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SERAFINI AND FARMER, APRIL 11, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 11, 1994

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 certain ballot questions to contain  
12 fiscal information.

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 201.2. Fiscal Information on Bond Interest.--

19 (a) Any ballot question related to the approval of any State  
20 bond issue shall separately specify the principal amount of  
21 indebtedness to be incurred and the estimated amount of interest

1 which will be paid on the bond issue.

2 (b) Any legislation which sets forth the ballot question to  
3 be used for approval of any bond issue shall separately specify  
4 the principal amount of indebtedness to be incurred and the  
5 estimated amount of interest which will be paid on the bond  
6 issue.

7 (c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall forward any  
8 legislative act which requires a referendum approving the  
9 incidence of debt to the Office of the Budget within five days  
10 after receipt of the act. The Office of the Budget shall prepare  
11 a fiscal note to include the principal bond amount and the  
12 estimated amount of interest which will be paid on the bond  
13 issue and return that information to the Secretary of the  
14 Commonwealth within five days. The Secretary of the Commonwealth  
15 shall include on the ballot question the principal amount of  
16 indebtedness to be incurred and the estimated amount of interest  
17 which will be paid by the Commonwealth on the bond issue, as  
18 determined by the Office of the Budget.

19 (d) In the preparation of the plain English statement on a  
20 State bond issue, the Attorney General shall separately specify  
21 the principal amount of indebtedness to be incurred and the  
22 estimated amount of interest which will be paid by the  
23 Commonwealth on the bond issue, as determined by the Office of  
24 the Budget.

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