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AN ACT

1 Providing for a nonbinding ballot question regarding the minimum
2 wage.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Minimum Wage
7 Increase Ballot Question Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "General election." The election that the Constitution of
13 Pennsylvania requires to be held in even-numbered years.

14 "Secretary." The Secretary of the Commonwealth.

15 Section 3. Ballot question.

16 (a) Authorization.--At the first general election that
17 occurs at least four months after the effective date of this
18 act, the secretary shall cause the following Statewide ballot

1 question to be presented to the qualified electors of this
2 Commonwealth in the following form:

3 Should the minimum wage in this Commonwealth be raised
4 from \$7.25 per hour of work to \$15 per hour of work?

5 (b) Advertisement.--Immediately upon the effective date of
6 this act, the secretary shall cause the ballot question under
7 subsection (a) to be published in accordance with the
8 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
9 Constitution of Pennsylvania. The secretary shall transmit the
10 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
11 which newspapers are published in sufficient time after the
12 effective date of this act.

13 (c) Effect.--The ballot question under subsection (a) is
14 nonbinding and shall not be construed to delegate policymaking
15 authority from the General Assembly.

16 Section 4. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect immediately.