THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2044 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY E. NELSON, OWLETT, STRUZZI, GROVE, KAUFFMAN, ROTHMAN, PICKETT, HAMM, MILLARD, COX, DIAMOND, GLEIM, RADER, FEE, KEEFER, METCALFE, ROWE, HERSHEY, IRVIN, COOK, GAYDOS, MERCURI, GREGORY, MAJOR AND TOPPER, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

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, primary and election expenses and election contests; creating and defining membership of county boards of elections; imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections," in the Secretary of the Commonwealth, further providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and, in county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards.

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

Section 1. Sections 201 and 302 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, are amended by adding subsections to read:

Section 201. Powers and Duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.--The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall exercise in the manner provided by this act all powers granted to him by this act, and shall perform all the duties imposed upon him by
this act, which shall include the following:

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   (i) To decline to accept any private donation or
   contribution for the purposes of operating elections, employing
   staff or selecting and equipping a polling place or for use in
   voter education or outreach.

Section 302. Powers and Duties of County Boards.--The county
boards of elections, within their respective counties, shall
exercise, in the manner provided by this act, all powers granted
to them by this act, and shall perform all the duties imposed
upon them by this act, which shall include the following:

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   (q) To decline to accept any private donation or
   contribution for the purposes of operating elections, employing
   staff or selecting and equipping a polling place or for use in
   voter education or outreach.

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