

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 444 Session of 2017

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 16, 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 MANNER OF SIGNING NOMINATION PETITIONS AND TIME OF <--
13 CIRCULATING, FOR number of signers required for nomination <--
14 petitions of candidates at primaries AND FOR NOMINATIONS BY <--
15 POLITICAL BODIES.

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

18 ~~Section 1. Section 912.1 of the act of June 3, 1937~~ <--
19 ~~(P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is~~
20 ~~amended to read:~~

21 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 908, 912.1 AND 951(C) OF THE ACT OF JUNE <--
22 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION
23 CODE, ARE AMENDED TO READ:

24 SECTION 908. MANNER OF SIGNING NOMINATION PETITIONS; TIME OF

1 CIRCULATING.--EACH SIGNER OF A NOMINATION PETITION SHALL SIGN
2 BUT ONE SUCH PETITION FOR EACH OFFICE TO BE FILLED, AND SHALL
3 DECLARE THEREIN THAT HE IS A REGISTERED AND ENROLLED MEMBER OF
4 THE PARTY DESIGNATED IN SUCH PETITION: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT
5 WHERE THERE ARE TO BE ELECTED TWO OR MORE PERSONS TO THE SAME
6 OFFICE, EACH SIGNER MAY SIGN PETITIONS FOR AS MANY CANDIDATES
7 FOR SUCH OFFICE AS, AND NO MORE THAN, HE COULD VOTE FOR AT THE
8 SUCCEEDING ELECTION. HE SHALL ALSO DECLARE THEREIN THAT HE IS A
9 QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE COUNTY THEREIN NAMED, AND IN CASE THE
10 NOMINATION IS NOT TO BE MADE OR CANDIDATES ARE NOT TO BE ELECTED
11 BY THE ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT LARGE, OF THE POLITICAL DISTRICT
12 THEREIN NAMED, IN WHICH THE NOMINATION IS TO BE MADE OR THE
13 ELECTION IS TO BE HELD. HE SHALL ADD HIS [RESIDENCE] ADDRESS
14 WHERE HE IS DULY REGISTERED AND ENROLLED, GIVING CITY, BOROUGH
15 OR TOWNSHIP, WITH STREET AND NUMBER, IF ANY, AND SHALL LEGIBLY
16 PRINT HIS NAME AND ADD THE DATE OF SIGNING, EXPRESSED IN WORDS
17 OR NUMBERS: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE SAID POLITICAL
18 DISTRICT NAMED IN THE PETITION LIES WHOLLY WITHIN ANY CITY,
19 BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP, OR IS COEXTENSIVE WITH SAME, IT SHALL NOT
20 BE NECESSARY FOR ANY SIGNER OF A NOMINATION PETITION TO STATE
21 THEREIN THE CITY, BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP OF HIS RESIDENCE. NO
22 NOMINATION PETITION SHALL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE THIRTEENTH
23 TUESDAY BEFORE THE PRIMARY, AND NO SIGNATURE SHALL BE COUNTED
24 UNLESS IT BEARS A DATE AFFIXED NOT EARLIER THAN THE THIRTEENTH
25 TUESDAY NOR LATER THAN THE TENTH TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE PRIMARY.

26 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination
27 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination
28 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition
29 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and
30 enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

- 1 (1) President of the United States: Two thousand.
- 2 (2) United States Senate: Two thousand.
- 3 (3) Governor: Two thousand including at least one hundred
4 from each of at least ten counties.
- 5 (4) Lieutenant Governor: One thousand including at least one
6 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 7 (5) Treasurer: One thousand including at least one hundred
8 from each of at least five counties.
- 9 (6) Auditor General: One thousand including at least one
10 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 11 (7) Attorney General: One thousand including at least one
12 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 13 (8) Justice of the Supreme Court: One thousand including at
14 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 15 (9) Judge of the Superior Court: One thousand including at
16 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 17 (10) Judge of the Commonwealth Court: One thousand including
18 at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 19 (11) For any other office to be filled by the vote of the
20 electors of the State at large or for any other party office to
21 be elected by the electors of the State at large: One thousand
22 including at least one hundred from each of at least five
23 counties.
- 24 (12) Representative in Congress: One thousand.
- 25 (13) Senator in the General Assembly: Five hundred.
- 26 (14) Representative in the General Assembly: Three hundred.
- 27 (15) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
28 electors in counties of the first class at large: One thousand.
- 29 (16) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
30 electors in counties of the second class at large: Five hundred.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (29) District delegate or alternate district delegate to a

1 National party convention: Two hundred fifty.

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

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

5 (31.1) Office of district council member in a city of the
6 second class: One hundred.

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

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

9 (34) Inspector of elections: Five.

10 (35) School director: Ten.

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

12 SECTION 951. NOMINATIONS BY POLITICAL BODIES.--* * *

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13 (C) EACH PERSON SIGNING A NOMINATION PAPER SHALL DECLARE
14 THEREIN THAT HE IS A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE STATE OR DISTRICT,
15 AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND SHALL ADD TO HIS SIGNATURE HIS LEGIBLY
16 PRINTED NAME AND [RESIDENCE] ADDRESS WHERE HE IS DULY REGISTERED
17 AND ENROLLED, GIVING CITY, BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP, WITH STREET AND
18 NUMBER, IF ANY, AND SHALL ALSO ADD THE DATE OF SIGNING,
19 EXPRESSED IN WORDS OR NUMBERS: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SAID
20 POLITICAL DISTRICT NAMED IN THE PAPERS LIES WHOLLY WITHIN ANY
21 CITY, BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP, OR IS COEXTENSIVE WITH SAME, IT SHALL
22 NOT BE NECESSARY FOR ANY SIGNER OF A PAPER TO STATE THEREIN THE
23 CITY, BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP OF HIS RESIDENCE. NO ELECTOR SHALL
24 SIGN MORE THAN ONE NOMINATION PAPER FOR EACH OFFICE TO BE
25 FILLED, UNLESS THERE ARE TWO OR MORE PERSONS TO BE ELECTED TO
26 THE SAME OFFICE, IN WHICH CASE HE MAY SIGN NOMINATION PAPERS FOR
27 AS MANY CANDIDATES FOR SUCH OFFICE AS, AND NO MORE THAN, HE
28 COULD VOTE FOR AT THE SUCCEEDING ELECTION. MORE THAN ONE
29 CANDIDATE MAY BE NOMINATED BY ONE NOMINATION PAPER AND
30 CANDIDATES FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE MAY BE NOMINATED BY ONE

1 NOMINATION PAPER: PROVIDED, THAT EACH POLITICAL BODY NOMINATING
2 DOES NOT NOMINATE MORE CANDIDATES THAN THERE ARE OFFICES TO BE
3 VOTED FOR AT THE ENSUING ELECTION: AND PROVIDED, THAT ALL THE
4 SIGNERS ON EACH NOMINATION PAPER ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE FOR ALL
5 THE CANDIDATES NOMINATED THEREIN.

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