

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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FATTAH, PRESTON, PISTELLA, McHALE, RYBAK, FISCHER AND
RICHARDSON, MAY 27, 1986

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 27, 1986

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 date for the general primary in the
12 year of the nomination of a President of the United States.

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

15 Section 1. Section 603 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
16 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, amended
17 November 3, 1983 (P.L.208, No.59), is amended to read:

18 Section 603. General Primary; Candidates to Be Nominated and
19 Party Officers to Be Elected.--[(a)] There shall be a General
20 primary preceding each general election which shall be held on
21 the third Tuesday of May in all even-numbered years, except in
22 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 first Tuesday of April. Candidates for all offices to be filled
3 at the ensuing general election shall be nominated at the
4 General primary. The vote for candidates for the office of
5 President of the United States, as provided for by this act,
6 shall be cast at the General primary.

7 [(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the General primary for
8 1984 shall be held on April 10, 1984.]

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