

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 188 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY CIRESI, D. WILLIAMS, FREEMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-  
EVANS, BENHAM, PISCIOTTANO AND WEBSTER, JANUARY 21, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 21, 2021

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 petition may consist of several sheets and statement of  
13 circulator.

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

16 Section 1. Section 909 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,  
17 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, amended  
18 October 31, 2019 (P.L.552, No.77), is amended to read:

19 Section 909. Petition May Consist of Several Sheets;  
20 Statement of Circulator.--Said nomination petition may be on one  
21 or more sheets, and different sheets must be used for signers  
22 resident in different counties. If more than one sheet is used,  
23 they shall be bound together when offered for filing if they are

1 intended to constitute one petition, and each sheet shall be  
2 numbered consecutively beginning with number one, at the foot of  
3 each page. In cases of petitions for delegate or alternate  
4 delegate to National conventions, each sheet shall contain a  
5 notation indicating the presidential candidate to whom he is  
6 committed or the term "uncommitted." Each sheet shall have  
7 appended thereto the statement of the circulator of each sheet,  
8 setting forth, subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904  
9 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities)--(a) that he  
10 or she is a qualified elector of the Commonwealth, who is duly  
11 registered and enrolled as a member of the party designated in  
12 said petition, unless said petition relates to the nomination of  
13 a candidate for a school district in a district where that  
14 office is elective, a court of common pleas, for the  
15 Philadelphia Municipal Court or for justice of the peace, in  
16 which event the circulator need not be a duly registered and  
17 enrolled member of the designated party; (b) his residence,  
18 giving city, borough or township, with street and number, if  
19 any; (c) that the signers thereto signed with full knowledge of  
20 the contents of the petition; (d) that their respective  
21 residences are correctly stated therein; (e) that they all  
22 reside in the county named in the statement; (f) that each  
23 signed on the date set opposite his name; and (g) that, to the  
24 best of the circulator's knowledge and belief, the signers are  
25 qualified electors and duly registered and enrolled members of  
26 the designated party of the State, or of the political district,  
27 as the case may be.

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