

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No. **1061** Session of
1919.

INTRODUCED BY MR. SOWERS, MARCH 21, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS,
MARCH 25, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend the act approved the first day of June one thousand eight hundred eighty-five (Pamphlet Laws thirty-seven) entitled "An act to provide for the better government of cities of the first class in this Commonwealth" as amended

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 *paragraph ten section one of article fifteen of the act*
5 *approved the first day of June one thousand eight hun-*
6 *dred eighty-five (Pamphlet Laws thirty-seven) entitled "An act*
7 *to provide for the better government of cities of the*
8 *first class in this Commonwealth" which as amended by*
9 *the act approved the fifteenth day of February one thou-*
10 *sand nine hundred six (Pamphlet Laws nineteen) entitled "An*
11 *act to further amend an act entitled "An act to pro-*
12 *vide for the better government of cities of the first*
13 *class in this Commonwealth' approved the first day of*

1 June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-
2 five by amending article twelve section two by providing
3 for the method of removing subordinate officers clerks and
4 employes and by amending article fifteen section one by
5 prohibiting officers clerks and employes from taking any
6 active part in political movements and elections and pro-
7 viding a penalty for a violation thereof" reads as follows
8 "No officer clerk or employee of any city of the
9 first class or of any department trust or commission
10 thereof shall be a member of or delegate or alternate
11 to any political convention nor shall he be present at
12 any such convention except in the performance of his
13 official duty No officer clerk or employee of any city of
14 the first class or of any department trust or commission
15 thereof shall serve as a member of or attend the meet-
16 ings of any committee of any political party or take
17 any active part in political management or in political
18 campaigns or use his office to influence political move-
19 ments or influence the political action of any other offi-
20 cer clerk or employee of any such city department trust
21 or commission No officer clerk or employee of any city
22 of the first class shall in any way or manner interfere
23 with the conduct of any election or the preparation
24 therefor at the polling-place or with the election officers
25 while counting the vote or returning the ballot-boxes books
26 and papers to the place provided by law for that pur-
27 pose save only for the purpose of marking and deposit-
28 ing his ballot as speedily as it reasonably can be done
29 be within any polling place or within fifty feet there-

1 of except for purposes of ordinary travel or residence
2 during the period of time beginning with one hour pre-
3 ceding the opening of the polls for holding such election
4 and ending with the time when the election officers shall
5 have finished counting the votes and have left the pol-
6 ling place for the purpose of depositing the ballot boxes
7 and papers in the place provided by law for that pur-
8 pose excepting only officers of the Bureau of Police who
9 may temporarily approach or enter the polling-place in
10 order to make any arrest permitted by law or for the
11 purpose of preserving order and in each such case only
12 long enough to accomplish the duties aforesaid after which
13 the said officers shall at once withdraw Any officer clerk
14 or employee of any city of the first class or of any
15 department trust or commission thereof violating any of
16 the provisions of this section shall be immediately dis-
17 missed by the mayor or by the head of the department
18 trust or commission in which he is employed" is hereby
19 amended to read as follows

20 No officer clerk or employee of any city of the first
21 class or of any department trust or commission thereof
22 shall be a member of or delegate or alternate to any
23 political convention nor shall he be present at any such
24 convention except in the performance of his official duty
25 No officer clerk or employee of any city of the first
26 class or of any department trust or commission thereof
27 shall serve as a member of or attend the meetings of
28 any committee of any political party or take any active
29 part in political management or in political campaigns or

1 use his office to influence political movements or influence
2 the political action of any other officer clerk or employee
3 of any such city department trust or commission No
4 officer clerk or employee of any city of the first class
5 shall in any way or manner interfere with the conduct
6 of any election or the preparation therefor at the polling-
7 place or with the election officers while counting the vote
8 or returning the ballot-boxes books and papers to the place
9 provided by law for that purpose save only for the
10 purpose of marking and depositing his ballot as speedily
11 as it reasonably can be done or be within any polling
12 place or within fifty feet thereof except for purposes of
13 ordinary travel or residence during the period of time
14 beginning with one hour preceding the opening of the
15 polls for holding such election and ending with the time
16 when the election officers shall have finished counting the
17 votes and have left the polling-place for the purpose of
18 depositing the ballot-boxes and papers in the place pro-
19 vided by law for that purpose excepting only officers of
20 the Bureau of Police who may temporarily approach or
21 enter the polling-place in order to make any arrest per-
22 mitted by law or for the purpose of preserving order
23 and in each such case only long enough to accomplish
24 the duties aforesaid after which the said officers shall at
25 once withdraw Any officer clerk or employee of any city
26 of the first class or of any department trust or com-
27 mission thereof violating any of the provisions of this
28 section shall be immediately dismissed by the mayor or
29 by the head of the department trust or commission in

1 which he is employed Provided Such violations shall have
2 occurred during the six months immediately preceding the
3 date of the dismissal of such officer clerk or employee

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