
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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KORTZ AND MILLARD, JANUARY 28, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 28, 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 nomination of candidates, further providing
12 for number of signers required for nomination petitions of
13 candidates at primaries.

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

16 Section 1. Section 912.1 of the act of June 3, 1937
17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
18 amended October 24, 2018 (P.L.786, No. 127), is amended to read:

19 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination
20 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination
21 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition
22 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and
23 enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

- 1 (1) President of the United States: Two thousand.
- 2 (2) United States Senate: Two thousand.
- 3 (3) Governor: Two thousand including at least one hundred
4 from each of at least ten counties.
- 5 (4) Lieutenant Governor: One thousand including at least one
6 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 7 (5) Treasurer: One thousand including at least one hundred
8 from each of at least five counties.
- 9 (6) Auditor General: One thousand including at least one
10 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 11 (7) Attorney General: One thousand including at least one
12 hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 13 (8) Justice of the Supreme Court: One thousand including at
14 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 15 (9) Judge of the Superior Court: One thousand including at
16 least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 17 (10) Judge of the Commonwealth Court: One thousand including
18 at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- 19 (11) For any other office to be filled by the vote of the
20 electors of the State at large or for any other party office to
21 be elected by the electors of the State at large: One thousand
22 including at least one hundred from each of at least five
23 counties.
- 24 (12) Representative in Congress: One thousand.
- 25 (13) Senator in the General Assembly: Five hundred.
- 26 (14) Representative in the General Assembly: Three hundred.
- 27 (15) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
28 electors in counties of the first class at large: One thousand.
- 29 (16) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
30 electors in counties of the second class at large: Five hundred.

1 (17) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
2 electors in cities of the first class at large: One thousand.

3 (18) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
4 electors in counties of the second class A at large: Two hundred
5 fifty.

6 (19) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
7 electors in counties of the third class at large: Two hundred
8 fifty.

9 (20) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
10 electors in counties of the fourth class at large: Two hundred
11 fifty.

12 (21) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
13 electors in cities of the second class at large: Two hundred
14 fifty.

15 (22) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
16 electors in cities of the second class A at large: One hundred.

17 (23) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
18 electors in cities of the third class at large: One hundred.

19 (24) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
20 electors in counties of the fifth class at large: One hundred.

21 (25) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
22 electors in counties of the sixth class at large: One hundred.

23 (26) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
24 electors in counties of the seventh class at large: One hundred.

25 (27) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the
26 electors in counties of the eighth class at large: One hundred.

27 (28) Office of judge of any court of record other than a
28 Statewide court or a court in a county of the first or second
29 class: Two hundred fifty.

30 (29) District delegate or alternate district delegate to a

1 National party convention: Two hundred fifty.

2 (30) Member of State committee: One hundred.

3 (31) Office of district council member in a city of the
4 first class: Seven hundred fifty.

5 (31.1) Office of district council member in a city of the
6 second class: One hundred.

7 (32) Office of magisterial district judge: One hundred, but
8 only for a candidate's primary election when the candidate does
9 not already hold the office of magisterial district judge. A
10 sitting magisterial district judge elected to the office shall
11 not be required to file a nominating petition under this section
12 to run for the office of magisterial district judge but may
13 instead file a certificate of nomination for reelection
14 specifying the intent to seek reelection to the office. If a
15 sitting magisterial district judge files a certificate of
16 nomination for reelection, the sitting magisterial district
17 judge may not challenge the nominating petition of another
18 candidate for magisterial district judge.

19 (33) Office of judge of election: Ten.

20 (34) Inspector of elections: Five.

21 (35) School director: Ten.

22 (36) All other public and party offices: Ten.

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