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HOUSE BILL

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TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE AND WASHINGTON, MAY 7, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 7, 2003

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 district election boards
12 and for number of signers required for nomination petitions
13 for candidates at primaries.

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

16 Section 1. Section 401 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
17 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, amended
18 February 10, 1956 (1955 P.L.1019, No.319), is amended to read:

19 Section 401. District Election Boards; Election.--(a) All
20 primaries and elections shall be conducted in each election
21 district by a district election board consisting of a judge of

1 election, a majority inspector of election and a minority
2 inspector of election, assisted by clerks and machine inspectors
3 in certain cases, as hereinafter provided.

4 (b) Persons qualified to serve as and seeking election to
5 the office of judge of election, majority inspector of election
6 and minority inspector of election may have their names placed
7 upon the primary ballots by filing a declaration of candidacy
8 with the county board. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
9 prescribe the format of the declaration of candidacy. The
10 declaration of candidacy shall include a candidate affidavit.

11 (c) The judge and inspectors of election of each election
12 district shall be elected by the electors thereof at the
13 municipal election, and shall hold office for a term of four
14 years from the first Monday of January next succeeding their
15 election.

16 (d) Each elector may vote for one person as judge and for
17 one person as inspector, and the person receiving the highest
18 number of votes for judge shall be declared elected judge of
19 election, the person receiving the highest number of votes for
20 inspector shall be declared elected majority inspector of
21 election, and the person receiving the second highest number of
22 votes for inspector shall be declared elected minority inspector
23 of election.

24 Section 2. Section 912.1 of the act, amended February 13,
25 1989 (P.L.1, No.1), is amended to read:

26 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination
27 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination
28 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition
29 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and
30 enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

- 1 (1) President of the United States: Two thousand.
- 2 (2) United States Senate: Two thousand.
- 3 (3) Governor: Two thousand including at least one hundred
- 4 from each of at least ten counties.
- 5 (4) Lieutenant Governor: One thousand including at least one
- 6 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 7 (5) Treasurer: One thousand including at least one hundred
- 8 from each of at least five counties.
- 9 (6) Auditor General: One thousand including at least one
- 10 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 11 (7) Attorney General: One thousand including at least one
- 12 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 13 (8) Justice of the Supreme Court: One thousand including at
- 14 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 15 (9) Judge of the Superior Court: One thousand including at
- 16 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 17 (10) Judge of the Commonwealth Court: One thousand including
- 18 at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 19 (11) For any other office to be filled by the vote of the
- 20 electors of the State at large or for any other party office to
- 21 be elected by the electors of the State at large: One thousand
- 22 including at least one hundred from each of at least five
- 23 counties.
- 24 (12) Representative in Congress: One thousand.
- 25 (13) Senator in the General Assembly: Five hundred.
- 26 (14) Representative in the General Assembly: Three hundred.
- 27 (15) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
- 28 electors in counties of the first class at large: One thousand.
- 29 (16) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
- 30 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.

(29) District delegate or alternate district delegate to a

1 National party convention: Two hundred fifty.
2 (30) Member of State committee: One hundred.
3 (31) Office of district council member in a city of the
4 first class: Seven hundred fifty.
5 (31.1) Office of district council member in a city of the
6 second class: One hundred.
7 (32) Office of district justice: One hundred.
8 [(33) Office of judge of election: Ten.
9 (34) Inspector of elections: Five.]
10 (35) All other public and party offices: Ten.
11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.