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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for restrictions on nomination petitions.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
6 Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

7 § 1404.1. Nomination petition.

8 The department and any commission shall not provide any copy  
9 of any nomination petition that contains the photostatic,  
10 digitized or electronic signature of any registered elector to  
11 any individual or entity or business enterprise for any purpose  
12 apart from those needs which are associated with valid petition  
13 examinations or challenges. All recipients of nomination  
14 petition copies shall sign an affidavit which states that the  
15 affiant will only use nomination petition copies as follows:

16 (1) for election-related purposes;

17 (2) shall not use, buy or sell nomination petition  
18 copies for nonelectoral purposes; and

1           (3) shall not remove nomination petition copies from any  
2           official government building where examinations of the same  
3           are conducted.

4 § 1404.2. Enforcement and penalties.

5           It shall be a misdemeanor of the second degree if any person,  
6           entity or other organization is found to be in violation of  
7           section 1404.1 (relating to nomination petition), with fines not  
8           to exceed \$5,000 for each infraction and imprisonment not to  
9           exceed two years for all violations cumulatively. Warnings of  
10           the same shall be printed appropriately on each nomination  
11           petition form before circulation among nomination electors.

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