

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1425 Session of 2021

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D. WILLIAMS, MAY 14, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 14, 2021

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, providing for waiver
12 of nomination petition and affidavit requirements.

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. Waiver of Nomination Petition and Affidavit
19 Requirements.--(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
20 a nomination petition under this article by a candidate shall
21 not be required if any of the following applies--(1) the
22 candidate is the incumbent officeholder and is seeking
23 renomination for the same office for which the nomination

1 petition would otherwise be required; (2) the candidate was
2 defeated for election or nomination for the same office in the
3 immediately preceding election cycle; or (3) the time period for
4 the collection of signatures for the nomination petition occurs
5 during a declaration by the Governor of disaster emergency under
6 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of
7 Governor).

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if
9 subsection (a) applies, an affidavit under section 910 shall not
10 be required if none of the information provided in the affidavit
11 that accompanied the nomination petition for the same office in
12 the immediately preceding election cycle has changed.

13 (c) This section shall not apply for an election cycle that
14 immediately follows the redistricting process involving the
15 office that is the subject of the nominating petition under this
16 section.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.