

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 576 Session of  
2007

INTRODUCED BY OLIVER, GODSHALL, CURRY, CRUZ, KIRKLAND, KOTIK,  
KORTZ, BOYD, MELIO, MAHER, GEORGE, HERSHEY AND BELFANTI,  
MARCH 6, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 6, 2007

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," requiring residency restrictions for candidates  
12 for the office of Senator and member of the House of  
13 Representatives of the General Assembly.

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

16 Section 1. Section 630.1 of the act of June 3, 1937  
17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,  
18 amended May 12, 2006 (P.L.178, No.45), is amended to read:

19 Section 630.1. Affidavits of Candidates.--Each candidate for  
20 any State, county, city, borough, incorporated town, township,  
21 school district or poor district office, or for the office of  
22 United States Senator or Representative in Congress, selected as  
23 provided in section 630 of this act, shall file with the

1 nomination certificate an affidavit stating--(a) his residence,  
2 with street and number, if any, and his post-office address; (b)  
3 his election district, giving city, borough, town or township;  
4 (c) the name of the office for which he consents to be a  
5 candidate; (d) that he is eligible for such office; (e) that he  
6 will not knowingly violate any provision of this act, or of any  
7 law regulating and limiting election expenses and prohibiting  
8 corrupt practices in connection therewith; (f) unless he is a  
9 candidate for judge of a court of common pleas, the Philadelphia  
10 Municipal Court or the Traffic Court of Philadelphia, or for the  
11 office of school board in a district where that office is  
12 elective or for the office of justice of the peace, that he is  
13 not a candidate for the same office of any party or political  
14 body other than the one designated in such certificate; (f.1)  
15 if he is a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative  
16 of the General Assembly, that he has resided in the district in  
17 which he plans to run for at least one year prior to the primary  
18 election for said office; and (g) that he is aware of the  
19 provisions of section 1626 of this act requiring election and  
20 post-election reporting of campaign contributions and  
21 expenditures; and (h) that he is not a candidate for an office  
22 which he already holds, the term of which is not set to expire  
23 in the same year as the office subject to the affidavit.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.