THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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 J. TAYLOR, MAY 15, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 15, 1991

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled 2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, 3 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, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; 7 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, 8 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and 9 10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," authorizing the filing of certain reports by 11 facsimile; and making an appropriation. 12 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 14 Section 1. Section 1628 of the act of June 3, 1937 15 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, 16 amended July 11, 1980 (P.L.600, No.128), is amended to read: 17 18 Section 1628. Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures.--19 20 Any candidate or political committee, authorized by a

candidate and created solely for the purpose of influencing an

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- 1 election on behalf of that candidate, which receives any
- 2 contribution or pledge of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more,
- 3 and any person making an independent expenditure, as defined by
- 4 this act, of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more after the final
- 5 pre-election report has been deemed completed shall report such
- 6 contribution, pledge or expenditure to the appropriate
- 7 supervisor by telegram [or], mailgram or facsimile. Such
- 8 telegram [or], mailgram or facsimile shall be sent by the
- 9 candidate, chairman or treasurer of the political committee
- 10 within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the contribution. It
- 11 shall be the duty of the supervisor to confirm the substance of
- 12 such telegram [or], mailgram or facsimile. Original reports
- 13 <u>submitted by facsimile shall also be sent to the appropriate</u>
- 14 supervisor by regular mail within twenty-four (24) hours of
- 15 receipt of the contribution. Any candidate in his own behalf, or
- 16 chairman, treasurer or candidate in behalf of the political
- 17 committee may also comply with this section by appearing
- 18 personally before such supervisor and reporting such late
- 19 contributions or pledges.
- 20 Section 2. The sum of \$1,000, or as much thereof as may be
- 21 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of State for
- 22 the purchase of a facsimile machine.
- 23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.