
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to further
2 provide for limitations on and audits of member mass mailing.

3 RESOLVED, That clause (3) of the fifth paragraph of Rule 14
4 of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

5 RULE 14

6 Members' and Employees' Expenses

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8 Such allowable expenses of members may be used for any
9 legislative purpose or function, including but not limited to
10 the following:

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12 (3) Rent for legislative office space; purchase of office
13 supplies; postage; telephone and answering services; printing
14 services and rental only of office equipment; voucher and
15 vendor's receipt, except for postage expense. No reimbursement
16 or expenditure shall be made out of any appropriation account
17 for any mass mailing including a bulk rate mailing made at the

1 direction or on behalf of any member which is mailed or
2 delivered to a postal facility within 60 days immediately
3 preceding any primary or election at which said member is a
4 candidate for public office, or which is intentionally mailed or
5 delivered to persons outside the boundaries of the legislative
6 district which elected the member.

7 Mass mailing shall mean a newsletter or similar mailing of
8 more than 50 pieces in which the content of the matter is
9 substantially identical. Nothing in this rule shall apply to any
10 mailing which is in direct response to inquiries or requests
11 from persons to whom matter is mailed, which is addressed to
12 colleagues in the General Assembly or other government officials
13 or which consists entirely of news releases to the
14 communications media.

15 Annually, within 30 days of the close of each State fiscal
16 year, the Bipartisan Management Committee of the House shall
17 conduct an audit on mass mailings and mass mailing
18 reimbursements. The audit shall be conducted on a random
19 selection of no less than 10% of the members elected to the
20 House. Any member who violates the provisions of this rule
21 relating to mass mailing restrictions or reimbursements and
22 which violation is substantiated by an audit shall be personally
23 liable to reimburse the House the full amount of the mass
24 mailing reimbursement.

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