

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2195 Session of
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CALTAGIRONE, MICHLOVIC, LUCYK, SNYDER, TELEK AND CAWLEY,
JANUARY 26, 1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 26, 1982

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," further providing for polling places accessible
12 to the handicapped and making an editorial change.

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

15 Section 1. Section 527, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
16 No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code," amended July
17 14, 1961 (P.L.1642, No.331), is amended to read:

18 Section 527. Public Buildings to Be Used Where Possible;
19 Portable Polling Places.--(a) In selecting polling places, the
20 county board of elections shall, wherever possible and
21 practicable, select schoolhouses, municipal buildings or rooms,

1 or other public buildings for that purpose. Any board of public
2 education or school directors, or county or the municipal
3 authorities shall, upon request of the county board, make
4 arrangements for the use of school property, or of county or
5 municipal property for polling places. The county board shall
6 also, insofar as practical, select polling places which are
7 accessible to the handicapped.

8 (b) In the event no available public building as
9 contemplated under this section is situated within the
10 boundaries of any election district, the county board of
11 elections may, not less than ten days prior to any election,
12 designate as the polling place for such election district any
13 such public building situated in another election district
14 within the same ward, or, if there are no wards, then within the
15 same borough or township as the case may be, provided such other
16 building is located in an election district which is immediately
17 adjacent to the boundary of the election district for which it
18 is to be the polling place and is directly accessible therefrom
19 by public street or thoroughfare. Two or more polling places may
20 be located in the same public building under this section. A
21 polling place may be selected and designated hereunder less than
22 ten days prior to any election, with the approval of a court of
23 competent jurisdiction.

24 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) The board, in its discretion, may procure and
25 provide portable or movable polling places of adequate size and
26 facilities for any or all election districts.

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