

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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APRIL 19, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 19, 1977

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 questions.

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

14 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 1003, act of June 3,
15 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election
16 Code," amended April 24, 1947 (P.L.68, No.33), is amended to
17 read:

18 Section 1003. Form of Official Election Ballot.--

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20 (g) The official ballots shall vary in form only as the names

1 of districts, offices, candidates or the provisions of this act
2 may require. When constitutional amendments or other questions
3 are submitted to a vote of the electors, each amendment or other
4 question so submitted may be printed upon the ballot below the
5 groups of candidates for the various offices, and, when required
6 by law, shall be so printed. Constitutional amendments so
7 submitted shall be printed in brief form, to be determined by
8 the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and other questions so
9 submitted shall be printed in brief form, to be determined by
10 the Secretary of the Commonwealth in the case of questions to be
11 voted on by the electors of the State at large, and by the
12 county boards in other cases. To the right of each question
13 there shall be placed the words "yes" and "no," together with
14 appropriate squares to the right of each for the convenient
15 insertion of a cross mark. The decision of a majority of the
16 electorate expressed in response to such questions shall be
17 binding upon the political subdivision or subdivisions
18 coterminous with the geographical area in which the question is
19 presented to the electors.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.