

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 968 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, CHRISTIANA, CUTLER, DAY, EVANKOVICH, FLECK, GINGRICH, GROVE, HALUSKA, HARRIS, KAUFFMAN, KULA, MAHONEY, MAJOR, METCALFE, MILLARD, MUNDY, MUSTIO, PICKETT, PYLE, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROSS, SANTONI, SONNEY, VULAKOVICH AND WHEATLEY, MARCH 7, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 7, 2011

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, further
12 providing for place of filing certain statements and reports.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1631 of the act of June 3, 1937
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code,
17 added October 4, 1978 (P.L.893, No.171), is amended to read:

18 Section 1631. Place of Filing.--

19 Any statement or report required by this article to be filed,
20 shall be done in the following manner:

21 (1) (i) Any candidate, individual, or committee required to

1 file a report concerning any candidate shall file that statement
2 or report in the office of the supervisor with whom the
3 candidate filed a nomination paper, nomination certificate,
4 nomination petitions or with the supervisor with whom the
5 candidate would have filed such if he had sought nomination in
6 that manner.

7 (ii) [All] Except as provided under subclause (iii), all
8 candidates and political committees, authorized by candidates
9 and created solely for the purpose of influencing the election
10 of such candidates, who must file reports with the Secretary of
11 the Commonwealth, shall also file copies of their reports in the
12 county in which the candidate resides.

13 (iii) Candidates and political committees authorized by
14 candidates and created solely for the purpose of influencing the
15 election of such candidates shall be exempt from the county
16 filing requirement under subclause (ii) if the reports of the
17 candidate or committee are posted and available on the publicly
18 accessible Internet website of the Department of State.

19 (2) (i) Any statement or report concerning an issue to be
20 voted on by the electors of the State at large shall be filed
21 with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

22 (ii) Any statement or report concerning any other issue to
23 be voted on by the electors of this Commonwealth shall be filed
24 in the county wherein the electors reside.

25 (3) However, if any report of any political committee
26 concerns both candidates who file for nomination with the
27 Secretary of the Commonwealth and candidates who file with a
28 county board of elections, then such report shall be filed with
29 the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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