THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, 2 3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; 5 6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, 8 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and 9 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to 10 11 elections," further providing for additional powers and 12 duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 14 hereby enacts as follows: 15 Section 1. Section 1640 of the act of June 3, 1937 16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, added October 4, 1978 (P.L.893, No.171), is amended to read: 17 18 Section 1640. Additional Powers and Duties of the Secretary 19 of the Commonwealth. -- The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall have the following additional powers and duties: 20 21 To serve as the State clearing house for information (1)

concerning the administration of this act.

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- 1 (2) To prescribe suitable rules and regulations to carry out
- 2 the provisions of this act.
- 3 (3) To develop the prescribed forms required by the
- 4 provisions of this article for the making of the reports and
- 5 statements required to be filed with the supervisor.
- 6 (4) To prepare a manual setting forth recommended uniform
- 7 methods of bookkeeping and reporting which shall be furnished by
- 8 the supervisor to the person required to file such reports and
- 9 statements as required by this article.
- 10 (5) To examine the contributions to State legislative and
- 11 Statewide candidates and publish a list of all those political
- 12 committees who have contributed to candidates or who have
- 13 received contributions and who have failed to file reports as
- 14 required by this act within six (6) days of their failure to
- 15 comply.
- 16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.