

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2623 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY BOYLE, SCHLOSSBERG, GALLOWAY, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, MADDEN, NEILSON AND CIRESI, MAY 25, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 25, 2022

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 electoral college, providing for requirements
 12 of presidential electors and penalty and for advice from
 13 Attorney General.

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

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

19 Section 1503.1. Requirements of Presidential Electors and
 20 Penalty.--Each presidential elector shall vote for the
 21 presidential candidate and, by separate ballot, vice
 22 presidential candidate who received the highest number of votes
 23 at the preceding general election in this Commonwealth. If a

1 presidential elector fails to vote as required under this
2 section:

3 (1) The presidential elector shall immediately forfeit the
4 elector's office, the vote shall not be recorded, a vacancy
5 shall be declared and the presidential electors present shall
6 proceed to fill the vacancy as provided under section 1503.

7 (2) The presidential elector commits a misdemeanor.

8 Section 1503.2. Advice from Attorney General.--The
9 presidential electors may request advice from the Attorney
10 General in regard to the presidential electors' official duties.

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