

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 443 Session of 2013

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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

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

3 (c) A primary election for school director nominations shall
4 not be held for the 2015 municipal elections and thereafter.
5 School directors shall be elected at the November municipal
6 election beginning in 2015.

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

16 (1) two hundred fifty for a school district of the first
17 class;

18 (2) two hundred for a school district of the first class A;

19 (3) one hundred for a school district of the second class;

20 (4) fifty for a school district of the third class; and

21 (5) twenty-five for a school district of the fourth class.

22 Section 2. Section 302.1(d) of the act, added December 19,
23 1975 (P.L.511, No.150), is amended to read:

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

28 [(d) Nomination and Elections of School Directors. School
29 directors shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the
30 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, 2014.

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