THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1856 Session of 2003

INTRODUCED BY SCRIMENTI, YOUNGBLOOD, BEBKO-JONES, TIGUE, CRUZ, GRUCELA, THOMAS, GERGELY, JAMES, HARHAI, KIRKLAND, LEVDANSKY, FREEMAN, PALLONE AND HASAY, JULY 14, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 14, 2003

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled "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 and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 6 7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; 8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and 9 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to 10 elections, "further providing for circulation of school board 11 12 petitions. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: 15 Section 1. Section 909 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, amended 16 17 February 19, 1986 (P.L.29, No.11), is amended to read: 18 Section 909. Petition May Consist of Several Sheets; Affidavit of Circulator. -- Said nomination petition may be on one 19 20 or more sheets, and different sheets must be used for signers 21 resident in different counties. If more than one sheet is used, 22 they shall be bound together when offered for filing if they are

- 1 intended to constitute one petition, and each sheet shall be
- 2 numbered consecutively beginning with number one, at the foot of
- 3 each page. In cases of petitions for delegate or alternate
- 4 delegate to National conventions, each sheet shall contain a
- 5 notation indicating the presidential candidate to whom he is
- 6 committed or the term "uncommitted." Each sheet shall have
- 7 appended thereto the affidavit of the circulator of each sheet,
- 8 setting forth--(a) that he or she is a qualified elector duly
- 9 registered and enrolled as a member of the designated party of
- 10 the State, or of the political district, as the case may be,
- 11 referred to in said petition, unless said petition relates to
- 12 the nomination of a candidate for a court of common pleas, [for]
- 13 the Philadelphia Municipal Court [or for], the Traffic Court of
- 14 Philadelphia [or for], justice of the peace or school board, in
- 15 which event the circulator need not be a duly registered and
- 16 enrolled member of the designated party; (b) his residence,
- 17 giving city, borough or township, with street and number, if
- 18 any; (c) that the signers thereto signed with full knowledge of
- 19 the contents of the petition; (d) that their respective
- 20 residences are correctly stated therein; (e) that they all
- 21 reside in the county named in the affidavit; (f) that each
- 22 signed on the date set opposite his name; and (g) that, to the
- 23 best of affiant's knowledge and belief, the signers are
- 24 qualified electors and duly registered and enrolled members of
- 25 the designated party of the State, or of the political district,
- 26 as the case may be.
- 27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.