
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 403 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, FOLMER, FARNESE, LEACH, K. WARD, SCHWANK,
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MARCH 11, 2019

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 11, 2019

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 advertising.

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

15 Section 1. Section 1638(a) of the act of June 3, 1937
16 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
17 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

18 Section 1638. Advertising.--

19 (a) Whenever any person makes an expenditure for the purpose
20 of financing communications expressly advocating the election or
21 defeat of a candidate, or ballot questions, through any
22 broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising

1 facility, direct mailing, or any other type of general public
2 political advertising, such communication:

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4 (3) If not authorized by a candidate, the candidate's
5 authorized political committee or their agents, shall disclose
6 the largest campaign donors by including a message in the
7 following form:

8 "The top five contributors to the organization for this
9 advertisement are" followed by a list of the five (5) persons
10 making the largest contributions to the organization during the
11 twelve-month period before the date of the communication.

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