

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1488 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SANCHEZ, SIEGEL, GUENST, SAPPEY, HANBIDGE, DELLOSO, MADDEN, PROBST, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, BURGOS, WARREN, HOWARD, CIRESI, D. WILLIAMS, SHUSTERMAN, FLEMING, KINSEY, KINKEAD, OTTEN, TAKAC AND CERRATO, JUNE 22, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 28, 2023

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 elections on proposed
13 constitutional amendments.

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

16 Section 1. Section 605 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 605. Elections on Proposed Constitutional

20 Amendments.--[Unless the General Assembly shall prescribe <--

21 otherwise] THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY PRESCRIBES THAT with <--

22 respect to any particular proposed amendment or amendments and

1 the manner and time of submitting to the qualified electors of
2 the State any proposed amendment or amendments to the
3 Constitution for the purpose of ascertaining whether the same
4 shall be approved by a majority of those voting thereon, the
5 said amendment or amendments which have heretofore, or which may
6 hereafter be proposed, and which have not been submitted to the
7 qualified electors of the State, shall be submitted to the
8 qualified electors of the State for the purpose aforesaid, at
9 the first [municipal or] general election at which such
10 amendment or amendments may be legally submitted to the
11 electors, which election shall occur at least three months after
12 the date upon which such proposed amendment or amendments shall
13 have been agreed to for the second time by a majority of the
14 members elected to each house of the General Assembly, as
15 provided in Article [Eighteen] ELEVEN, section one of the <--
16 Constitution. Said election shall be conducted on said election
17 day in the manner prescribed by the provisions of this act. Such
18 proposed constitutional amendments shall be printed on the
19 ballots or ballot labels in brief form to be determined by the
20 Secretary of the Commonwealth with the approval of the Attorney
21 General.

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