

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 2, 1977

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," limiting a candidate to one financial committee
12 and further providing for payments to or on behalf of a
13 candidate.

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

16 Section 1. Section 1602, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
17 No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code," is amended
18 to read:

19 Section 1602. Political Committees; Treasurer.--(a) Every
20 political committee shall appoint and constantly maintain a
21 treasurer to receive, keep and disburse all sums of money which
22 may be collected or received by such committee, or by any of its

1 members for primary or election expenses; and unless such
2 treasurer is first appointed and thereafter maintained, it shall
3 be unlawful for a political committee or any of its members to
4 collect, receive or disburse money or incur liability for any
5 such purpose. All money collected or received by any political
6 committee, or by any of its members for primary or election
7 expenses, shall be paid over and made to pass through the hands
8 of the treasurer of such committee and shall be disbursed by
9 him; and it shall be unlawful for any political committee, or
10 any of its members, to disburse any money for primary or
11 election expenses, unless such money shall have passed through
12 the hands of the treasurer.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, each
14 candidate shall have only one financial committee the treasurer
15 of which shall be the campaign treasurer.

16 (c) Funds for the cost of materials, advertisements and
17 other services solely for an individual candidate shall be paid
18 to the candidate or his financial committee: Provided, however,
19 That funds for joint advertisements and services with another
20 candidate shall not be included in the scope of this subsection.

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