

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1169 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, PROBST, SANCHEZ, KENYATTA, CERRATO, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, MERSKI, STEELE, D. WILLIAMS AND K.HARRIS, APRIL 9, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 9, 2025

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 the Secretary of the Commonwealth, providing  
 12 for public meetings on proposed ballot questions.

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

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

18 Section 201.2. Public Meetings on Proposed Ballot  
 19 Questions.--Each member of the General Assembly shall conduct a  
 20 public meeting within the member's respective legislative  
 21 district for the purpose of receiving public comment on a  
 22 proposed constitutional amendment or other Statewide ballot

1 question. The public meeting shall comply with the following:

2 (1) For a ballot question proposing a constitutional  
3 amendment, the public meeting shall be held within eight months  
4 after the publication of the notice required under Article XI of  
5 the Constitution of Pennsylvania following the first passage of  
6 the proposed constitutional amendment by the General Assembly.

7 (2) For any other Statewide ballot question, the public  
8 meeting shall be held after the preparation of the statement in  
9 plain English under section 201.1, but before the submission of  
10 the Statewide ballot question to the electors of the  
11 Commonwealth in referendum.

12 (3) The public meeting shall be conducted in accordance with  
13 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings).

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