

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2326 Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY INGLIS, MARCH 27, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 30, 2026

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," providing for legislative districts.

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

14 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known  
 15 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding an  
 16 article to read:

17 ARTICLE XVIII-C

18 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

19 Section 1801-C. Population deviation requirement.

20 (a) Requirement.--

21 (1) To the extent practicable, senatorial and  
 22 representative districts shall be drawn with the fewest  
 23 number of divisions to counties and municipalities within a

1 population of 2% above or below the ideal population.

2 (2) An election district may not be split in the drawing  
3 of district lines.

4 (3) Districts shall respect communities of interest to  
5 the extent practicable in compliance with the requirements of  
6 paragraphs (1) and (2).

7 (b) Subsequent redistricting.--The requirements of this  
8 section shall apply to all redistricting of legislative  
9 districts after the effective date of this subsection.

10 (c) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used  
11 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this  
12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Community of interest." An area with recognized  
14 similarities of interests, including, but not limited to,  
15 ethnic, racial, economic, tribal, social, cultural, geographic  
16 or historic identities. Counties, municipalities, townships and  
17 school districts may constitute communities of interest so long  
18 as the subdivision is a community of people who have broadly  
19 shared interests and representational needs that are greater  
20 than those of other overlapping communities of interest. A  
21 community of interest shall not include common relationships  
22 with political parties or political candidates.

23 "Deviation." The difference of a legislative district's  
24 population from the ideal population.

25 "Ideal population." The population goal for legislative  
26 districts in a redistricting plan in accordance with the  
27 following:

28 (1) For representative districts, the total population  
29 of this Commonwealth divided by the number of representative  
30 districts as provided by section 16 of Article II of the

1 Constitution of Pennsylvania.

2 (2) For senatorial districts, the total population of  
3 this Commonwealth divided by the number of senatorial  
4 districts as provided by section 16 of Article II of the  
5 Constitution of Pennsylvania.

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