

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2131** Session of  
1978

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INTRODUCED BY BROWN, MARCH 14, 1978

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 14, 1978

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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the use of public buildings for political activities  
2 and providing penalties.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Definitions.

6 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
7 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
8 meanings given to them in this section:

9 "Political activities." Any activity which is called or  
10 sponsored by any political party or committee or any officer  
11 thereof, for the purpose of conducting the business of said  
12 committee or party and shall include but shall not be limited  
13 to, fund-raising dinners, lunches, breakfasts and cocktail  
14 parties.

15 "Public buildings." Any building which is the property of  
16 the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof.

17 Section 2. Prohibition.

18 No public building shall be used for any political activity.

1 Section 3. Penalties.

2 Any person who violates any provision of this act is guilty  
3 of a summary offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be  
4 sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000  
5 for each subsequent offense.

6 Section 4. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect in 60 days.