

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 2104

Session of  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 21, 1980

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## 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 ~~registration and~~ reporting <—  
12 by political committees.

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

15 Section 1. ~~Subsection (a) of section 1624, subsection (a) of~~ <—  
16 ~~section 1626~~ (B) OF SECTION 1627, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, <—  
17 No.320), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code," added  
18 October 4, 1978 (P.L.893, No.171), are IS amended ~~and section~~ <—  
19 ~~1626 is amended by adding a subsection to read:~~

20 Section 1624. ~~Registration.~~ <—  
21 ~~(a) Any political committee which receives contributions and~~

~~makes expenditures in an aggregate amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more shall file a registration statement, designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with the appropriate supervisor within twenty (20) days after the date on which it receives such amount. Each committee in existence shall have sixty (60) days from the effective date of this amendatory act to comply with the requirements of this section.~~

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~~Section 1626.— Reporting by Candidate and Political Committees and other Persons.—~~

~~(a) Each treasurer of a political committee [and each candidate for election to public office] shall file with the appropriate supervisor reports of receipts and expenditures on forms, designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, if the amount received [or expended or liabilities incurred] and the amount of expenditures shall exceed the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). [Should such an amount not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), then the candidate or the treasurer of the committee shall file a sworn statement to that effect with the appropriate supervisor rather than the report required by this section.]~~

~~(a.1) Each candidate for election to public office shall file with the appropriate supervisor reports of receipts and expenditures on forms, designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, if the amount received or expended or liabilities incurred shall exceed the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). Should such an amount not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), then the candidate shall file a sworn statement to that effect with the appropriate supervisor rather than the report required by this section.~~

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2       Section 2. ~~Section 1627 of the act, amended October 4, 1978~~  
3 ~~(P.L.893, No.171), is amended to read:~~

4       Section 1627. ~~Annual Reports.~~

5       ~~(a) All political committees and candidates[, including~~  
6 ~~those committees and candidates] filing reports under section~~  
7 ~~1626 (d) and (e), shall file a report on January 31 of each year~~  
8 ~~which shall be complete as of January 15 of each year. Such~~  
9 ~~reports shall be filed annually at this time until there is no~~  
10 ~~balance or debt in the report of the candidate or political~~  
11 ~~committee. Such reports shall be cumulative. However, if there~~  
12 ~~has been no change in the account, then the candidate or~~  
13 ~~political committee shall file a statement to that effect with~~  
14 ~~the appropriate supervisor.~~

15       ~~(b) Any political committee required to be registered under~~  
16 ~~this act and not reporting under section 1626 shall file an~~  
17 ~~annual report under this section.~~

18       SECTION 1627. ANNUAL REPORTS.--

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20       (B) ANY POLITICAL COMMITTEE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER  
21 THIS ACT AND NOT REPORTING UNDER SECTION 1626 SHALL FILE AN  
22 ANNUAL REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION. HOWEVER, IF A POLITICAL  
23 COMMITTEE MAKES AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
24 1621 IN AN AMOUNT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OR INCURS  
25 AGGREGATE DEBT IN AN AMOUNT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100)  
26 DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR TO INFLUENCE AN ELECTION, IT NEED NOT  
27 FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT; PROVIDED THAT THIS EXCEPTION SHALL NOT BE  
28 APPLICABLE TO A CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR TO A STATE OR  
29 COUNTY COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR POLITICAL BODY.

30       Section 3 2. This act shall take effect immediately.