

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2631 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY RABB, A. DAVIS, ROZZI AND LEE, JUNE 29, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 29, 2020

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, providing for  
 12 nomination of candidates during disaster emergency.

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

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

18 Section 913.1. Nomination of Candidates During Disaster  
 19 Emergency.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, a  
 20 candidate for State office or for the office of Senator or  
 21 Representative in the General Assembly may not circulate or file  
 22 a nomination petition during a disaster emergency as defined  
 23 under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7102 (relating to definitions) and declared

1 in accordance with 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to general  
2 authority of Governor). In lieu of circulating and filing a  
3 nomination petition, each candidate for the office shall file an  
4 affidavit, as required under section 910, and shall pay a filing  
5 fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). A certified check or  
6 money order in payment of the filing fee shall be made payable  
7 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the county, as the  
8 case may be, and shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer or  
9 county treasurer and shall become part of the General Fund.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.