

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1733 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY STAATS AND MARCELL, OCTOBER 2, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 2, 2023

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 primary and election expenses, further
 12 providing for reporting by candidate and political committees
 13 and other persons.

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

16 Section 1. Section 1626(c) of the act of June 3, 1937
 17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
 18 amended to read:

19 Section 1626. Reporting by Candidate and Political
 20 Committees and other Persons.--

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22 (c) The following shall apply:

23 (1) Vouchers or copies of vouchers for all sums expended
 24 amounting to more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be

1 retained by the candidate or the committee treasurer and shall
2 be available for public inspection and copying as herein
3 provided.

4 (2) Any person may inspect or copy such vouchers or copies
5 thereof by filing a written request with the appropriate
6 supervisory office which shall notify the candidate or political
7 committee of such request.

8 (3) The candidate or political committee shall have the
9 option of either forwarding such vouchers or copy of the same to
10 the supervisor for such purpose or making the vouchers or copy
11 of the same available to the requesting person.

12 (4) If a candidate or a treasurer of a political committee
13 shall fail to make said vouchers or copies thereof available for
14 inspection and copying when requested by the appropriate
15 supervisory officer, such officer shall [direct] order the
16 candidate or political committee to [promptly] deliver the
17 vouchers or copies thereof to the supervisory office within two
18 (2) days for purposes of inspection and copying.

19 (5) If the candidate or the treasurer of the political
20 committee fails to deliver the vouchers or copies within two (2)
21 days of the order under clause (4), the Secretary of the
22 Commonwealth shall impose an administrative penalty of no more
23 than five hundred dollars (\$500) on the candidate or the
24 political committee for each day the candidate or the treasurer
25 of the political committee fails to comply with the order.

26 (6) If the candidate or the treasurer of the political
27 committee fails to deliver the vouchers or copies within thirty
28 (30) days after the imposition of the administrative penalty
29 under clause (5), the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall refer
30 the matter to the Attorney General for investigation.

1 (7) Costs of copying and costs of delivery by the candidate
2 or treasurer of the requested vouchers or copies thereof shall
3 be borne by the person requesting same.

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