

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 383

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INTRODUCED BY FREIND, F. J. LYNCH, POLITE, NOYE, BURD,
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PUNT, FEBRUARY 20, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 21, 1979

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," prohibiting the expenditure of funds by certain
12 organizations.

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

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

18 Section 1854. Expenditure of Funds by Certain Organizations
19 Prohibited.--Any firm, corporation, labor union or other
20 organization in which membership is required as a condition of
21 any individual's employment or to which dues or any other fee or

1 consideration is required as a condition of any individual's
2 employment, shall not use directly or indirectly any part of its
3 income, funds or dues for the purpose of supporting or opposing
4 any political party or candidate for public office. Nothing in
5 this section shall prohibit individual members of said firm,
6 corporation, labor union, or other organization from making
7 individual contributions to a specific political action
8 committee. Violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor,
9 punishable by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars
10 (\$5,000), or imprisonment of not more than a year or both.

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