

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 51 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY GREINER, R. MACKENZIE, ECKER, JAMES, FLICK AND ROWE, MARCH 7, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 7, 2023

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 dates of elections and primaries and special
 12 elections, further providing for general primary and
 13 candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected.

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

16 Section 1. Section 603(a) of the act of June 3, 1937
 17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
 18 amended to read:

19 Section 603. General Primary; Candidates to Be Nominated and
 20 Party Officers to Be Elected.--(a) There shall be a General
 21 primary preceding each general election which shall be held on
 22 the third Tuesday of May in all even-numbered years, except in
 23 the year of the nomination of a President of the United States,

1 in which year the General primary shall be held on the [fourth
2 Tuesday of April] third Tuesday of March. Candidates for all
3 offices to be filled at the ensuing general election shall be
4 nominated at the General primary. The vote for candidates for
5 the office of President of the United States, as provided for by
6 this act, shall be cast at the General primary.

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