

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1857 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY GREINER, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

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 dates of elections and primaries and special  
 12 elections, further providing for general primary and  
 13 candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected  
 14 and providing for school district budget timeline and for  
 15 procedure for securing approval of electors.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 603(a) of the act of June 3, 1937  
 19 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is  
 20 amended to read:

21 Section 603. General Primary; Candidates to Be Nominated and  
 22 Party Officers to Be Elected.--(a) There shall be a General  
 23 primary preceding each general election which shall be held on  
 24 the third Tuesday of May in all even-numbered years, except in  
 25 the year of the nomination of a President of the United States,

1 in which year the General primary shall be held on the [fourth  
2 Tuesday of April] third Tuesday of March. Candidates for all  
3 offices to be filled at the ensuing general election shall be  
4 nominated at the General primary. The vote for candidates for  
5 the office of President of the United States, as provided for by  
6 this act, shall be cast at the General primary.

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8 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

9 Section 606. School District Budget Timeline.--

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a calendar year  
11 in which a President of the United States is nominated at the  
12 General primary, school districts shall use the fourth Tuesday  
13 of April instead of the date of the General primary for  
14 determining deadlines in sections 311 and 333 of the act of June  
15 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the "Taxpayer  
16 Relief Act."

17 Section 607. Procedure for Securing Approval of Electors.--  
18 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, for a school year  
19 in which a President of the United States is nominated at the  
20 General primary, a school district that adopts a resolution in  
21 accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. § 8041(a) (relating to desire  
22 resolution and expense of certain elections) shall use the  
23 fourth Tuesday of April instead of the date of the primary  
24 election for determining compliance with 53 Pa.C.S. § 8041(b).

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2028.