

## No. 112

## AN ACT

SB 459

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333), 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," changing the hour at which the county board shall meet to compute and canvass the votes and further providing for nominations for certain special elections.

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

Section 1. Section 629, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code," amended August 13, 1963 (P.L.707), is amended to read:

Section 629. Nominations for Special Election for Representative in Congress, Senator and Representative in the General Assembly and Member of Council or Legislative Body of Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Townships.—Candidates to fill vacancies in the offices of Representative in Congress, Senator and Representative in the General Assembly and member of the council or legislative body of any city, borough, town or township shall be nominated by political parties, in accordance with the party rules relating to the filling of vacancies, by means of nomination certificates, in the form prescribed in section 630 of this act; and by political bodies, by means of nomination papers, in accordance with the provisions of sections 951, 952 and 954 of this act. Said nomination certificates and nomination papers for the office of Representative in Congress **[shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth not later than fifteen (15) days after the issuance of the writ of election, and said nomination certificates and nomination papers for the office of]**, Senator and Representative in the General Assembly shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth *not later than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the special election*, and for the office of member of the council or legislative body of a city, borough, town or township, in the office of the county board of elections wherein such city, borough, town or township is situate, not later than fifteen (15) days after the issuance of the writ of election.

Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 1404 of the act is amended to read:

Section 1404. Computation of Returns by County Board; Certification; Issuance of Certificates of Election.—

(a) The county board shall, at **[noon] nine o'clock A.M.** on the third day following the primary or election, at its office or at some other convenient public place at the county seat, of which due notice shall have

been given as provided by section 1403, publicly commence the computation and canvassing of the returns, and continue the same from day to day until completed, in the manner hereinafter provided. For this purpose any county board may organize itself into sections, each of which may simultaneously proceed with the computation and canvassing of the returns from various districts of the county in the manner provided by this section. Upon the completion of such computation and canvassing, the board shall tabulate the figures for the entire county and sign, announce and attest the same, as required by this section.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of October, A.D. 1971.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 112.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*