
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **578** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. SCOTT, FLEMING, VAN SANT
AND LANE, APRIL 26, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, APRIL 26, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3 1937 (P. L. 1333) entitled "An act concerning elections including general municipal special and primary elections the nomination of candidates primary and election expenses and election contests creating and defining membership of county boards of elections imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth courts county boards of elections county commissioners imposing penalties for violation of the act and codifying revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections”
changing residence requirements for watchers

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows

1 Section 1 Subsection (b) of section 417 act of June 3 1937 (P L
2 1383) known as the “Pennsylvania Election Code” is amended to read

3 Section 417 Appointment of Watchers

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5 (b) All watchers so appointed must be qualified registered electors of
6 the [district] municipality or township in which they are authorized to
7 act Only one watcher for each candidate at primaries or for each party
8 or political body at general municipal or special elections shall be al-
9 lowed to remain in the polling place at any one time prior to the close
10 of the polls and all watchers in the room shall remain outside the en-
11 closed space After the close of the polls and while the ballots are being
12 counted or voting machine canvassed all the watchers shall be per-
13 mitted to be in the polling place outside the enclosed space Each watcher
14 shall be provided with a certificate from the county board of elections
15 stating his name and the name of the candidate party or political body
16 he represents Watchers shall be required to show their certificates when



1 requested to do so Watchers allowed in the polling place under the pro-
 2 visions of this act shall be permitted to keep a list of voters and shall
 3 be entitled to challenge any person making application to vote and to
 4 require proof of his qualifications as provided by this act

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6 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
 Representatives.

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 Chief Clerk, Senate

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 President pro tempore, Senate

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 Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved—Theday ofA. D. 1961.

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 Governor