

No. 1987-20

AN ACT

HB 152

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," further providing for public buildings being used as polling places.

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

Section 1. Section 527 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, amended July 14, 1961 (P.L.642, No.331), is amended to read:

Section 527. Public Buildings to Be Used Where Possible; Portable Polling Places.—(a) In selecting polling places, the county board of elections shall, wherever possible and practicable, select schoolhouses, municipal buildings or rooms, or other public buildings for that purpose. Any board of public education or school directors, or county or the municipal authorities shall, upon request of the county board, make arrangements for the use of school property, or of county or municipal property for polling places.

In the event no available public building as contemplated under this section is situated within the boundaries of any election district, the county board of elections may, not less than ten days prior to any election, designate as the polling place for such election district any such public building situated in another election district within the same ward, or, if there are no wards, then within the same borough or township as the case may be, provided such other building is located in an election district which is immediately adjacent to the boundary of the election district for which it is to be the polling place and is directly accessible therefrom by public street or thoroughfare. Two or more polling places may be located in the same public building under this section. A polling place may be selected and designated hereunder less than ten days prior to any election, with the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) In the event no available public building as contemplated under subsection (a) is situated within the boundaries of a borough which constitutes a single election district, the county board of elections may, not less than ten days prior to any election, designate as the polling place for such election district a municipal building owned by that borough and located in an adjoining second class township: Provided, That the municipal building which is to serve as the polling place is located in an election district immediately adjacent to the boundary of such borough and is directly accessible from the

borough by public street or thoroughfare. Such municipal building may be designated as the polling place for an election less than ten days prior to that election, with the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction.

[(b)] (c) The board, in its discretion, may procure and provide portable or movable polling places of adequate size and facilities for any or all election districts.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1987.

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