

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 342 Session of 2015

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JUNE 23, 2016

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," in nomination of candidates, further providing
12 for number of signers required for nomination petitions of
13 candidates at primaries-, FOR NOMINATIONS BY POLITICAL <--
14 BODIES, FOR PLACE AND TIME OF FILING NOMINATION PAPERS AND
15 FOR OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PETITIONS AND PAPERS; AND
16 PROVIDING FOR ALLOCATION OF COSTS IN OBJECTION PROCEEDINGS.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Section 912.1 of the act of June 3, 1937
20 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
21 amended February 13, 1989 (P.L.1, No.1), is amended to read:

22 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination
23 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination
24 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition
25 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and

1 enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

2 (1) President of the United States: Two thousand.

3 (2) United States Senate: Two thousand.

4 (3) Governor: Two thousand including at least one hundred  
5 from each of at least ten counties.

6 (4) Lieutenant Governor: One thousand including at least one  
7 hundred from each of at least five counties.

8 (5) Treasurer: One thousand including at least one hundred  
9 from each of at least five counties.

10 (6) Auditor General: One thousand including at least one  
11 hundred from each of at least five counties.

12 (7) Attorney General: One thousand including at least one  
13 hundred from each of at least five counties.

14 (8) Justice of the Supreme Court: One thousand including at  
15 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

16 (9) Judge of the Superior Court: One thousand including at  
17 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

18 (10) Judge of the Commonwealth Court: One thousand including  
19 at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

20 (11) For any other office to be filled by the vote of the  
21 electors of the State at large or for any other party office to  
22 be elected by the electors of the State at large: One thousand  
23 including at least one hundred from each of at least five  
24 counties.

25 (12) Representative in Congress: One thousand.

26 (13) Senator in the General Assembly: Five hundred.

27 (14) Representative in the General Assembly: Three hundred.

28 (15) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
29 electors in counties of the first class at large: One thousand.

30 (16) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the

1 electors in counties of the second class at large: Five hundred.

2 (17) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
3 electors in cities of the first class at large: One thousand.

4 (18) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
5 electors in counties of the second class A at large: Two hundred  
6 fifty.

7 (19) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
8 electors in counties of the third class at large: Two hundred  
9 fifty.

10 (20) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
11 electors in counties of the fourth class at large: Two hundred  
12 fifty.

13 (21) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
14 electors in cities of the second class at large: Two hundred  
15 fifty.

16 (22) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
17 electors in cities of the second class A at large: One hundred.

18 (23) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
19 electors in cities of the third class at large: One hundred.

20 (24) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
21 electors in counties of the fifth class at large: One hundred.

22 (25) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
23 electors in counties of the sixth class at large: One hundred.

24 (26) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
25 electors in counties of the seventh class at large: One hundred.

26 (27) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the  
27 electors in counties of the eighth class at large: One hundred.

28 (28) Office of judge of any court of record other than a  
29 Statewide court or a court in a county of the first or second  
30 class: Two hundred fifty.

1 (29) District delegate or alternate district delegate to a  
2 National party convention: Two hundred fifty.

3 (30) Member of State committee: One hundred.

4 (31) Office of district council member in a city of the  
5 first class: Seven hundred fifty.

6 (31.1) Office of district council member in a city of the  
7 second class: One hundred.

8 (32) Office of district justice: One hundred.

9 (33) Office of judge of election: Ten.

10 (34) Inspector of elections: Five.

11 (35) School director: Ten.

12 (36) All other public and party offices: Ten.

13 SECTION 2. SECTION 951(B) OF THE ACT, AMENDED DECEMBER 22, <--  
14 1971 (P.L.613, NO.165), IS AMENDED TO READ:

15 SECTION 951. NOMINATIONS BY POLITICAL BODIES.--\* \* \*

16 (B) [WHERE THE NOMINATION IS FOR ANY OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY  
17 THE ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT LARGE, THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED  
18 ELECTORS OF THE STATE SIGNING SUCH NOMINATION PAPER SHALL BE AT  
19 LEAST EQUAL TO TWO PER CENTUM OF THE LARGEST ENTIRE VOTE CAST  
20 FOR ANY ELECTED CANDIDATE IN THE STATE AT LARGE AT THE LAST  
21 PRECEDING ELECTION AT WHICH STATE-WIDE CANDIDATES WERE VOTED  
22 FOR. IN THE CASE OF ALL OTHER NOMINATIONS, THE NUMBER OF  
23 QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT SIGNING SUCH  
24 NOMINATION PAPERS SHALL BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO TWO PER CENTUM OF  
25 THE LARGEST ENTIRE VOTE CAST FOR ANY OFFICER, EXCEPT A JUDGE OF  
26 A COURT OF RECORD, ELECTED AT THE LAST PRECEDING ELECTION IN  
27 SAID ELECTORAL DISTRICT FOR WHICH SAID NOMINATION PAPERS ARE TO  
28 BE FILED, AND SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF SIGNERS  
29 REQUIRED FOR NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR PARTY CANDIDATES FOR THE  
30 SAME OFFICE. IN CASES WHERE A NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICT SHALL HAVE

