

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 19, 2019

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," in primary and election expenses, providing for
 12 out-of-state political committees and reporting.

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),
 16 known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding a
 17 section to read:

18 Section 1626.2. Out-of-State Political Committees;
 19 Reporting.--

20 (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
 21 regulation, an out-of-state political committee organized for

1 the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate, a question
2 appearing on the ballot or a ballot initiative in another state
3 that is not otherwise required to report under this act or any
4 other provision of law or regulation of this Commonwealth shall
5 report as required in this section if the out-of-state political
6 committee makes an expenditure supporting or opposing a
7 political committee in this Commonwealth, a Statewide candidate,
8 a candidate for the Pennsylvania Senate or a candidate for the
9 Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

10 (2) The out-of-state political committee shall file with the
11 Secretary of the Commonwealth, on a form designed by the
12 Secretary of the Commonwealth, a statement disclosing:

13 (i) The name, address and telephone number or electronic
14 mail address of the out-of-state political committee.

15 (ii) The purpose of the out-of-state political committee.

16 (iii) The names, addresses and titles of the committee's
17 officers or, if the committee has no officers, the names,
18 addresses and the titles of responsible leaders.

19 (iv) The name, office sought and party affiliation of each
20 candidate in this Commonwealth whom the out-of-state political
21 committee is supporting or opposing and, if the out-of-state
22 committee is supporting or opposing the entire ticket of any
23 political party, the name of the party.

24 (v) A ballot question supported or opposed in this
25 Commonwealth, if any, and whether the out-of-state political
26 committee is in favor of or opposed to the ballot question.

27 (vi) The name and address of each person residing in this
28 Commonwealth that has a place of business in this Commonwealth
29 who has made one or more contributions in the aggregate of more
30 than twenty-five dollars (\$25) to the out-of-state political

1 committee during the current calendar year, together with the
2 money value and date of the contributions.

3 (vii) The name, address and employer of each person residing
4 outside this Commonwealth who has made one or more contributions
5 in the aggregate of more than two thousand five hundred fifty
6 dollars (\$2,550) to the out-of-state political committee during
7 the current calendar year, together with the money value and
8 date of the contributions. Annually, the Secretary of the
9 Commonwealth shall modify the two thousand five hundred fifty
10 dollar (\$2,550) limit in this subsection based on percentage
11 change in the implicit price deflator for personal consumption
12 expenditures for the United States as published for the most
13 recent twelve-month period by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of
14 the United States Department of Commerce.

15 (viii) The name and address of each person in this
16 Commonwealth to whom an expenditure was made by the out-of-state
17 political committee with respect to a candidate or political
18 committee in the aggregate amount of more than fifty dollars
19 (\$50), the amount, date and purpose of the expenditure and the
20 total sum of the expenditure.

21 (ix) Any other information as the Secretary of the
22 Commonwealth may prescribe by rule or regulation.

23 (b) Each statement shall be filed no later than the tenth
24 day of the month following any month in which a contribution or
25 other expenditure reportable under subsection (a) is made. An
26 out-of-state political committee incurring an obligation to file
27 additional statements in a calendar year may satisfy the
28 obligation by timely filing reports that supplement previously
29 filed information.

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