

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 327 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, EARLL, FARNESE, PICCOLA AND
FOLMER, JANUARY 28, 2011

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for election of
6 school directors.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 301 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to
11 read:

12 Section 301. Board of Directors; Election or Appointment.--

13 (a) The public school system of the Commonwealth shall be
14 administered by a board of school directors, to be elected or
15 appointed, as hereinafter provided. At each election of school
16 directors, each qualified voter shall be entitled to cast one
17 vote for each school director to be elected. Any system
18 providing for cumulative voting for the office of school
19 director is hereby abolished.

20 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), school directors

shall be elected in accordance with the act of June 3, 1937
(P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code."

(c) A primary election for school director nominations shall
not be held for the 2013 municipal elections and thereafter.
School directors shall be elected at the November municipal
election beginning in 2013.

(d) Notwithstanding section 951 of the "Pennsylvania
Election Code," nomination papers for the office of school
director shall be filed in the same manner as nominations of
candidates by political bodies or independent candidates, as
provided by the "Pennsylvania Election Code," without regard to
political party membership. Nomination papers for the office of
school director must include the signatures of a minimum number
of qualified electors, without regard to political party
affiliation as follows:

- (1) two hundred fifty for a school district of the first
class;
- (2) two hundred for a school district of the first class A;
- (3) one hundred for a school district of the second class;
- (4) fifty for a school district of the third class; and
- (5) twenty-five for a school district of the fourth class.

Section 2. Section 302.1(d) of the act, added December 19,
1975 (P.L.511, No.150), is amended to read:

Section 302.1. School Board in First Class A School
Districts; Apportionment of Seats, and Numbers, Terms, and
Methods for Election of School Directors in First Class A School
Districts.--* * *

[(d) Nomination and Elections of School Directors. School
directors shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the
act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the

1 "Pennsylvania Election Code."]

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3 Section 3. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar
4 as they are inconsistent with this act.

5 Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

6 (1) The amendment of section 301 of the act shall take
7 effect December 31, 2012.

8 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60
9 days.