

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, AUMENT, DUSH
AND BROOKS, DECEMBER 10, 2021

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JULY 7, 2022

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

1 upon lawful appropriation of the Federal, State and local
2 governments, and the source of funding shall be limited to money
3 derived from taxes, fees and other sources of public revenue.

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

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

15 (1) a location for voting purposes;

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

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

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

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 90 days.

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