

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, O'DONNELL, BROWN, KUKOVICH, DeWEESE,  
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ROCKS AND ITKIN, FEBRUARY 20, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 21, 1979

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," providing poll watchers for committees supporting  
12 or opposing ballot questions.

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

15 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 417, act of June 3,  
16 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election  
17 Code," is amended to read:

18 Section 417. Appointment of Watchers.--

19 (a) Each candidate for nomination or election at any primary  
20 shall be entitled to appoint two watchers in each election  
21 district in which such candidate is voted for. Each political  
22 party and each political body which has nominated candidates in

1 accordance with the provisions of this act, shall be entitled to  
2 appoint three watchers at any general, municipal or special  
3 election in each election district in which the candidates of  
4 such party or political body are to be voted for. Each committee  
5 supporting passage or urging defeat of any question to be voted  
6 on at any primary or general election shall be entitled to  
7 appoint two watchers in each election district in which the  
8 question is voted on. Such watchers shall serve without expense  
9 to the county.

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.