THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SOLOMON, KENYATTA, MADDEN, PROBST, TAKAC, HILL-EVANS, RABB, ISAACSON, KINSEY, SANCHEZ, ROZZI AND NEILSON, JUNE 21, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 21, 2023

AN ACT

- Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal, 1 2 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates, 3 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; 7 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying, 8 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and 9 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to 10 elections," in primary and election expenses, further 11 providing for reporting by candidate and political committees 12 and other persons and for late contributions and independent 13 expenditures. 14 15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 16 hereby enacts as follows: 17 Section 1. Sections 1626(q) and 1628 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election 18 19 Code, are amended to read: 20 Section 1626. Reporting by Candidate and Political 21 Committees and other Persons. --22
- 23 (g) Every person, <u>including a civic league or organization</u>

- 1 <u>not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the</u>
- 2 promotion of social welfare under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(4)
- 3 (relating to exemption from tax on corporations, certain trusts,
- 4 <u>etc.)</u>, other than a political committee or candidate, who makes
- 5 independent expenditures expressly advocating the election or
- 6 defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or question appearing
- 7 on the ballot, other than by contribution to a political
- 8 committee or candidate, in [an aggregate amount in excess of one
- 9 hundred dollars (\$100)] <u>any amount</u> during a calendar year shall
- 10 file with the appropriate supervisor, on a form prepared by the
- 11 Secretary of the Commonwealth, a report which shall include the
- 12 same information required of a candidate or political committee
- 13 receiving such a contribution and, additionally, the name of the
- 14 candidate or question supported or opposed. Reports required by
- 15 this subsection shall be filed on dates on which reports by
- 16 political committees making expenditures are required to report
- 17 under this section.
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- 19 Section 1628. Late Contributions and Independent
- 20 Expenditures. -- Any candidate or political committee, authorized
- 21 by a candidate and created solely for the purpose of influencing
- 22 an election on behalf of that candidate, which receives any
- 23 contribution or pledge of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more,
- 24 and any person, including a civic league or organization not
- 25 organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion
- 26 of social welfare under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(4) (relating to
- 27 <u>exemption from tax on corporations, certain trusts, etc.),</u>
- 28 making an independent expenditure, as defined by this act, of
- 29 [five hundred dollars (\$500) or more] any amount after the final
- 30 pre-election report has been deemed completed shall report such

- 1 contribution, pledge or expenditure to the appropriate
- 2 supervisor. Such report shall be sent by the candidate, chairman
- 3 or treasurer of the political committee within twenty-four (24)
- 4 hours of receipt of the contribution. It shall be the duty of
- 5 the supervisor to confirm the substance of such report. The
- 6 report shall be made by telegram, mailgram, overnight mail or
- 7 facsimile transmission. Any candidate in his own behalf, or
- 8 chairman, treasurer or candidate in behalf of the political
- 9 committee may also comply with this section by appearing
- 10 personally before such supervisor and reporting such late
- 11 contributions or pledges.
- 12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.