

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 966 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, FONTANA, BREWSTER, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUGHES,
COSTA AND CAPPELLETTI, DECEMBER 1, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 1, 2021

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," in ballots, further providing for form of
12 official primary ballot and for form of official election
13 ballot.

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

16 Section 1. Sections 1002(b) and 1003(d) of the act of June
17 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election
18 Code, is amended to read:

19 Section 1002. Form of Official Primary Ballot.--* * *

20 (b) On the back of each ballot shall be printed in prominent
21 type the words "OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT OFPARTY FOR"
22 followed by the designation of the election district for which
23 it is prepared, the date of the primary and the facsimile

1 signatures of the members of the county board of elections. The
2 names of candidates shall in all cases be arranged under the
3 title of the office for which they are candidates, and be
4 printed thereunder in the order determined by the casting of
5 lots as provided by this act. Under the title of such offices
6 where more than one candidate is to be voted for, shall be
7 printed "Vote for not more than" (the blank space to
8 indicate the number of candidates to be voted for the particular
9 office.) At the right of the name of each candidate there shall
10 be a square of sufficient size for the convenient insertion of a
11 cross (x) or check (✓) mark. There shall be left at the end of
12 the list of candidates for each office (or under the title of
13 the office itself in case there be no candidates who have filed
14 nomination petitions therefor) as many blank spaces as there are
15 persons to be voted for, for such office, in which space the
16 elector may insert, by writing or stamping, the name of any
17 person whose name is not printed on the ballot as a candidate
18 for such office. Opposite or under the name of each candidate,
19 except candidates for the office of President of the United
20 States and candidates for delegate or alternate delegate to a
21 National Party Convention, who is to be voted for by the
22 electors of more than one county, shall be printed the name of
23 the county in which such candidate resides; and opposite or
24 under the name of each candidate except candidates for delegate
25 or alternate delegate to a National Party Convention who is to
26 be voted for by the electors of an entire county or any
27 congressional, senatorial or representative district within the
28 county, shall be printed the name of the city, borough, township
29 or ward, as the case may be, in which such candidate resides. If
30 a candidate runs for more than one nomination for the same

office, opposite or under the name of that candidate shall be
printed "Running as" (the blank space to indicate the
party for which that primary ballot is prepared); and opposite
or under the name of that candidate shall be printed either
"Registered" (the blank space to indicate the party of
which the candidate is a registered and enrolled member as
provided on the candidate's Pennsylvania voter registration
application) or, as the case may be, "Registered 'None/No Party
Affiliation'" to indicate that the candidate has no party
affiliation as provided on the candidate's voter registration
application.

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Section 1003. Form of Official Election Ballot.--

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(d) Whenever any candidate shall receive more than one
nomination for the same office, his name shall be printed once,
and the names of each political party so nominating him shall be
printed opposite the name of such candidate, arranged in the
same order as candidates names are required to be arranged.

Under the name of each political party so nominating the
candidate shall be printed either "Registered" (the
blank space to indicate the party of which the candidate is a
registered and enrolled member as provided on the candidate's
Pennsylvania voter registration application) or, as the case may
be, "Registered 'None/No Party Affiliation'" to indicate that
the candidate has no party affiliation as provided on the
candidate's voter registration application. At the right of all
the party names or appellation shall be a single square of
sufficient size for the convenient insertion of a cross (X) or
check (✓) mark.

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