

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 4, 1988

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 form of official primary
12 ballot.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1002(b) of the act of June 3, 1937
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
17 amended December 2, 1976 (P.L.1221, No.269), is amended to read:

18 Section 1002. Form of Official Primary Ballot.--* * *

19 (b) On the back of each ballot shall be printed in prominent
20 type the words "OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT OFPARTY FOR"
21 followed by the designation of the election district for which
22 it is prepared, the date of the primary and the facsimile

1 signatures of the members of the county board of elections. The
2 names of candidates shall in all cases be arranged under the
3 title of the office for which they are candidates, and be
4 printed thereunder in the order determined by the casting of
5 lots as provided by this act. Under the title of such offices
6 where more than one candidate is to be voted for, shall be
7 printed "Vote for not more than" (the blank space to
8 indicate the number of candidates to be voted for the particular
9 office.) At the right of the name of each candidate there shall
10 be a square of sufficient size for the convenient insertion of a
11 cross (x) or check () mark. There shall be left at the end of
12 the list of candidates for each office (or under the title of
13 the office itself in case there be no candidates who have filed
14 nomination petitions therefor) as many blank spaces as there are
15 persons to be voted for, for such office, in which space the
16 elector may insert the name of any person whose name is not
17 printed on the ballot as a candidate for such office. Opposite
18 or under the name of each candidate, except candidates for the
19 office of President of the United States and candidates for
20 delegate or alternate delegate to a National Party Convention,
21 who is to be voted for by the electors of more than one county,
22 shall be printed the name of the county in which such candidate
23 resides; and opposite or under the name of each candidate except
24 candidates for delegate or alternate delegate to a National
25 Party Convention who is to be voted for by the electors of an
26 entire county or any congressional, senatorial or representative
27 district within the county, or for member of a State committee
28 shall be printed the name of the city, borough, township or
29 ward, as the case may be, in which such candidate resides.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.