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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1344 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY, RESCHENTHALER, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY,  
VULAKOVICH, HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, FOLMER, SCAVELLO, WAGNER,  
YAW, LEACH, DINNIMAN, KILLION, YUDICHAK AND KITCHEN,  
JULY 18, 2016

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 18, 2016

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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," in nomination of candidates, further providing  
12 for number of signers required for nomination petitions of  
13 candidates at primaries.

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

16 Section 1. Section 912.1(32) of the act of June 3, 1937  
17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,  
18 amended February 13, 1989 (P.L.1, No.1), is amended to read:

19 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination  
20 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination  
21 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition  
22 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and

1 enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

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3 (32) [Office of district justice: One hundred.] Office of  
4 magisterial district judge: One hundred, but only for a  
5 candidate's primary election when the candidate does not already  
6 hold the office of magisterial district judge. A sitting  
7 magisterial district judge elected to the office shall not be  
8 required to file a nominating petition under this section to  
9 retain the office of magisterial district judge but may instead  
10 file a certificate of nomination for reelection specifying the  
11 intent to seek reelection to the office.

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