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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 18, 1984

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," changing the number of signers and filing fees
12 connected with certain nomination petitions; and making
13 repeals.

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

16 Section 1. Section 912 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
17 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is repealed.

18 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

19 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination
20 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination
21 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition
22 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and

enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

(1) President of the United States: Two thousand.

(2) United States Senate: Two thousand.

(3) Governor: Two thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least ten counties.

(4) Lieutenant Governor: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

(5) Treasurer: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

(6) Auditor General: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

(7) Attorney General: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

(8) Justice of the Supreme Court: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

(9) Judge of the Superior Court: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

(10) Judge of the Commonwealth Court: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

(11) For any other office to be filled by the vote of the electors of the State at large or for any other party office to be elected by the electors of the State at large: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

(12) Representative in Congress: One thousand.

(13) Senator in the General Assembly: Five hundred.

(14) Representative in the General Assembly: Three hundred.

(15) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the first class at large: One thousand.

(16) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the

electors in counties of the second class at large: Five hundred.

(17) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in cities of the first class at large: One thousand.

(18) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in counties of the second class A at large: Two hundred
fifty.

(19) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in counties of the third class at large: Two hundred
fifty.

(20) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in counties of the fourth class at large: Two hundred
fifty.

(21) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in cities of the second class at large: Two hundred
fifty.

(22) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in cities of the second class A at large: One hundred.

(23) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in cities of the third class at large: One hundred.

(24) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in counties of the fifth class at large: One hundred.

(25) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in counties of the sixth class at large: One hundred.

(26) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in counties of the seventh class at large: One hundred.

(27) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
electors in counties of the eighth class at large: One hundred.

(28) Office of judge of any court of record other than a
Statewide court or a court in a county of the first or second
class: Two hundred fifty.

1 (29) District delegate or alternate district delegate to a
2 National party convention: Two hundred fifty.

3 (30) Member of State committee: One hundred.

4 (31) Office of district council member in a city of the
5 first class: Seven hundred fifty.

6 (32) Office of district justice: One hundred.

7 (33) Office of judge of election: Ten.

8 (34) Inspector of elections: Five.

9 (35) All other public and party offices: Ten.

10 Section 3. Section 913(b) of the act is repealed.

11 Section 4. Section 913 of the act is amended by adding
12 subsections to read:

13 Section 913. Place and Time of Filing Nomination Petitions;
14 Filing Fees.--* * *

15 (b.1) Each person filing any nomination petition shall pay,
16 for each petition, at the time of filing, a filing fee to be
17 determined as follows, and no nomination petition shall be
18 accepted or filed, unless and until such filing fee is paid by a
19 certified check or money order or also by cash when filed with
20 the county board. All moneys paid on account of filing fees
21 shall be transmitted by the county board to the county treasurer
22 and shall become part of the General Fund. Certified checks or
23 money orders in payment of filing fees shall be made payable to
24 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the county, as the case
25 may be, and shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer or to
26 the county treasurer, and shall become part of the General Fund.

27 1. If for the office of President of the United States, or
28 for any public office to be filled by the electors of the State
29 at large, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

30 2. If for the office of Representative in Congress, the sum

1 of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

2 3. If for the office of judge of a court of record,
3 excepting judges to be voted for by the electors of the State at
4 large, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

5 4. If for the offices of Senator or Representative in the
6 General Assembly, for any office to be filled by the electors of
7 an entire county, for the office of district councilman, in a
8 city of the first class and for any office to be filled by the
9 electors of an entire city other than school district office,
10 the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

11 5. If for any borough, town, OR township of the first class, <—
12 ~~school district office,~~ not otherwise provided for, the sum of <—
13 five dollars (\$5.00).

14 6. If for the office of delegate or alternate delegate to
15 National party convention, or member of National committee or
16 member of State committee, the sum of twenty-five dollars
17 (\$25.00).

18 7. If for the office of constable, the sum of ten dollars
19 (\$10.00).

20 8. If for the office of district justice, the sum of fifty
21 dollars (\$50.00).

22 (b.2) A filing fee shall not be paid for a nomination
23 petition for any public office for which no compensation is
24 provided by law, nor for any nomination petition for any public
25 officer in any township of the second class nor any party
26 officer except as provided above nor for any nomination petition
27 for judge of election or inspector of elections.

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29 Section 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 1985.