

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

No. 527 Session of  
1999

INTRODUCED BY BUNT, THOMAS, NAILOR, MARSICO, YOUNGBLOOD,  
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STEELMAN, DeLUCA, HORSEY AND E. Z. TAYLOR, FEBRUARY 10, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 10, 1999

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," prohibiting the possession of a firearm in any  
12 polling place.

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 1829.1. Possession of Firearm at Polling Place  
19 Prohibited.--(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), it shall  
20 be unlawful for any person during the time of any primary or  
21 election to possess a firearm in any polling place. A violation

1 of this subsection is a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of  
2 violating this subsection shall be sentenced to pay a fine not  
3 exceeding one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to undergo a period  
4 of imprisonment of not less than three (3) months nor more than  
5 one (1) year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

6 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any  
7 police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable.

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