
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1707 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY CIRESI, OTTEN, ULLMAN, MERSKI, MALAGARI, HILL-
EVANS, WEBSTER, McNEILL, DeLUCA, SCHWEYER, WILLIAMS,
HENNESSEY AND HOWARD, JULY 16, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 16, 2019

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 nomination of candidates, further providing
12 for petition may consist of several sheets and affidavit of
13 circulator.

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

16 Section 1. Section 909 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
17 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended to
18 read:

19 Section 909. Petition May Consist of Several Sheets;
20 Affidavit of Circulator.--Said nomination petition may be on one
21 or more sheets, and different sheets must be used for signers
22 resident in different counties. If more than one sheet is used,
23 they shall be bound together when offered for filing if they are

1 intended to constitute one petition, and each sheet shall be
2 numbered consecutively beginning with number one, at the foot of
3 each page. In cases of petitions for delegate or alternate
4 delegate to National conventions, each sheet shall contain a
5 notation indicating the presidential candidate to whom he is
6 committed or the term "uncommitted." Each sheet shall have
7 appended thereto the affidavit of the circulator of each sheet,
8 setting forth--(a) that he or she is a qualified elector duly
9 registered and enrolled as a member of the designated party of
10 the State, or of the political district, as the case may be,
11 referred to in said petition, unless said petition relates to
12 the nomination of a candidate for a school director in a
13 district where that office is elective, a court of common pleas,
14 for the Philadelphia Municipal Court or for the Traffic Court of
15 Philadelphia or for justice of the peace, in which event the
16 circulator need not be a duly registered and enrolled member of
17 the designated party; (b) his residence, giving city, borough or
18 township, with street and number, if any; (c) that the signers
19 thereto signed with full knowledge of the contents of the
20 petition; (d) that their respective residences are correctly
21 stated therein; (e) that they all reside in the county named in
22 the affidavit; (f) that each signed on the date set opposite his
23 name; and (g) that, to the best of affiant's knowledge and
24 belief, the signers are qualified electors and duly registered
25 and enrolled members of the designated party of the State, or of
26 the political district, as the case may be.

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