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AN ACT Regulating certain political parties; pre-viding for and regulating the nomina-tion of candidates of such political par-ties for certain public offices, the elec-tion of delegates and alternate dele-gates to National party conventions, and of certain party officers, including State committeemen; a method where-by electors of such political parties may express their choice of candidates for the office of President of the United States; and of the payment by the sev-eral 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 penalities for the violation of the provisions of this act, and for the punishment of certain offenses provided for herein; and repealing inconsistent legislation.

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National Committee.

National Committee. National committee of each respective party, unless the rules of the National party otherwise provided; in which case they shall be elected in the manner pro-vided by the rules of the National party, and all State committeemen shall be elected by Senatorial districts. Each Sen-atorial district shall be entitled to elect two members of the State committee, ex-cept where a Senatorial district is com-posed of more than one county or part of a county; in which event the electors residing in each county or part of a coun-trict shall be entitled to elect two instructed in the said senatorial dis-trict shall be entitled to elect the elected shall meet for organization not later than the third Wednesday fol-lowing their election, at such hour and place as shall be designated by the State ead State committeemen shall be addet

the rules of the several political parties to be elected by a vote of the party elec-tors, shall be elected at the Spring pri-mary, except as otherwise provided in this act. The vote for candidates for the office of President of the United States, as herein provided for, shall be cast at the Spring primary. Candidates for all offices to be filled at the municipal election shall be nominated at the Fall primary. Notice of Primary. Section 4. On or before the ninth Tues-

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Severe Penalties Are Provided For Fraud, Illegal Voting, False State-ments, Threatening Watchers, Over-seers, Etc.
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setting forth that the affiant is a quali-fied elector of the State, or of the po-litical district or division, as the case may be, referred to in said petition; his residence, giving city, borough, or town-ship, with street and number, if any; that the signers signed with full knowl-edge of the contents of the petition; that their respective residences are correctly stated therein; that they all reside in the county named in the affidavit, and that each signed on the date set opposite his name; and that to the best of affinant's nowledge and belief the signers are qualified electors and members of the designated party of the State, or of the biltical district or division, as the case may be.

Candidates' Affidavit.

political district or division, as the case may be. Candidates' Affidavit. (b) Each candidate for any State, nomination petition, his affidavit stating his residence, with street and number, if any, and his postoffice address, his elec-tion district, the name of the office for which he consents to be a candidate, that he is eligible for such office, and that he will not knowingly violate any election law, or any law regulating and limiting nomination and election expenses and prohibiting corrupt practices in connec-tion therewith: Provided, That in no event shall any person's name be printed upon the official ballot of any party as a delegate. State committeeman, National committeeman, or party officer, unless he is a qualified elector of said party. (b) Each candidate for election as dele-sate or alternate delegate to a National affidavit, the statement hereinafter set forth in this section; but his failure to include such statement shall not be a valid ground, on the part of the Secre-tary of the Commonwealth, for refusa-to receive and file his nomination peti-tion. Such statement, if any be made, shall be in substantially the following. I. Mereby declare to the voters of my political barty in the (here insert "State of the in attendance as a delegate to the National convention of the party, I shall with all fidelity, to the best of my judg-ment and ability, in all matters coming bidiate for President of the United States who shall have received the hishest number of votes cast in the (here insert "State" If a delegate or alternate dele-state of the convention, support that can-didate for President of the United States who shall have received the hishest number of votes cast in the (here insert "State" If a delegate or alternate dele-state" if a delegate or alternate dele-state" if a delegate or alternate dele-state of alt in securing the nomination power to ald in securing the nomination to candidate for President.

