THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL
No. 136 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, JANUARY 27, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 27, 2021

AN ACT

Establishing the number of signatures required for nomination petitions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Temporary Pandemic Nomination Petition Act.

Section 2. Purpose. The General Assembly finds and declares that the COVID-19 pandemic would create increased risk for candidates and volunteers circulating nomination petitions to comply with Article IX of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, for candidates seeking to be selected in the 2021 Primary Election.

Section 3. Required number of signatures. Notwithstanding section 912.1 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.370), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, or any other provision of law, candidates for nomination of any
county, city, borough, township, ward or school district office
shall present a nominating petition containing valid signatures
of registered and enrolled members of the proper party in a
number of not less than 25% of the number of signatures required
in section 912.1, or 5 signatures, whichever is higher.

Section 4. Expiration.

This act shall expire on December 31, 2021.

Section 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.