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AN ACT

1 Providing for reporting allegations of fraud relating to
2 elections and imposing duties on the Auditor General.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Election
7 Fraud Reporting Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Election." A general, municipal, special or primary
13 election held under the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320),
14 known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.

15 Section 3. Reporting.

16 (a) Duties of Auditor General.--The following:

17 (1) Within 30 days of the effective date of this
18 section, the Auditor General shall establish the following

1 for an individual to report allegations of fraud relating to
2 an election:

3 (i) A telephone hotline.

4 (ii) A form on the Auditor General's publicly
5 accessible Internet website.

6 (2) The Auditor General shall make the telephone hotline
7 and the form on the Auditor General's publicly accessible
8 Internet website accessible for 30 days beginning on the date
9 of an election.

10 (b) Receipt of report.--The following shall apply:

11 (1) A report alleging fraud relating to an election
12 received under subsection (a) shall be documented by the
13 Office of Auditor General. The Office of Auditor General:

14 (i) May not document anonymous reports.

15 (ii) Shall only document reports from individuals
16 registered to vote in this Commonwealth.

17 (2) Within three months of the closing date of the
18 accessibility of the telephone hotline and the form on the
19 Auditor General's publicly accessible Internet website after
20 an election, the Office of Auditor General shall submit a
21 report detailing any reports alleging fraud received to the
22 following:

23 (1) The President pro tempore of the Senate.

24 (2) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the
25 Senate.

26 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
27 State Government Committee of the Senate.

28 (4) The Secretary of the Senate.

29 (5) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

30 (6) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House

1 of Representatives.

2 (7) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
3 State Government Committee of the House of Representatives.

4 (8) The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

5 Section 4. Reporting period for past elections.

6 Upon the establishment of the telephone hotline and the form
7 on the Auditor General's publicly accessible Internet website
8 under section 3(a), the Office of Auditor General shall open
9 accessibility of both for 30 days to receive reports alleging
10 fraud relating to the election held on November 3, 2020, and any
11 other election taking place after November 3, 2020, until the
12 effective date of this section. Reports under this section shall
13 be documented by the Office of Auditor General, and within three
14 months of the closing date of the accessibility of the telephone
15 hotline and the form on the Auditor General's publicly
16 accessible Internet website, the Office of Auditor General shall
17 submit a report detailing any reports alleging fraud received to
18 the following:

19 (1) The President pro tempore of the Senate.

20 (2) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the
21 Senate.

22 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
23 State Government Committee of the Senate.

24 (4) The Secretary of the Senate.

25 (5) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

26 (6) The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House
27 of Representatives.

28 (7) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
29 State Government Committee of the House of Representatives.

30 (8) The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

1 Section 5. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect immediately.