

**Act No. 30 (H.477). Elections; nominations; conduct of elections; campaign finance; municipal law**

**An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to election law**

This act makes miscellaneous amendments to election law. Many amendments are technical in nature. However, the act also makes substantive amendments, which include the following:

- In the Statewide Voter Checklist, eliminating a voter's street address, if different from his or her mailing address, from being exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act (Secs. 2 and 3);
- Providing that all statements of nomination for justices of the peace be filed by the same deadline (Secs. 6–8);
- Specifying what must be in a voters' petition to place articles on the warning for a local election, and clarifying a clerk's duties in examining such a petition (Sec. 23);
- Providing the instances in which a local election recount may be conducted by vote tabulator (Sec. 28); and
- Revising the penalty applicable to a publicly financed candidate so that if such a candidate violated the campaign finance chapter, he or she would be required to refund to the Secretary of State an amount equivalent to any unauthorized contributions or expenditures, rather than refunding any unspent balance of his or her public campaign finance grant calculated as of the date of the violation (Sec. 29a).

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 26, 2015