
LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. **844** Session of
1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. BRADY, MARCH 10, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS,
MARCH 11, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend the third section of an act entitled "An act regulating certain political parties providing for and regulating the nomination of candidates of such political parties for certain public offices the election of delegates and alternate delegates to National party conventions and of certain party officers including State committeemen a method whereby electors of such political parties may express their choice of candidates for the office of President of the United States and the payment by the several counties and their reimbursement by the State of the expenses of the same authorizing the State committee of a political party to make and to alter amend and revoke rules and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act and for the punishment of certain offenses provided for herein and repealing inconsistent legislation" approved the twelfth day of July Anno Domini one thousand nine hun-

dred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws seven hundred and nineteen) as amended by an act approved the sixth day of July Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws seven hundred and fifty-three) so as to change the date of the Fall primary from the third Wednesday to the fourth Tuesday of September in all odd-numbered years

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
 2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
 3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
 4 section three of an act entitled "An act regulating cer-
 5 tain political parties providing for and regulating the
 6 nomination of candidates of such political parties for cer-
 7 tain public offices the election of delegates and alternates
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 17 of this act and for the punishment of certain offenses
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 20 sand nine hundred and thirteen as amended by an Act
 21 approved the sixth day of July Anno Domini one thou-
 22 sand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws seven

1 hundred and fifty-three) which act changed the date of
2 the fall primary from the third Tuesday of September to
3 the third Wednesday of September in all odd-numbered
4 years which reads as follows

5 "Section 3 One primary shall be held each year in
6 every election district of this Commonwealth in which
7 nominations are to be made or delegates and alternate
8 delegates to National party conventions State committeemen
9 or party officers including members of the National com-
10 mittee are to be elected as herein provided The said
11 primaries shall be held on the third Wednesday of Sep-
12 tember in all odd-numbered years and on the third Tues-
13 day of May in all even numbered years The primary
14 held on the third Wednesday of September shall be
15 known as the fall primary and primary held on the
16 third Tuesday of May shall be known as the spring
17 primary

18 Candidates for all offices to be filled at the general
19 election shall be nominated at the spring primary. Dele-
20 gates and alternate delegates to National party conventions
21 State committeemen and such party officers including mem-
22 bers of the National committee as are required by the
23 rules of the several political parties to be elected by a
24 vote of the party electors shall be elected at the spring
25 primary except as otherwise provided in this act

26 The vote for candidates for the office of President of
27 the United States as herein provided for shall be cast
28 at the spring primary

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1 cipal election shall be nominated at the fall primary" be
2 and the same is hereby amended to read as follows

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24 the United States as herein provided for shall be cast
25 at the spring primary

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27 cipal election shall be nominated at the fall primary

28 Section 2 All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
29 this act are hereby repealed