

No. 1989-1

AN ACT

HB 67

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), 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; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," providing for the number of signers for the nomination petition for the office of district council member in a city of the second class and providing for the fee for filing the petition; and further providing for assistance in voting.

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

Section 1. Sections 912.1 and 913(b.1) of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, added December 12, 1984 (P.L.968, No.190), are amended to read:

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

- (1) President of the United States: Two thousand.
- (2) United States Senate: Two thousand.
- (3) Governor: Two thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least ten counties.
- (4) Lieutenant Governor: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- (5) Treasurer: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- (6) Auditor General: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- (7) Attorney General: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- (8) Justice of the Supreme Court: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- (9) Judge of the Superior Court: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- (10) Judge of the Commonwealth Court: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.
- (11) For any other office to be filled by the vote of the electors of the State at large or for any other party office to be elected by the electors of the State at large: One thousand including at least one hundred from each of at least five counties.

- (12) Representative in Congress: One thousand.
- (13) Senator in the General Assembly: Five hundred.
- (14) Representative in the General Assembly: Three hundred.
- (15) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the first class at large: One thousand.
- (16) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the second class at large: Five hundred.
- (17) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in cities of the first class at large: One thousand.
- (18) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the second class A at large: Two hundred fifty.
- (19) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the third class at large: Two hundred fifty.
- (20) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the fourth class at large: Two hundred fifty.
- (21) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in cities of the second class at large: Two hundred fifty.
- (22) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in cities of the second class A at large: One hundred.
- (23) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in cities of the third class at large: One hundred.
- (24) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the fifth class at large: One hundred.
- (25) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the sixth class at large: One hundred.
- (26) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the seventh class at large: One hundred.
- (27) Public or party offices to be filled by a vote of the electors in counties of the eighth class at large: One hundred.
- (28) Office of judge of any court of record other than a Statewide court or a court in a county of the first or second class: Two hundred fifty.
- (29) District delegate or alternate district delegate to a National party convention: Two hundred fifty.
- (30) Member of State committee: One hundred.
- (31) Office of district council member in a city of the first class: Seven hundred fifty.
- (31.1) Office of district council member in a city of the second class: One hundred.**
- (32) Office of district justice: One hundred.
- (33) Office of judge of election: Ten.
- (34) Inspector of elections: Five.
- (35) All other public and party offices: Ten.

Section 913. Place and Time of Filing Nomination Petitions; Filing Fees.—* * *

(b.1) Each person filing any nomination petition shall pay for each petition, at the time of filing, a filing fee to be determined as follows, and no nomination petition shall be accepted or filed, unless and until such filing fee

is paid by a certified check or money order or also by cash when filed with the county board. All moneys paid on account of filing fees shall be transmitted by the county board to the county treasurer and shall become part of the General Fund. Certified checks or money orders in payment of filing fees shall be made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to the county, as the case may be, and shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer or to the county treasurer and shall become part of the General Fund.

1. If for the office of President of the United States, or for any public office to be filled by the electors of the State at large, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

2. If for the office of Representative in Congress, the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

3. If for the office of judge of a court of record, excepting judges to be voted for by the electors of the State at large, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

4. If for the offices of Senator or Representative in the General Assembly, for any office to be filled by the electors of an entire county, for the office of district councilman in a city of the first class and for any office to be filled by the electors of an entire city other than school district office, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

5. If for any borough, town, or township of the first class, not otherwise provided for, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00).

6. If for the office of delegate or alternate delegate to National party convention, or member of National committee or member of State committee, the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

7. If for the office of constable, the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00).

8. If for the office of *district councilman in a city of the second class or the office of* district justice, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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Section 2. Section 1218(a) and (b) of the act are amended to read:

Section 1218. Assistance in Voting.

(a) No voter shall be permitted to receive any assistance in voting at any primary or election, unless there is recorded upon his registration card his declaration that, **[because of illiteracy] by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write**, he is unable to read the names on the ballot or on the voting machine labels, or that he has a physical disability which renders him unable to see or mark the ballot or operate the voting machine, or to enter the voting compartment or voting machine booth without assistance, the exact nature of such **[disability] condition** being recorded on such registration card, and unless the election officers are satisfied that he still suffers from the same **[disability] condition**. **[Before he shall be permitted to receive assistance, such voter shall state distinctly and audibly under oath or affirmation, which shall be administered to him by the judge of election, the reason why he requires assistance.]**

(b) Any elector who is entitled to receive assistance in voting under the provisions of this section shall be permitted by the judge of election to select a **[registered elector of the election district] person of the elector's choice** to

enter the voting compartment or voting machine booth with him to assist him in voting, such assistance to be rendered inside the voting compartment or voting machine booth, *except that the elector's employer or an agent of the employer or an officer or agent of the elector's union shall not be eligible to assist the elector.*

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of February, A. D. 1989.

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