1 BEEN CREATED, THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS SIGNING SUCH  
2 NOMINATION PAPERS, FOR CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED AT THE FIRST  
3 ELECTION HELD AFTER THE CREATION OF SUCH DISTRICT, SHALL BE AT  
4 LEAST EQUAL TO TWO PER CENTUM OF THE LARGEST VOTE CAST IN THE  
5 SEVERAL ELECTION DISTRICTS, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT  
6 NEWLY CREATED, FOR ANY OFFICER ELECTED IN THE LAST PRECEDING  
7 ELECTION.] CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING NOMINATION OF OFFICES AS  
8 LISTED BELOW SHALL PRESENT A NOMINATION PAPER CONTAINING AT  
9 LEAST AS MANY VALID SIGNATURES OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE  
10 STATE OR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, AS LISTED  
11 BELOW:

12 (1) PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: FIVE THOUSAND.

13 (2) UNITED STATES SENATE: FIVE THOUSAND.

14 (3) GOVERNOR: FIVE THOUSAND INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED  
15 FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT LEAST TEN COUNTIES.

16 (4) LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED INCLUDING  
17 AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE COUNTIES.

18 (5) TREASURER: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED INCLUDING AT LEAST  
19 TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE COUNTIES.

20 (6) AUDITOR GENERAL: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED INCLUDING AT  
21 LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE COUNTIES.

22 (7) ATTORNEY GENERAL: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED INCLUDING AT  
23 LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE COUNTIES.

24 (8) JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
25 INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE  
26 COUNTIES.

27 (9) JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
28 INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE  
29 COUNTIES.

30 (10) JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT: TWO THOUSAND FIVE

1 HUNDRED INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT  
2 LEAST FIVE COUNTIES.

3 (11) FOR ANY OTHER OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY THE VOTE OF THE  
4 ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT LARGE: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
5 INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FIVE  
6 COUNTIES.

7 (12) REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED.

8 (13) SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ONE THOUSAND TWO  
9 HUNDRED FIFTY.

10 (14) REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SEVEN HUNDRED  
11 FIFTY.

12 (15) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
13 COUNTIES OF THE FIRST CLASS AT LARGE: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED.

14 (16) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
15 COUNTIES OF THE SECOND CLASS AT LARGE: ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED  
16 FIFTY.

17 (17) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
18 CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS AT LARGE: TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED.

19 (18) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
20 COUNTIES OF THE SECOND CLASS A AT LARGE: SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-  
21 FIVE.

22 (19) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
23 COUNTIES OF THE THIRD CLASS AT LARGE: SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE.

24 (20) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
25 COUNTIES OF THE FOURTH CLASS AT LARGE: SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE.

26 (21) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
27 CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS AT LARGE: SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE.

28 (22) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
29 CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS A AT LARGE: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY.

30 (23) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN

1 CITIES OF THE THIRD CLASS AT LARGE: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY.

2 (24) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
3 COUNTIES OF THE FIFTH CLASS AT LARGE: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY.

4 (25) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
5 COUNTIES OF THE SIXTH CLASS AT LARGE: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY.

6 (26) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
7 COUNTIES OF THE SEVENTH CLASS AT LARGE: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY.

8 (27) PUBLIC OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS IN  
9 COUNTIES OF THE EIGHTH CLASS AT LARGE: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY.

10 (28) OFFICE OF JUDGE OF ANY COURT OF RECORD OTHER THAN A  
11 STATEWIDE COURT OR A COURT IN A COUNTY OF THE FIRST OR SECOND  
12 CLASS: SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE.

13 (29) OFFICE OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER IN A CITY OF THE  
14 FIRST CLASS: ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE.

15 (30) OFFICE OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER IN A CITY OF THE  
16 SECOND CLASS: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY.

