

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1732

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 18, 1984

## 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 ~~names~~ INFORMATION ON THE <—  
12 REGISTRATION STATEMENTS of political action committees.

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 1621.1. Names of Political Action Committees. (a)~~  
19 ~~The name of a political action committee established pursuant to~~  
20 ~~this act shall include the full names of its connected~~  
21 ~~organizations. Such committee may also use a clearly recognized~~  
22 ~~abbreviation or acronym by which the connected organization is~~

~~commonly known, provided that the acronym or abbreviation  
complies with the above. Both the full name and such  
abbreviation or acronym shall be included on the committee's  
statement of organization, on all reports filed by the committee  
and in all notices required by this act. The committee may make  
contributions using its acronym or abbreviated name. A committee  
established by a corporation which has a number of subsidiaries  
need not include the name of each subsidiary in its name.  
Similarly, a separate segregated fund established by a  
subsidiary need not include in its name the name of its parent  
or another subsidiary of its parent.~~

~~(b) In the case where trade associations, coalitions of  
trade associations or labor coalitions are the sponsors or  
connected organizations, the committee shall, in place of the  
sponsor's or connected organization's name or reorganized  
acronym, indicate the composition of the member or connected  
organizations.~~

~~(c) The election commissioner shall determine if the name of  
the political action committee complies with this section to  
protect the public from misleading political action committee  
names which do not indicate the identity of the sponsoring or  
connected organizations. Should the commissioner determine that  
the political action committee name does not comply under this  
section, the political action committee shall not be registered  
under the provisions of this act.~~

SECTION 1. SECTION 1624 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 3, 1937  
(P.L.1333, NO.320), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE,  
ADDED OCTOBER 4, 1978 (P.L.893, NO.171), IS AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 1624. REGISTRATION.--

(A) ANY POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHICH RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS IN

1 AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) OR MORE  
2 SHALL FILE A REGISTRATION STATEMENT, DESIGNED BY THE SECRETARY  
3 OF THE COMMONWEALTH, WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISOR WITHIN  
4 TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH IT RECEIVES SUCH  
5 AMOUNT. EACH COMMITTEE IN EXISTENCE SHALL HAVE SIXTY (60) DAYS  
6 FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDATORY ACT TO COMPLY WITH  
7 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

8 (B) EACH REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING  
9 INFORMATION:

10 (1) THE NAME, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THE POLITICAL  
11 COMMITTEE. THE NAMES SHALL INCLUDE ANY ACRONYMS USED BY THE  
12 COMMITTEE AND BOTH SHOULD BE REFLECTIVE OF THE COMMITTEE'S  
13 SPECIFIC PURPOSE, I.E., TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE, PARTY OR A  
14 PARTICULAR ISSUE.

15 (2) THE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE COMMITTEE'S  
16 TREASURER.

17 (3) THE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE COMMITTEE'S  
18 CHAIRMAN.

19 (4) THE NAMES, ACRONYMS, ADDRESSES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF  
20 OTHER AFFILIATED OR CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS. THE INFORMATION  
21 SHALL ALSO DESIGNATE WHICH OF THE CONNECTED OR AFFILIATED  
22 ORGANIZATIONS IS A SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBLE FOR  
23 THE COMMITTEE'S ADMINISTRATING FUNDS.

24 (5) THE CANDIDATES, IF ANY, AND THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

25 (6) THE BALLOT QUESTION, IF ANY, WHICH THE COMMITTEE INTENDS  
26 TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE.

27 (7) THE BANKS, SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES OR OTHER REPOSITORIES  
28 AND THEIR ADDRESSES USED BY THE COMMITTEE.

29 (8) THE PROPOSED PERIOD OF OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

30 (C) THE COMMITTEE SHALL INFORM THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISOR OF

1 ANY CHANGES IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN SUBSECTION (B)  
2 WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THAT CHANGE.

3 (D) NO POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHICH RECEIVES AN AGGREGATE  
4 AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) OR  
5 MORE MAY MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY CANDIDATE OR POLITICAL  
6 COMMITTEE UNLESS IT HAS REGISTERED WITH THE APPROPRIATE  
7 SUPERVISOR.

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