

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 779 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, MARTIN, SCAVELLO, BLAKE, COSTA, STEFANO, MENSCH AND K. WARD, JUNE 20, 2019

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 20, 2019

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 dates of elections and primaries and special
 12 elections, further providing for general primary and
 13 candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected.

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

16 Section 1. Section 603 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
 17 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended to
 18 read:

19 Section 603. General Primary; Candidates to Be Nominated and
 20 Party Officers to Be Elected.--(a) There shall be a General
 21 primary preceding each general election which shall be held on
 22 the third Tuesday of May in all even-numbered years, except in
 23 the year of the nomination of a President of the United States,

1 in which year the General primary shall be held on the [fourth
2 Tuesday of April] third Tuesday of March. Candidates for all
3 offices to be filled at the ensuing general election shall be
4 nominated at the General primary. The vote for candidates for
5 the office of President of the United States, as provided for by
6 this act, shall be cast at the General primary.

7 (b.1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the General primary
8 for 2000 shall be held on April 4, 2000.

9 Section 2. The amendment of section 603 of the act shall
10 apply beginning with the general primary election that occurs in
11 2024.

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