

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1976 Session of 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 19, 2017

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, providing for
 12 personal loans to candidate's political committee by
 13 candidate.

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

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

19 Section 1641.1. Personal Loans to Candidate's Political
 20 Committee by Candidate.--

21 (a) If a candidate makes a personal loan to the candidate's
 22 political committee, the loan shall be repaid to the candidate
 23 within:

24 (1) Thirty (30) days after the certification of that

1 election; or

2 (2) Thirty (30) days after any final appeals relating to the
3 results of that election.

4 (b) If the loan is not repaid to the candidate within the
5 time period required by subsection (a), the remaining balance of
6 the loan shall be considered a donation by the candidate and the
7 candidate's political committee shall be prohibited from
8 repaying the balance of the personal loan to the candidate.

9 (c) A personal loan may be repaid in accordance with
10 subsection (a) only with contributions to the candidate's
11 political committee made on or before the day of the election
12 and during the time period after the election before the
13 personal loan is repaid.

14 (d) This section shall apply to elections that occur after
15 the effective date of this section.

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