, SERAFINI, JOSEPHS, LEVDANSKY, MRKONIC, CAPPABIANCA, HARPER, PISTELLA AND ACOSTA, APRIL 17, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 17, 1990

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, 2 3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, 4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 6 7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; 8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and 9 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to 10 11 elections, changing the date for contesting certain 12 elections. 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 15 Section 1. Section 1756 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is 16 17 amended to read: 18 Section 1756. Petition; Time of Filing; Amendment. -- The 19 commencement of proceedings in the case of contests of the 20 second, third, fourth and fifth classes shall be by petition, which shall be made and filed, as herein required, within twenty 21

days after the [day of the primary or election, as the case may

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- 1 be] date the person elected takes office. The petition shall
- 2 concisely set forth the cause of complaint, showing wherein it
- 3 is claimed that the primary or election is illegal, and after
- 4 filing may be amended with leave of court, so as to include
- 5 additional specifications of complaint. After any such
- 6 amendment, a reasonable time shall be given to the other party
- 7 to answer.
- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.