

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 658 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, DUSH AND BROWN, APRIL 28, 2025

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 28, 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 dates of elections and primaries and special  
 12 elections, further providing for affidavits of candidates;  
 13 and, in nomination of candidates, further providing for  
 14 affidavits of candidates, for nominations by political  
 15 bodies, for limitations on eligibility of candidates and for  
 16 affidavits of candidates.

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

19 Section 1. Sections 630.1, 910, 951(e), 951.1 and 981.1 of  
 20 the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the  
 21 Pennsylvania Election Code, are amended to read:

22 Section 630.1. Affidavits of Candidates.--Each candidate for  
 23 any State, county, city, borough, incorporated town, township,  
 24 school district or poor district office, or for the office of  
 25 United States Senator or Representative in Congress, selected as

1 provided in section 630 of this act, shall file with the  
2 nomination certificate an affidavit stating--(a) his residence,  
3 with street and number, if any, and his post-office address; (b)  
4 his election district, giving city, borough, town or township;  
5 (c) the name of the office for which he consents to be a  
6 candidate; (d) that he is eligible for such office; (e) that he  
7 will not knowingly violate any provision of this act, or of any  
8 law regulating and limiting election expenses and prohibiting  
9 corrupt practices in connection therewith; (f) unless he is a  
10 candidate for judge of a court of common pleas, the Philadelphia  
11 Municipal Court or for the office of school board in a district  
12 where that office is elective or for the office of justice of  
13 the peace, that he is not a candidate for the same office of any  
14 party or political body other than the one designated in such  
15 certificate; (f.1) that he is not a candidate for any other  
16 office; (g) that he is aware of the provisions of section 1626  
17 of this act requiring election and post-election reporting of  
18 campaign contributions and expenditures; and (h) that he is not  
19 a candidate for an office which he already holds, the term of  
20 which is not set to expire in the same year as the office  
21 subject to the affidavit.

22 Section 910. Affidavits of Candidates.--Each candidate for  
23 any State, county, city, borough, incorporated town, township,  
24 ward, school district, poor district, election district, party  
25 office, party delegate or alternate, or for the office of United  
26 States Senator or Representative in Congress, shall file with  
27 his nomination petition his affidavit stating--(a) his  
28 residence, with street and number, if any, and his post-office  
29 address; (b) his election district, giving city, borough, town  
30 or township; (c) the name of the office for which he consents to

1 be a candidate; (d) that he is eligible for such office; (e)  
2 that he will not knowingly violate any provision of this act, or  
3 of any law regulating and limiting nomination and election  
4 expenses and prohibiting corrupt practices in connection  
5 therewith; (f) unless he is a candidate for judge of a court of  
6 common pleas, the Philadelphia Municipal Court or for the office  
7 of school director in a district where that office is elective  
8 or for the office of justice of the peace that he is not a  
9 candidate for nomination for the same office of any party other  
10 than the one designated in such petition; (f.1) that he is not a  
11 candidate for any other office; (g) if he is a candidate for a  
12 delegate, or alternate delegate, member of State committee,  
13 National committee or party officer, that he is a registered and  
14 enrolled member of the designated party; (h) if he is a  
15 candidate for delegate or alternate delegate the presidential  
16 candidate to whom he is committed or the term "uncommitted"; (i)  
17 that he is aware of the provisions of section 1626 of this act  
18 requiring pre-election and post-election reporting of campaign  
19 contributions and expenditures; and (j) that he is not a  
20 candidate for an office which he already holds, the term of  
21 which is not set to expire in the same year as the office  
22 subject to the affidavit. In cases of petitions for delegate and  
23 alternate delegate to National conventions, the candidate's  
24 affidavit shall state that his signature to the delegate's  
25 statement, as hereinafter set forth, if such statement is signed  
26 by said candidate, was affixed to the sheet or sheets of said  
27 petition prior to the circulation of same. In the case of a  
28 candidate for nomination as President of the United States, it  
29 shall not be necessary for such candidate to file the affidavit  
30 required in this section to be filed by candidates, but the

1 post-office address of such candidate shall be stated in such  
2 nomination petition.

3 Section 951. Nominations by Political Bodies.--\* \* \*

4 (e) There shall be appended to each nomination paper offered  
5 for filing an affidavit of each candidate nominated therein,  
6 stating--(1) the election district in which he resides; (2) the  
7 name of the office for which he consents to be a candidate; (3)  
8 that he is eligible for such office; (4) that he will not  
9 knowingly violate any provision of this act, or of any law  
10 regulating and limiting election expenses, and prohibiting  
11 corrupt practices in connection therewith; (5) that his name has  
12 not been presented as a candidate by nomination petitions for  
13 any public office to be voted for at the ensuing primary  
14 election, nor has he been nominated by any other nomination  
15 papers filed for any such office; (6) that in the case where he  
16 is a candidate for election at a general or municipal election,  
17 he was not a registered and enrolled member of a party thirty  
18 (30) days before the primary held prior to the general or  
19 municipal election in that same year; (7) that, in the case  
20 where he is a candidate for election at a special election, he  
21 is not a registered and enrolled member of a party; [and] (8)  
22 that he is not a candidate for an office which he already holds,  
23 the term of which is not set to expire in the same year as the  
24 office subject to the affidavit; and (9) that he is not a  
25 candidate for any other office.

26 Section 951.1. Limitations on Eligibility of Candidates.--

27 (a) Any person who is a registered and enrolled member of a  
28 party during any period of time beginning with thirty (30) days  
29 before the primary and extending through the general or  
30 municipal election of that same year shall be ineligible to be

1 the candidate of a political body in a general or municipal  
2 election held in that same year nor shall any person who is a  
3 registered and enrolled member of a party be eligible to be the  
4 candidate of a political body for a special election.

5 (b) Subject to subsection (a), a candidate may not seek  
6 nomination or appear on a ballot for more than one public office  
7 in an election.

8 Section 981.1. Affidavits of Candidates.--Each candidate for  
9 any State, county, city, borough, incorporated town, township,  
10 ward, school district, poor district or election district  
11 office, or for the office of United States Senator or  
12 Representative in Congress, selected as provided in sections 979  
13 and 980 of this act, shall file with the substituted nomination  
14 certificate an affidavit stating--(a) his residence, with street  
15 and number, if any, and his post-office address; (b) his  
16 election district, giving city, borough, town or township; (c)  
17 the name of the office for which he consents to be a candidate;  
18 (d) that he is eligible for such office; (e) that he will not  
19 knowingly violate any provision of this act, or of any law  
20 regulating and limiting election expenses and prohibiting  
21 corrupt practices in connection therewith; (f) unless he is a  
22 candidate for judge of a court of common pleas, the Philadelphia  
23 Municipal Court or for the office of school board in a district  
24 where that office is elective or for the office of justice of  
25 the peace, that he is not a candidate for the same office of any  
26 party or political body other than the one designated in such  
27 certificate; (f.1) that he is not a candidate for any other  
28 office; (g) that he is aware of the provisions of section 1626  
29 of this act requiring election and post-election reporting of  
30 campaign contributions and expenditures; and (h) that he is not

1 a candidate for an office which he already holds, the term of  
2 which is not set to expire in the same year as the office  
3 subject to the affidavit.

4 Section 2. This act shall apply to elections held at least  
5 90 days after the effective date of this section.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.