

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SOLOMON, KENYATTA, MADDEN, PROBST, TAKAC, HILL- EVANS, RABB, ISAACSON, KINSEY, SANCHEZ, ROZZI, NEILSON, GREEN, CIRESI, OTTEN, WAXMAN AND WEBSTER, JUNE 21, 2023

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, APRIL 15, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
11 elections," in primary and election expenses, further
12 providing for reporting by candidate and political committees
13 and other persons and for late contributions and independent
14 expenditures.

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

17 Section 1. Sections 1626(g) and 1628 of the act of June 3,
18 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election
19 Code, are amended to read:

20 Section 1626. Reporting by Candidate and Political
21 Committees and other Persons.--

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23 (g) Every person, ~~including a civic league or organization~~ <--

1 ~~not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the~~
2 ~~promotion of social welfare under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(4) AN~~ <--
3 ORGANIZATION UNDER 26 U.S.C. § 501(C) (relating to exemption
4 from tax on corporations, certain trusts, etc.), other than a
5 political committee or candidate, who makes independent
6 expenditures expressly advocating the election or defeat of a
7 clearly identified candidate, or question appearing on the
8 ballot, other than by contribution to a political committee or
9 candidate, in [an aggregate amount in excess of one hundred
10 dollars (\$100)] any amount during a calendar year shall file
11 with the appropriate supervisor, on a form prepared by the
12 Secretary of the Commonwealth, a report which shall include the
13 same information required of a candidate or political committee
14 receiving such a contribution and, additionally, the name of the
15 candidate or question supported or opposed. Reports required by
16 this subsection shall be filed on dates on which reports by
17 political committees making expenditures are required to report
18 under this section.

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20 Section 1628. Late Contributions and Independent
21 Expenditures.--Any candidate or political committee, authorized
22 by a candidate and created solely for the purpose of influencing
23 an election on behalf of that candidate, which receives any
24 contribution or pledge of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more,
25 and any person, ~~including a civic league or organization not~~ <--
26 ~~organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion~~
27 ~~of social welfare under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(4) AN ORGANIZATION~~ <--
28 UNDER 26 U.S.C. § 501(C) (relating to exemption from tax on
29 corporations, certain trusts, etc.), making an independent
30 expenditure, as defined by this act, of [five hundred dollars

1 (\$500) or more] any amount after the final pre-election report
2 has been deemed completed shall report such contribution, pledge
3 or expenditure to the appropriate supervisor. Such report shall
4 be sent by the candidate, chairman or treasurer of the political
5 committee within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the
6 contribution. It shall be the duty of the supervisor to confirm
7 the substance of such report. The report shall be made by
8 telegram, mailgram, overnight mail or facsimile transmission.
9 Any candidate in his own behalf, or chairman, treasurer or
10 candidate in behalf of the political committee may also comply
11 with this section by appearing personally before such supervisor
12 and reporting such late contributions or pledges.

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