cluded, or failed to include, the above statement with his affidavit. **Filing of Petitions.** Section 7. The nomination petitions in the case of candidates for the office of President of the United States, Senator i of the United States, member of the House of Representatives of the United States, for all State offices, for the office of delegate of allernate delegate to a Nat-tional party convention, and for the of-fice of member of the State or National tion petitions in all other cases shall be primary, with the county commissioners of the respective counties. Nomination petitions of candidates shall be signed— (a) If for a State office of President of the united States, by at least one hundred quali-fied of the State. (b) If for a State of Representatives of the electors in the election district in which is of the electors and hundred quali-fied of the State at large in the Congress of the state, for the office of delegate to a duality in the same manner in which is a vote of the electors of the State at from the State at large in the Congress of the state, for the office of delegate to and the office of member of the State at large to the states, to be filled by a vote of the elector shall have the right to re-dectors in aech of at least the counties (c) If for a state office, to be filled by a vote of the electors of the State at large to of the state, for the office of delegate at large to the state, to be filled by a vote of the elector shall have the right to re-dectors in aech of at least the counties (c) If for a state office, to be filled by a vote of the state, for the office of del-egate or alternate delegate at large to the state, to be filled by a vote of the elector voted was a general election, be voted for the state. (c) If for a state office of a member of the bate state, to be filled by a vote of the elector voted was a general election, be voted for the state. (c) If for the office of a member of the bate state, to be filled by a vote of th

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Expense of Primaries.

Expense of Primaries. Section 12. The county commissioners shall keep an accurate account of the entire expense of holding such primaries, including the preparation and delivery of supplies voting materials, et cetera, and the total amount shall be paid. In the first instance, by the county treasurer, upon the order of the county commis-sioners. As soon as convenient thereafter, the county commissioners shall prepare an itemized statement of the amount so paid, verified by oath, and send the same, accompanied by the receipted vouchers, to the Auditor General, who, if he finds the same correct, shall draw a warrant on the State Treasurer, for the proper county, for the amount so approved, which shall be paid by the State Treas-ury appropriated for said purpose. Qualifications of Voters.

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Persons Receiving a Plurality of Votes Shall Be the Candidates. Shall Be the Candidates. Section 17. Candidate of the various provided tor, except for the office of the Presideat of the United States, who re-ceive a plurality of votes of their party electors in the State, or in the political district or division, as the case may be, at a primary, together with the candi-dates for the office of Pr.sidential elec-tor nominated as hereinarter provided, the poper officers to print their names upon the official ballot for use at the suc-ceeding election, as is now or may here-after be required by law. The name of the person, in each politi-cal party, who received at a primary a plurality of the votes of such party in the State at large for United States Sen-ator, shall be printed upon the official ballots for use at the succeeding election as the candidate of his party for said of-fice, undr the heading "United States Senator." That and a there are used the duy elected delegates and alternate delegates at large to the National convention of their re-party convention, who receive a plurality of the votes of their party electors in the state at large, shall be the duy elected delegates and alternate delegates at large to the National convention of their re-party convention in the votes of the protes of their party electors in the state at large for the office of delegates at alternate delegate at large to the National committee of the vari-ous political parties for the office of dele-gate and alternate delegates at large to the National committee of the State and alternate delegates at large to the National committee, in cases who receive a plurality of the votes of their party electors of the party electors at a state, shall be the duy elected delegates and alternate delegates to the National committee, or for the office of member of the State of the National committee, in cases whore the rules of the party provide that such office shall be the duy elected mem-ber of the State or National committee, arit

as the case may be, of their respective parties. Candidates for other party offices, who receive a plurality of the votes of the party electors at a primary, shall be the party officers of their respective parties.

Tie Votes-How Decided.

Tie Votes—How Decided. In case of a tie, the candidates receiv-ing the tie vote shall cast lots before the county commissioners or the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as the case may be, in the third Friday after the primary, and the one to whom the lot shall fall shall be entitled to the nomination or election: Provided. however, That in any case where the fact of a tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after the third Wednesday after the primary, the day for casting lots shall be the second day after the fact of such tie vote is au-thoritatively determined. If any candi-date or candidates receiving a tie vote fail to appear before twelve o'clock noon on said day, the county commissioners or the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as the case may be, shall cast lots for him or them. For the purpose of casting lots any candidate may appear in person, or by proxy appointed in writing. Where a nomination petition has been duly filed under the provisions of this act, and thereafter and before the day of the primary the candidate named in said petition, or the majority of them. may

Threaten Watchers a Misdemeanor Section 22. Any person or persons who, by violence or intimidation, shall

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Illegal Voting.

