

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 13, 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," requiring additional information to be included  
12 on expense accounts.

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

15 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1607, act of June 3,  
16 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election  
17 Code," amended July 1, 1976 (No.124), is amended to read:

18 Section 1607. Expense Accounts to Be Filed.--

19 (a) Every candidate for nomination or election, and every  
20 treasurer of a political committee, or person acting as such  
21 treasurer, shall, within thirty days after every primary and

1 election at which such candidate was voted for or with which  
2 such political committee was concerned, if the amount received  
3 or expended or liabilities incurred shall exceed the sum of one  
4 hundred fifty dollars, file a full, true and detailed account,  
5 subscribed and sworn to by him, setting forth each and every sum  
6 of money received, contributed or disbursed by him for primary  
7 or election expenses, the date of each receipt, contribution and  
8 disbursement, the ~~full name, home address, business address and~~ <—  
9 ~~occupation~~ of the person from whom received or to whom paid, and  
10 the specific object or purpose for which the same was disbursed.  
11 AS TO CONTRIBUTORS, THE ACCOUNT SHALL INCLUDE THE PERSON'S FIRST <—  
12 AND LAST NAME, HOME ADDRESS AND, IF APPLICABLE, OCCUPATION AND  
13 EMPLOYER. Where the ~~person from whom the money was received or~~ <—  
14 ~~contributed is~~ CONTRIBUTION IS FROM A PERSON other than an <—  
15 individual, ONLY the full name, ~~date~~ and address shall be set <—  
16 forth. Such account shall also set forth the unpaid debts and  
17 liabilities of any such candidate or committee for primary or  
18 election expenses, with the nature and amount of each, and to  
19 whom owing. In the case of the treasurer of a political  
20 committee, the account shall include any unexpended balance of  
21 contributions or other receipts appearing from the last previous  
22 account filed by him, and shall also include a complete listing  
23 of all receipts and disbursements made by such committee for any  
24 purpose, including all receipts and disbursements from the  
25 publication and sale of all publications, and from the time of  
26 the last account or from the time of the formation of the  
27 political committee if no prior account has been filed. In the  
28 case of candidates for election who have previously filed  
29 accounts of their primary expenses as candidates for nomination,  
30 the accounts shall only include receipts, contributions and

1 disbursements subsequent to the date of such prior accounts.

2       Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, where any amount  
3 received or contributed is not more than fifty (\$50) dollars,  
4 such amounts may be aggregated according to the date of receipt  
5 or contribution. In such cases, the name of the person from whom  
6 received or contributed need not be set forth. However, where  
7 the candidate for nomination or election, treasurer of a  
8 political committee, or person acting as a treasurer, knows or  
9 has reason to know that a person has, through multiple  
10 contributions, contributed more than a total of fifty (\$50)  
11 dollars, he must make a full, true and detailed account and  
12 report of what he knows or has reason to know.

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14       Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~immediately~~ JANUARY 1, <—  
15 1978.