

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 194 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, BLAKE, COSTA, FOLMER, SMITH AND BROWNE, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

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 residual funds.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1630 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 1630. Residual Funds.--

19 In the event that a candidate or political committee
 20 terminates its financial activity as such, then the disbursement
 21 of any residual funds remaining in such an account shall be made
 22 in the following manner:

23 (1) any such funds may be used for any expenditure as

1 defined by this article; [and]

2 (2) may be returned, pro rata, to the contributors by the
3 candidate or treasurer of the political committee. A final
4 report must be made by the next January 31 in accordance with
5 section 1627[.]; and

6 (3) in the event the candidate was elected to a judicial
7 office, the funds may be distributed to a nonprofit community
8 organization that is registered with the Department of State
9 under the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as
10 the "Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act."

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