THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BEAR, AUMENT, CUTLER, FARRY, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GROVE, HICKERNELL, LAWRENCE, SWANGER AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 24, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 24, 2011

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, 2 3 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 6 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, 7 8 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and 9 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to 10 elections," in primary and election expenses, further 11 providing for place of filing certain statements and reports. 12 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 (i) Any candidate, individual, or committee required to (1)22 file a report concerning any candidate shall file that statement

- 1 or report in the office of the supervisor with whom the
- 2 candidate filed a nomination paper, nomination certificate,
- 3 nomination petitions or with the supervisor with whom the
- 4 candidate would have filed such if he had sought nomination in
- 5 that manner. In the case of a candidate for a county office, the
- 6 statement or report shall also be filed with the Secretary of
- 7 the Commonwealth.
- 8 (ii) All candidates and political committees, authorized by
- 9 candidates and created solely for the purpose of influencing the
- 10 election of such candidates, who must file reports with the
- 11 Secretary of the Commonwealth, shall also file copies of their
- 12 reports in the county in which the candidate resides.
- 13 (2) (i) Any statement or report concerning an issue to be
- 14 voted on by the electors of the State at large shall be filed
- 15 with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- 16 (ii) Any statement or report concerning any other issue to
- 17 be voted on by the electors of this Commonwealth shall be filed
- 18 in the county wherein the electors reside.
- 19 (3) However, if any report of any political committee
- 20 concerns both candidates who file for nomination with the
- 21 Secretary of the Commonwealth and candidates who file with a
- 22 county board of elections, then such report shall be filed with
- 23 the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- 24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.