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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 25, 1999

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," providing for declarations of intent.

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

14 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known  
15 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding a  
16 section to read:

17 Section 906.1. Declaration of Intent--(a) A candidate must,  
18 within five (5) days prior to the date specified in section  
19 913(d), file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth a signed  
20 declaration of intent to seek nomination in the form prescribed  
21 by the secretary if the candidate seeks party nomination for any  
22 of the following offices:

1     (1) Governor.

2     (2) Lieutenant Governor.

3     (3) Treasurer.

4     (4) Auditor General.

5     (5) Attorney General.

6     (6) Senator in the General Assembly.

7     (7) Representative in the General Assembly.

8     (b) If an incumbent fails to comply with subsection (a), the  
9     time period specified in subsection (a) shall be extended up to  
10    the date specified in section 913(d) for a candidate other than  
11    the incumbent.

12    (c) If a candidate fails to comply with this section, the  
13    secretary shall refuse to accept the nominating petition of the  
14    candidate.

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