17 (31) OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUSTICE: TWO HUNDRED FIFTY.

18 (32) OFFICE OF JUDGE OF ELECTION: TWENTY-FIVE.

19 (33) INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS: TWELVE.

20 (34) SCHOOL DIRECTORS: TWENTY-FIVE

21 (35) ALL OTHER PUBLIC OFFICES: TWENTY-FIVE.

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23 SECTION 3. SECTIONS 953(B) AND (C) OF THE ACT, AMENDED JULY  
24 12, 1980 (P.L.649, NO.134), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

25 SECTION 953. PLACE AND TIME OF FILING NOMINATION PAPERS.--

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27 (B) NO NOMINATION PAPER SHALL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE  
28 [TENTH WEDNESDAY PRIOR] FIRST WEDNESDAY SUBSEQUENT TO THE  
29 PRIMARY, AND NO SIGNATURE SHALL BE COUNTED UNLESS IT BEARS A  
30 DATE AFFIXED NOT EARLIER THAN THE [TENTH WEDNESDAY PRIOR] FIRST

1 WEDNESDAY SUBSEQUENT TO THE PRIMARY NOR LATER THAN THE [SECOND  
2 FRIDAY] SEVENTH WEDNESDAY SUBSEQUENT TO THE PRIMARY.

3 (C) ALL NOMINATION PAPERS MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE THE  
4 [SECOND FRIDAY] SEVENTH WEDNESDAY SUBSEQUENT TO THE PRIMARY.

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6 SECTION 4. SECTION 977 OF THE ACT, AMENDED FEBRUARY 13, 1998  
7 (P.L.72, NO.18), IS AMENDED TO READ:

8 SECTION 977. OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PETITIONS AND  
9 PAPERS.--ALL NOMINATION PETITIONS AND PAPERS RECEIVED AND FILED  
10 WITHIN THE PERIODS LIMITED BY THIS ACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE  
11 VALID, UNLESS, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING  
12 SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER, A PETITION IS PRESENTED TO  
13 THE COURT SPECIFICALLY SETTING FORTH THE OBJECTIONS THERETO, AND  
14 PRAYING THAT THE SAID PETITION OR PAPER BE SET ASIDE. A COPY OF  
15 SAID PETITION SHALL, WITHIN SAID PERIOD, BE SERVED ON THE  
16 OFFICER OR BOARD WITH WHOM SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER WAS  
17 FILED. UPON THE PRESENTATION OF SUCH A PETITION, THE COURT SHALL  
18 MAKE AN ORDER FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING WHICH SHALL NOT BE LATER  
19 THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR FILING SAID NOMINATION  
20 PETITION OR PAPER, AND SPECIFYING THE TIME AND MANNER OF NOTICE  
21 THAT SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES NAMED IN THE  
22 NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER SOUGHT TO BE SET ASIDE. ON THE DAY  
23 FIXED FOR SAID HEARING, THE COURT SHALL PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO  
24 HEAR SAID OBJECTIONS, AND SHALL GIVE SUCH HEARING PRECEDENCE  
25 OVER OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE IT, AND SHALL FINALLY DETERMINE SAID  
26 MATTER NOT LATER THAN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY FOR  
27 FILING SAID NOMINATION PETITIONS OR PAPERS. IF THE COURT SHALL  
28 FIND THAT SAID NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER IS DEFECTIVE UNDER  
29 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 976, OR DOES NOT CONTAIN A SUFFICIENT  
30 NUMBER OF GENUINE SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS ENTITLED TO SIGN THE

