

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 222 Session of 2017

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JANUARY 31, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 31, 2017

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 nomination of candidates, providing for  
12 disclosure of Federal tax returns by candidates for office of  
13 President of the United States.

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

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

19 Section 914.1. Disclosure of Federal Tax Returns By  
20 Candidates for Office of President of the United States.--(a) A  
21 candidate for the office of President of the United States shall  
22 not be permitted to cast lots for the position of the

1 candidate's name upon the primary ballots or ballot labels or be  
2 certified by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to appear on the  
3 official primary ballots or ballot labels unless the candidate  
4 has submitted the following to the Secretary of the  
5 Commonwealth:

6 (1) A certified and complete copy of the candidate's Federal  
7 income tax returns for the five most recent available years.

8 (2) A written consent for public disclosure of the Federal  
9 income tax returns.

10 (b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall post the Federal  
11 income tax returns of a candidate for the office of President of  
12 the United States who has given written consent for public  
13 disclosure of the Federal income tax returns under subsection  
14 (a) on the publicly accessible Internet website of the Bureau of  
15 Commissions, Elections and Legislation of the Department of  
16 State no later than 30 days prior to the primary election.

17 (c) The name of a candidate for the office of President of  
18 the United States may not appear on an official primary ballot  
19 or ballot label unless the candidate has complied with the  
20 provisions of this section.

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