
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, BERNSTINE, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER,
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NEILSON, PYLE AND RYAN, MARCH 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 11, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in organization and
3 jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, providing for
4 information on filling vacancies in elected public office.

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

7 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 911.1. Information on filling vacancies in elected public
10 office.

11 (a) Access.--When a court of common pleas is filling a
12 vacancy to elected office under a statutory duty, the court
13 shall submit to the local agency for which the vacancy is being
14 filled all of the following information for each candidate as
15 soon as the court receives the information:

16 (1) Name.

17 (2) Application material.

18 (3) Other material submitted by the candidate.

1 (b) Right-to-Know Law.--Information under subsection (a)
2 shall be deemed a public record of the local agency under
3 section 302 of the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known
4 as the Right-to-Know Law.

5 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "local
6 agency" has the meaning given in section 102 of the Right-to-
7 Know Law.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.