

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1898 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY SCOTT, HILL-EVANS, PROBST, OTTEN, GIRAL, HARKINS,
PIELLI, GUZMAN, M. MACKENZIE, SIEGEL, GAYDOS, SANCHEZ,
CERRATO, RADER AND FRIEL, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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 of the
7 Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county
8 commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act,
9 and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating
10 thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts
11 relating to elections," in nomination of candidates, further
12 providing for number of signers required for nomination
13 petitions of candidates at primaries.

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

16 Section 1. Section 912.1(13) and (14) of the act of June 3,
17 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election
18 Code, are 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:

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2 (13) Senator in the General Assembly: Five hundred[.],
3 except a sitting Senator in the General Assembly who currently
4 holds the office for that district may instead file a
5 certificate of nomination, on a form prescribed by the Secretary
6 of the Commonwealth, on which the Senator informs the Secretary
7 of the Commonwealth of the intent to seek reelection with their
8 current party. If a Senator in the General Assembly files a
9 certificate of nomination, the Senator may not challenge the
10 nomination petition or nomination papers filed for that office
11 and district. A person may not file a certificate of nomination
12 under this paragraph for the office of Senator in the General
13 Assembly in the election immediately following the redistricting
14 of the Commonwealth. A certificate of nomination may not be
15 posted on the Department of State's publicly accessible Internet
16 website and may only be made available to a person who makes a
17 request to the Secretary of the Commonwealth to examine the
18 certificate of nomination.

19 (14) Representative in the General Assembly: Three
20 hundred[.], except a sitting Representative in the General
21 Assembly who currently holds the office for that district may
22 instead file a certificate of nomination, on a form prescribed
23 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on which the
24 Representative informs the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the
25 intent to seek reelection with their current party. If a
26 Representative in the General Assembly files a certificate of
27 nomination, the Representative may not challenge the nomination
28 petition or nomination papers filed for that office and
29 district. A person may not file a certificate of nomination
30 under this paragraph for the office of Representative in the

1 General Assembly in the election immediately following the
2 redistricting of the Commonwealth. A certificate of nomination
3 shall not be posted on the Department of State's publicly
4 accessible Internet website and may only be made available to a
5 person who makes a request to the Secretary of the Commonwealth
6 to examine the certificate of nomination.

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