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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 136 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, JANUARY 27, 2021

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 27, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Establishing the number of signatures required for nomination  
2 petitions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Temporary  
7 Pandemic Nomination Petition Act.

8 Section 2. Purpose.

9 The General Assembly finds and declares that the COVID-19  
10 pandemic would create increased risk for candidates and  
11 volunteers circulating nomination petitions to comply with  
12 Article IX of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known  
13 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, for candidates seeking to be  
14 selected in the 2021 Primary Election.

15 Section 3. Required number of signatures.

16 Notwithstanding section 912.1 of the act of June 3, 1937  
17 (P.L.1333, No.370), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, or  
18 any other provision of law, candidates for nomination of any

1 county, city, borough, township, ward or school district office  
2 shall present a nominating petition containing valid signatures  
3 of registered and enrolled members of the proper party in a  
4 number of not less than 25% of the number of signatures required  
5 in section 912.1, or 5 signatures, whichever is higher.

6 Section 4. Expiration.

7 This act shall expire on December 31, 2021.

8 Section 5. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect immediately.