

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2512 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY TRUITT, CLYMER, EVERETT, GINGRICH, HORNAMAN AND
PAYTON, JUNE 26, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 26, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for election of
6 school directors.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 301 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to
11 read:

12 Section 301. Board of Directors; Election or Appointment.--

13 (a) The public school system of the Commonwealth shall be
14 administered by a board of school directors, to be elected or
15 appointed, as hereinafter provided. At each election of school
16 directors, each qualified voter shall be entitled to cast one
17 vote for each school director to be elected. Any system
18 providing for cumulative voting for the office of school
19 director is hereby abolished.

20 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), school directors

1 shall be elected in accordance with the act of June 3, 1937
2 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code."

3 (c) A primary election for school director nominations shall
4 not be held for the 2013 municipal elections and thereafter.
5 School directors shall be elected at the November municipal
6 election beginning in 2013.

7 (d) Notwithstanding section 951 of the "Pennsylvania
8 Election Code," nomination papers for the office of school
9 director shall be filed in the same manner as nominations of
10 candidates by political bodies or independent candidates, as
11 provided by the "Pennsylvania Election Code," without regard to
12 political party membership. A circulator of a nomination paper
13 must reside in the same school district referred to in the
14 nomination paper and be registered as a member of a political
15 party or as nonaffiliated with a political party. Nomination
16 papers for the office of school director must include the
17 signatures of a minimum number of qualified electors, without
18 regard to political party affiliation as follows:

19 (1) two hundred fifty for a school district of the first
20 class;

21 (2) two hundred for a school district of the first class A;

22 (3) one hundred for a school district of the second class;

23 (4) fifty for a school district of the third class; and

24 (5) twenty-five for a school district of the fourth class.

25 (e) A candidate's political party affiliation shall be
26 printed on the ballot for election.

27 Section 2. Section 302.1(d) of the act, added December 19,
28 1975 (P.L.511, No.150), is amended to read:

29 Section 302.1. School Board in First Class A School
30 Districts; Apportionment of Seats, and Numbers, Terms, and

1 Methods for Election of School Directors in First Class A School
2 Districts.--* * *

3 [(d) Nomination and Elections of School Directors. School
4 directors shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the
5 act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the
6 "Pennsylvania Election Code."]

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8 Section 3. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar
9 as they are inconsistent with this act.

10 Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

11 (1) The amendment of section 301 of the act shall take
12 effect December 31, 2012.

13 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60
14 days.