

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 518 Session of  
1993

INTRODUCED BY BOYES, TRELLO, NYCE, FAJT, NAILOR, FARMER, BAKER,  
FAIRCHILD, SCRIMENTI, HECKLER, GORDNER, WOGAN, TIGUE, ULIANA,  
ARGALL, HERMAN, PHILLIPS, STAIRS, PLATTS, RAYMOND, FREEMAN,  
MASLAND, DENT, REBER, SCHEETZ, GANNON, ALLEN, DRUCE,  
ARMSTRONG AND LYNCH, MARCH 15, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 1993

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," requiring additional registration information  
12 from political action committees.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1624 of the act of June 3, 1937  
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is  
17 amended by adding a subsection to read:

18 Section 1624. Registration.--

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20 (e) (1) Political action committees required to file  
21 registration statements with the Secretary of the Commonwealth

1 shall include on their registration statements information,  
2 satisfactory to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which is  
3 sufficient to identify the nature and interest of the committee,  
4 including a description of any industry, trade, profession,  
5 labor organization or other group with a common economic or  
6 other interest which the committee principally represents or  
7 from which its membership or financial support is principally  
8 derived. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the  
9 Commonwealth to:

10 (i) examine such information in order to assure that it  
11 adequately describes the nature and interest of the committee;

12 (ii) inform political action committees of their duty to  
13 file or amend existing registration statements to comply with  
14 the requirements of this subsection;

15 (iii) prepare, by January 31 of each year, a list containing  
16 the name and description of each political action committee with  
17 a registration statement on file with the Secretary of the  
18 Commonwealth during the preceding calendar year; and

19 (iv) provide each county board of elections with such list  
20 which shall be open to public inspection and copying at the  
21 Department of State and at each county board of elections.

22 (2) This subsection shall apply to any political action  
23 committees making contributions to political committees or  
24 independent expenditures after the effective date of this  
25 subsection.

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