

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

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 reporting by candidate and political committees
 13 and other persons and for contributions by agents, anonymous
 14 contributions and cash contributions.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 1626(b) of the act of June 3, 1937
 18 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
 19 amended to read:

20 Section 1626. Reporting by Candidate and Political
 21 Committees and other Persons.--

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23 (b) Each report shall include the following information:

24 (1) The full name, mailing address, occupation and name of

1 employer, if any, or the principal place of business, if self-
2 employed, of each person who has made one or more contributions
3 to or for such committee or candidate within the reporting
4 period in an aggregate amount or value in excess of two hundred
5 fifty dollars (\$250), together with the amount and date of such
6 contributions. The accuracy of the information furnished to the
7 candidate or committee shall be the responsibility of the
8 contributor.

9 (2) The full name and mailing address of each person who has
10 made one or more contributions to or for such committee or
11 candidate within the reporting period in an aggregate amount or
12 value in excess of fifty dollars (\$50), together with the amount
13 and date of such contributions. The accuracy of the information
14 furnished by the contributor shall be the responsibility of the
15 contributor.

16 (2.1) The total sum of anonymous contributions of ten
17 dollars (\$10) or less to or for such committee or candidate
18 within the reporting period in an aggregate amount.

19 (3) The total sum of individual contributions made to or for
20 such committee or candidate during the reporting period and not
21 reported under clauses (1) [and], (2) and (2.1).

22 (4) Each and every expenditure, the date made, the full name
23 and address of the person to whom made and the purpose for which
24 such expenditure was made.

25 (5) Any unpaid debts and liabilities, with the nature and
26 amount of each, the date incurred and the full name and address
27 of the person owed.

28 (6) The account shall include any unexpended balance of
29 contributions or other receipts appearing from the last account
30 filed.

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2 Section 2. Section 1634(b) of the act is amended and the
3 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

4 Section 1634. Contributions by Agents; Anonymous
5 Contributions; Cash Contributions.--

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7 (b) [It] Except as set forth in subsection (b.1), it shall
8 be unlawful for any candidate or political committee to disburse
9 money received from an anonymous source. All such money shall be
10 handed over to the State Treasurer within twenty (20) days of
11 its receipt.

12 (b.1) Subsection (b) shall not apply if the anonymous
13 contribution is in the amount of ten dollars (\$10) or less. A
14 candidate or political committee may disburse no more than an
15 aggregate amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) in anonymous
16 contributions of ten dollars (\$10) or less with respect to any
17 single election. All such money in excess of five hundred
18 dollars (\$500) shall be handed over to the State Treasurer
19 within twenty (20) days of its receipt.

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21 Section 3. The amendment or addition of sections 1626(b) and
22 1634(b) and (b.1) of the act shall apply to elections held after
23 January 1, 2018.

24 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.