

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2319 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, LONGIETTI, BARBIN, BRADFORD, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CORBIN, CORR, P. COSTA, DALEY, A. DAVIS, DAVIS, DeLUCA, DERMODY, DOWLING, DRISCOLL, DUSH, EVERETT, FARRY, FITZGERALD, FRANKEL, GALLOWAY, GILLEN, GILLESPIE, GOODMAN, GROVE, HANNA, HARKINS, HARPER, HELM, HENNESSEY, PHILLIPS-HILL, HILL-EVANS, KAUFFMAN, KLUNK, KORTZ, KULIK, MACKENZIE, MADDEN, MATZIE, McCARTER, METCALFE, MUSTIO, NESBIT, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, QUIGLEY, RADER, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, ROE, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SNYDER, STAATS, STURLA, TALLMAN, VAZQUEZ, WALSH, WARD, WARNER, WARREN, WATSON AND WHEELAND, MAY 3, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 3, 2018

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.

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

16 Section 1. Section 912.1(32) of the act of June 3, 1937
 17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
 18 amended to read:

19 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination

1 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination
2 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition
3 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and
4 enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

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6 (32) [Office of district justice: One hundred.] Office of
7 magisterial district judge: One hundred, but only for a
8 candidate's primary election when the candidate does not already
9 hold the office of magisterial district judge. A sitting
10 magisterial district judge elected to the office shall not be
11 required to file a nominating petition under this section to
12 appear on the ballot for each party for the office of
13 magisterial district judge but may instead file a certificate of
14 nomination for reelection specifying the intent to seek
15 reelection to the office. The provisions of this paragraph are
16 intended to assist in ensuring the safety of magisterial
17 district judges and integrity of magisterial district courts.

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