

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 813 Session of
1997

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LUCYK, DALEY, COLAFELLA, JOSEPHS, BROWNE, JAMES, MIHALICH AND
BOSCOLA, MARCH 12, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 12, 1997

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 false signatures and
12 statements in nomination petitions and papers and for
13 nomination petitions.

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

16 Section 1. Sections 1813 and 1814 of the act of June 3, 1937
17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, are
18 amended to read:

19 Section 1813. False Signatures and Statements in Nomination
20 Petitions and Papers.--If any person shall knowingly make a
21 false statement in any affidavit required by the provisions of
22 this act, to be appended to or to accompany a nomination

1 petition or a nomination paper, or if any person shall
2 fraudulently sign any name not his own to any nomination
3 petition or nomination paper, or if any person shall
4 fraudulently alter any nomination petition or nomination paper
5 without the consent of the signers, he shall be guilty of a
6 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to
7 pay a fine not exceeding five hundred (\$500) dollars, or to
8 undergo imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both, in
9 the discretion of the court. Such person shall not be permitted
10 to participate as a candidate in a public election in this
11 Commonwealth until all costs and fines resulting from violation
12 of this act have been paid in full.

13 Section 1814. Nomination Petitions; Certificates and Papers;
14 Destruction; Fraudulent Filing; Suppression.--Any person who
15 shall falsely make any nomination certificate or who shall
16 wilfully deface or destroy any nomination petition, nomination
17 certificate or nomination paper, or any part thereof, or any
18 letter of withdrawal, or who shall file any nomination petition,
19 nomination certificate or nomination paper or letter of
20 withdrawal knowing the same, or any part thereof, to be falsely
21 made, or who shall suppress any nomination petition, nomination
22 certificate or nomination paper, or any part thereof, which has
23 been duly filed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon
24 conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not
25 exceeding one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or to undergo an
26 imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both, in the
27 discretion of the court. Such person shall not be permitted to
28 participate as a candidate in a public election in this
29 Commonwealth until all costs and fines resulting from a
30 violation of this act have been paid in full.

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