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Illegal Assistance. Any person who shall accompany a voter into a voting compartment without the said voter having first made affidavit, as provided in this act, that he cannot read the names on the ballot, or that by reason of physical disability he is un-able to mark his ballot; or who shall ac-

how later than the third Wednesday fol-lowing their election, at such hour and chairman of each respective party. The said State committeeme shall be elected and unlifed at the spring pri-mary of the year one thousand nine hun-fired and fourteen: Provided, however, that where the existing rules of a party provide for the election of State commit-teemen by the county committeemen of the respective counties, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen the state. Committeemen so elected shall be elected and qualified under the provisions of this act at the spring primary in the state committeemen so elected shall be elected and qualified under the provisions of this act at the spring primary in the state committeemen so elected shall be elected and qualified under the provisions of this act at the spring primary in the fourteen. Thereafter the said State com-mitteemen of all parties shall be elected and qualified under the respective provide for the election of state com-mitteemen of all parties shall be filled in the case vacancies shall be filled in the case state committeeman shall be filled by the state committee of the respective parties. Provided, That when said vacancy occurs in a county of the respective parties: Provided that the shalt vacancy occurs in a county of more than one county or part of a partie of acounty shall elect said county or parties in a Senatorial district composi-ountitee embraced within said county or parties in a Senatorial district composi-parties in a senatorial district composi-parties in a senatorial district compart

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Primary. Section 5. One primary shall be held check year, in every election district of this commonwealth in which nomina-tions are to be made, or delegates and all the section of the National party con-ventions. State committeemen or party tional committee, are to be elected as herein provided. The said primaries shall be held on the third Tuesday of Septem-ber in all odd numbered years, and the primary held on the third Tuesday of septem-ber in all odd numbered years, and the pri-ber of the said primary held on the third Tuesday of September shall be nown as the Fall primary, and the pri-mary held on the third Tuesday of May in the said of the section of the said the section of the said be nominated the section of the said be nominated the section of the said be nominated the section shall be nominated all the Spring primary. Delegates and al-ternate delegates to National party of the vention set including members of the vention set including members of the ventional committee, as are required by

Affidavit.

Affidavit. Said nomination petition may be on one or more sheets, and different sheets must be used for signers resident in different counties. Each sheet shall have append-ed thereto the affidavit of some person-hot necessarily a signer and not neces-sarily the same person on each sheet-

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(c) of section six of this act. To Furnish Official Ballots. Section 10. The county commissioners shall prepare, and furnish to the election officers for use at the primaries, as many official ballots of each party as are equal to double the largest entire vote cast for any candidate of said party, within the election district, at any of the last three preceding general elections: Provided. That the county commissioners, upon request made four weeks prior to the primary, shall furnish such additional number of ballots in any election district as said county commissioners may deem necessary. The county commissioners shall also furnish specimen ballots for the use of electors at the polis, equal in number to one-fourth the whole number of official ballots; said specimen ballots to be of the same size and forms as the official ballots. On the back of each specimen ballot for the primary next proceding the electors.

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The ballots. Watchers. Section 21. Each candidate shall be en-titled to appoint two watchers at the primary in each election district divi-sion, or precinct in which such candidate is to be voted for, who shall be qualified slectors of the district, division, or pre-cinct. Each watcher shall be provided with a certificate from the county com-missioners, stating his name, the district in which he is authorized to act, and the name of the candidate appointing him, and shall have the right to remain in the room outside of the enclosed space. Watchers shall be required to do so. If any election officers officiating at any primary shall refuse to permit a watcher appointed under the provisions of this act to be present as herein provided, such officer or officers shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. Certification of Returns. Section 16. The county commissioners shall make the proper certification of re-turns of votes cast for the candidates of the various political parties for nomina-tion for the office of President of the United States. Senator of the United States, member of the House of Repre-sentatives of the United States, for all State offices, for the office of delegate and alternate delegate to a National party convention, and members of the State committee to the Secretary of the Com-monwealth, who shall tabulate the same, and shall certify to the county commis-sioners of the respective counties the re-sult of the computation of the vote for all such offices as shall be voted for at the succeeding election, at least thirty days prior to the date of such election:

able to mark his ballot; or who shall ac-company a voter into the voting com-partment, when the affdavit which the voter has made is false to the knowledge of such person; or any judge of election who shall fail to properly file and return affdavits and other papers, required by this act or by law to be filed and return-ed to the county commissioners—shall for each such offense, be guilty of a misde-meanor, and upon conviction thereof he shall be sentenced to pay a fine not ex-ceeding one thousand (\$1000) doilars, or to undergo imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years, or either or both, at the discretion of the court.

Election Officers Violating Law.

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