

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 1588 Session of  
2019

INTRODUCED BY BOYLE AND EVERETT, JUNE 7, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 7, 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 election districts and polling places, further  
12 providing for restrictions on alteration.

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

15 Section 1. Section 536 heading, (a), (b) and (c)  
16 introductory paragraph and (1) of the act of June 3, 1937  
17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, are  
18 amended to read:

19 Section 536. Restrictions on [Alteration] Combination.--(a)  
20 Except as provided in subsection (b), there shall be no power to  
21 establish, abolish, divide, consolidate or alter in any manner  
22 an election district during the period [July 15, 2009] from  
23 December 1, 2019, through November 30, [2012] 2022, or through

1 resolution of all judicial appeals to the [2012] 2022  
2 Congressional Redistricting Plan, whichever occurs later.

3 (b) During the period from [July 15, 2009] December 1, 2019,  
4 through December 31, [2010, an election district may be divided  
5 or] 2020, election districts may be combined if [the following  
6 are met:

7 (1) In the case of the division of an election district, the  
8 boundary of each resulting district is composed entirely of  
9 clearly visible physical features conforming with the census  
10 block lines or portions of the original boundary of the election  
11 district which was divided.

12 (2) In the case of the combination of election districts,]  
13 the boundary of each resulting district is composed entirely of  
14 portions of the original boundaries of the election districts  
15 which were combined.

16 (c) If [an alteration of an election district] the  
17 combination of election districts under subsection (b) is  
18 sought, the following shall apply:

19 (1) The county board of elections shall notify the  
20 secretary, in writing, of the proposed [alteration] combination.  
21 The notice shall include a map and a description of the proposed  
22 boundary of [any new or altered district or districts] each  
23 district. The secretary shall forward a copy of any notice of a  
24 proposed [alteration] combination to the Legislative Data  
25 Processing Center within seven (7) days of receipt.

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27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.