1 SAME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, OR WAS NOT FILED BY  
2 PERSONS ENTITLED TO FILE THE SAME, IT SHALL BE SET ASIDE. IF THE  
3 OBJECTIONS RELATE TO MATERIAL ERRORS OR DEFECTS APPARENT ON THE  
4 FACE OF THE NOMINATION PETITION OR PAPER, THE COURT, AFTER  
5 HEARING, MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, PERMIT AMENDMENTS WITHIN SUCH  
6 TIME AND UPON SUCH TERMS AS TO PAYMENT OF COSTS, SUBJECT TO  
7 SECTION 977.1, AS THE SAID COURT MAY SPECIFY. [IN CASE ANY SUCH  
8 PETITION IS DISMISSED, THE COURT SHALL MAKE SUCH ORDER AS TO THE  
9 PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING WITNESS FEES,  
10 AS IT SHALL DEEM JUST.] IF A PERSON SHALL SIGN ANY NOMINATION  
11 PETITIONS OR PAPERS FOR A GREATER NUMBER OF CANDIDATES THAN HE  
12 IS PERMITTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, IF SAID  
13 SIGNATURES BEAR THE SAME DATE, THEY SHALL, UPON OBJECTIONS FILED  
14 THERETO, NOT BE COUNTED ON ANY PETITION OR PAPER AND IF THEY  
15 BEAR DIFFERENT DATES, THEY SHALL BE COUNTED IN THE ORDER OF  
16 THEIR PRIORITY OF DATE, FOR ONLY SO MANY PERSONS AS THERE ARE  
17 CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED OR ELECTED. THE OFFICE OF THE  
18 PROTHONOTARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT AND THE OFFICE OF THE  
19 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF  
20 PROTHONOTARY OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SHALL BE OPEN BETWEEN  
21 THE HOURS OF EIGHT-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M. AND FIVE O'CLOCK P.M. ON  
22 THE LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW AFTER FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS AND  
23 ON THE LAST DAY TO FILE OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PETITIONS.

24 SECTION 5. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

25 SECTION 977.1. ALLOCATION OF COSTS IN OBJECTION  
26 PROCEEDINGS.--(A) IN EACH OBJECTION PROCEEDING UNDER SECTION  
27 977, EACH PARTY SHALL GENERALLY BEAR HIS OR HER OWN COSTS.

28 (B) IF THE COURT PRESIDING AT THE OBJECTION FINDS GOOD  
29 CAUSE, THE COURT MAY MAKE AN ORDER AS TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS OF  
30 THE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING WITNESS FEES, UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 (C) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "GOOD CAUSE"  
2 INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

3 (1) ENGAGING IN BAD FAITH DURING THE OBJECTION PROCEEDINGS  
4 BEFORE THE COURT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WILLFUL NON-  
5 COMPLIANCE WITH CASE MANAGEMENT ORDERS AND MISREPRESENTATION  
6 ABOUT THE STATUS OF A REVIEW OF SIGNATURES;

7 (2) FAILING TO COOPERATE DILIGENTLY WITH OTHER PARTIES IN  
8 THE CASE WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO;

9 (3) SUBMITTING AND DEFENDING A NOMINATION PAPER OR  
10 NOMINATION PETITION WHICH THE CANDIDATE NAMED IN THE NOMINATION  
11 PAPER OR NOMINATION PETITION KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW CONTAIN  
12 FRAUDULENT OR INVALID SIGNATURES AND PERSISTING IN DEFENDING THE  
13 NOMINATION PAPER OR NOMINATION PETITION IN THE OBJECTION  
14 PROCESS; OR

15 (4) ENGAGING IN CONDUCT WHICH IS DILATORY, OBDURATE OR  
16 VEXATIOUS DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

17 (D) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO PERMIT  
18 THE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AGAINST A PERSON WHO SUBMITS A  
19 NOMINATION PAPER OR PETITION WITH A SIGNATURE WHICH IS INVALID  
20 AND THE INVALID SIGNATURE WAS NEGLIGENTLY OR UNKNOWINGLY  
21 OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED.

22 (E) THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO AN OBJECTION PROCEEDING  
23 RELATING TO A NOMINATION PAPER AND NOMINATING PETITION. AN  
24 OBJECTOR, THE CANDIDATE SUBMITTING A NOMINATION PAPER OR  
25 NOMINATION PETITION OR COUNSEL FOR THE OBJECTOR OR CANDIDATE MAY  
26 BE ORDERED TO PAY COSTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

27 (F) THE COURT MAY ONLY ORDER COUNSEL TO PAY COSTS BASED ON  
28 THE CONDUCT OF COUNSEL OR A PARTY IN RELATION TO THE COURT  
29 PROCEEDING.

30 (G) THE COURT MAY NOT ISSUE AN ORDER UNDER THIS SECTION

1 UNLESS THE COURT MAKES, IN THE ORDER, SPECIFIC FINDINGS OF FACT  
2 AS TO THE CONDUCT COMPLAINED OF BY THE REQUESTING PARTY AND  
3 FULLY SETS FORTH THE DETAILS OF THE CONDUCT OF THE PARTY WHICH  
4 IS THE SUBJECT OF THE ORDER.

5 SECTION 6. THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 953(B) AND (C) OF THE  
6 ACT SHALL APPLY TO ELECTIONS HELD AFTER JANUARY 1, 2017.

7 Section ~~2~~ 7. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ <--  
8 IMMEDIATELY. <--