

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 736 Session of 2017

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READSHAW, McNEILL, DeLUCA, KORTZ AND ROZZI, MARCH 7, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 7, 2017

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 nomination petitions to be filed.

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

15 Section 1. Section 907 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
16 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended to
17 read:

18 Section 907. Nomination Petitions to Be Filed.--[The] (a)
19 Except as provided under subsection (b), the names of candidates
20 for nomination as President of the United States, and the names
21 of all other candidates for party nominations, and for election
22 as delegates, alternate delegates, members of committees and
23 other party officers, shall be printed upon the official primary

1 ballots or ballot labels of a designated party, upon the filing
2 of separate nomination petitions in their behalf, in form
3 prescribed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, signed by duly
4 registered and enrolled members of such party who are qualified
5 electors of the State, or of the political district, as the case
6 may be, within which the nomination is to be made or election is
7 to be held. Nomination petitions of delegates and alternate
8 delegates to National conventions committed to support a
9 particular presidential candidate must be signed by the
10 particular presidential candidate to whom support is pledged
11 before it can be certified by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
12 The name of no candidate shall be placed upon the official
13 ballots or ballot labels of a political party to be used at any
14 primary, unless such petition shall have been filed in his
15 behalf. In no event shall any person's name be printed upon the
16 official ballots or ballot labels of any party for the office of
17 delegate, alternate delegate, member of committee or other party
18 officer, unless he is a duly registered and enrolled member of
19 said party.

20 (b) The names of candidates that are serving as magisterial
21 district judges and that are seeking party nomination shall be
22 printed upon the official primary ballots or ballot labels of
23 all parties eligible to hold a primary, upon the filing of a
24 declaration of candidacy and candidate affidavit, both in a form
25 prescribed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, if the
26 magisterial district judge was elected to the office he holds at
27 the time of filing the declaration of candidacy and candidate
28 affidavit. The declaration of candidacy and candidate affidavit
29 shall be filed with the office of the board of elections of the
30 county in which the magisterial district lies and shall be filed

1 no later than January 15 of the year in which the term of office
2 expires.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.