

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 369 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, MARCH 4, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
 2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
 3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
 4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
 5 laws relating thereto," in school directors, further  
 6 providing for board of directors and election or appointment  
 7 and for school board in first class A school districts and  
 8 appointment of seats, and numbers, terms, and methods for  
 9 election of school directors in first class A school  
 10 districts.

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

13 Section 1. Sections 301 and 302.1(d) of the act of March 10,  
 14 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
 15 are amended to read:

16 Section 301. Board of Directors; Election or Appointment.--

17 (a) The public school system of the Commonwealth shall be  
 18 administered by a board of school directors, to be elected or  
 19 appointed, as hereinafter provided. At each election of school  
 20 directors, each qualified voter shall be entitled to cast one  
 21 vote for each school director to be elected. Any system  
 22 providing for cumulative voting for the office of school

1 director is hereby abolished.

2 (b) Excluding school districts where the board of school  
3 directors is appointed, except as provided in subsections (c)  
4 and (d), school directors shall be elected in accordance with  
5 the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the  
6 "Pennsylvania Election Code."

7 (c) A primary election for school director nominations shall  
8 not be held for the 2021 municipal elections and thereafter.  
9 School directors shall be elected at the November municipal  
10 election beginning in 2021.

11 (d) Notwithstanding section 951 of the "Pennsylvania  
12 Election Code," nomination papers for the office of school  
13 director shall be filed in the same manner as nominations of  
14 candidates by political bodies or independent candidates, as  
15 provided by the "Pennsylvania Election Code," without regard to  
16 political party membership. Nomination papers for the office of  
17 school director must include the signatures of a minimum number  
18 of qualified electors, without regard to political party  
19 affiliation as follows:

20 (1) Two hundred for a school district of the first class A.

21 (2) One hundred for a school district of the second class.

22 (3) Fifty for a school district of the third class.

23 (4) Twenty-five for a school district of the fourth class.

24 Section 302.1. School Board in First Class A School  
25 Districts; Apportionment of Seats, and Numbers, Terms, and  
26 Methods for Election of School Directors in First Class A School  
27 Districts.--\* \* \*

28 [(d) Nomination and Elections of School Directors. School  
29 directors shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the  
30 act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the

1 "Pennsylvania Election Code."]

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3 Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar  
4 as they are inconsistent with this act.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

6 (1) The amendment of section 301 of the act shall take  
7 effect December 31, 2020.

8 (2) This section shall take effect immediately.

9 (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60  
10 days.