

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 491 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY PISTELLA, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, CAWLEY,
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SATHER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, SURRA, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO AND
WANSACZ, FEBRUARY 14, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 2005

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," further providing for reporting by candidate and
12 political committees and other persons.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1626(a), (b)(1) and (i) of the act of
16 June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania
17 Election Code, added October 4, 1978 (P.L.893, No.171) and July
18 21, 1979 (P.L.189, No.63), are amended to read:

19 Section 1626. Reporting by Candidate and Political
20 Committees and other Persons.--

21 (a) Each treasurer of a political committee and each

1 candidate for election to public office shall file with the
2 appropriate supervisor reports of receipts and expenditures on
3 forms, designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, if the
4 amount received or expended or liabilities incurred shall exceed
5 the sum of [two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)] five hundred
6 dollars (\$500). Should such an amount not exceed [two hundred
7 fifty dollars (\$250)] five hundred dollars (\$500), then the
8 candidate or the treasurer of the committee shall file a sworn
9 statement to that effect with the appropriate supervisor rather
10 than the report required by this section.

11 (b) Each report shall include the following information:

12 (1) The full name, mailing address, occupation and name of
13 employer, if any, or the principal place of business, if self-
14 employed, of each person who has made one or more contributions
15 to or for such committee or candidate within the reporting
16 period in an aggregate amount or value in excess of [two hundred
17 fifty dollars (\$250)] five hundred dollars (\$500), together with
18 the amount and date of such contributions. The accuracy of the
19 information furnished to the candidate or committee shall be the
20 responsibility of the contributor.

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22 (i) An expenditure from a candidate's political committee to
23 another political committee shall be reported as a contribution
24 by the political committee receiving the contribution but need
25 not be reported by the contributing candidate's political
26 committee until the time required by law for that candidate's
27 political committee to report: Provided, however, That if the
28 amount of the contribution exceeds [two hundred fifty dollars
29 (\$250)] five hundred dollars (\$500) to a single political
30 committee or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in aggregate

1 contributions to more than one political committee for any
2 primary, general or special election, then receipts and
3 expenditures shall be reported by the contributing committee at
4 the same time as required by law for the committee receiving
5 same.

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