

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BILLOW, HERSHEY, BLAUM, BUNT, COHEN, TANGRETTI, DeLUCA, VEON
AND WOGAN, APRIL 4, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 4, 1990

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 for information on candidates for
12 judicial offices.

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

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

18 Section 910.1. Judicial Candidate Information.--(a) Each
19 judicial candidate for any Supreme Court, Superior Court,
20 Commonwealth Court and court of common pleas shall file a
21 judicial candidate information form with the Department of State
22 stating:

1 1. His name and residence, with street and number, and his
2 post-office address, if any, for the past ten (10) years.

3 2. His date and place of birth.

4 3. His complete occupational history.

5 4. His educational background from high school through post
6 secondary degrees.

7 5. Names of all organizations, associations, clubs, church
8 groups and professional societies with which he has been
9 associated.

10 6. A list of awards and achievements.

11 7. A list of all elected or appointed public offices held.

12 8. His party registration.

13 9. A month prior to the general election, a list of
14 organizations, associations, labor unions, political action
15 committees and other groups that have endorsed or supported his
16 candidacy.

17 (b) The Department of State shall create a standard form and
18 require that the judicial candidate information be published in
19 all newspapers, of a circulation determined by the department at
20 least twice before the primary and general elections and be made
21 available at all State, county, municipal and court office
22 buildings under the jurisdiction of such judicial office.

23 (c) A fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be
24 required from each candidate for the purpose of administering
25 this section.

26 (d) For purposes of this section, an additional one dollar
27 (\$1) court fee shall be charged to all criminal and civil cases
28 brought before the courts of this Commonwealth.

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