
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 982 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, LAUGHLIN,
BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH, J. WARD, SCAVELLO, STEFANO AND AUMENT,
DECEMBER 10, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 10, 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 preliminary provisions, providing for public
12 funding of elections.

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

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

18 Section 107. Public Funding of Elections.--(a) The cost and
19 expense to State and local governments relating to the
20 registration of voters and the preparation, administration and
21 conduct of elections in this Commonwealth shall be funded only
22 upon lawful appropriation of the Federal, State and local

1 governments, and the source of funding shall be limited to money
2 derived from taxes, fees and other sources of public revenue.

3 (b) State and local governments, including their public
4 officers, public officials, employees and agents, may not
5 solicit, apply for, enter into a contract for or receive or
6 expend gifts, donations, grants or funding from any individual,
7 business, organization, trust, foundation, or any
8 nongovernmental entity for the registration of voters or the
9 preparation, administration or conducting of an election in this
10 Commonwealth.

11 (c) This section shall not be construed to apply to the
12 collection of fees authorized by law or to the donation or use
13 of:

14 (1) a location for voting purposes;

15 (2) services that are provided without remuneration; or

16 (3) goods that have a nominal value of less than one hundred
17 (\$100) dollars.

18 (d) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
19 the second degree.

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