

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 1857** Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY GREINER, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 15, 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 and providing for school district budget timeline and for
15 procedure for securing approval of electors.

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

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

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

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

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9 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

10 Section 606. School District Budget Timeline.--

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a calendar year
12 in which a President of the United States is nominated at the
13 General primary, school districts shall use the fourth Tuesday
14 of April instead of the date of the General primary for
15 determining deadlines in sections 311 and 333 of the act of June
16 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the "Taxpayer
17 Relief Act."

18 Section 607. Procedure for Securing Approval of Electors.--

19 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, for a school year
20 in which a President of the United States is nominated at the
21 General primary, a school district that adopts a resolution in
22 accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. § 8041(a) (relating to desire
23 resolution and expense of certain elections) shall use the
24 fourth Tuesday of April instead of the date of the primary
25 election for determining compliance with 53 Pa.C.S. § 8041(b).

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2028.