

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

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 the Secretary of the Commonwealth, further
 12 providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of the
 13 Commonwealth; and, in county boards of elections, further
 14 providing for powers and duties of county boards.

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

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

20 Section 201. Powers and Duties of the Secretary of the
 21 Commonwealth.--The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall exercise
 22 in the manner provided by this act all powers granted to him by
 23 this act, and shall perform all the duties imposed upon him by

1 this act, which shall include the following:

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

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

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

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