

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 502 Session of 2021

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 FREEMAN, HOHENSTEIN, WEBSTER, CIRESI, SCHWEYER AND
 PISCIOTTANO, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 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 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(a) of the act of June 3, 1937
 17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
 18 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
 19 read:

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

22 (a) Each treasurer of a political committee and each
 23 candidate for election to public office shall file with the

1 appropriate supervisor reports of receipts and expenditures on
2 forms, designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, if the
3 amount received or expended or liabilities incurred shall exceed
4 the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), exclusive of the
5 amount of expenditures required to be reported under subsection
6 (b.1). Should such an amount not exceed two hundred fifty
7 dollars (\$250), exclusive of the amount of expenditures required
8 to be reported under subsection (b.1), then the candidate or the
9 treasurer of the committee shall file a sworn statement to that
10 effect with the appropriate supervisor rather than the report
11 required by this section[.], but shall file with the appropriate
12 supervisor a report of the expenditures under subsection (b.1)
13 on a form designed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth that
14 provides sufficient space to itemize the expenditures and attach
15 the receipts.

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17 (b.1) Each report shall also include the following
18 information, if not otherwise separately reported under this
19 section:

20 (1) Each payment to a credit card company, regardless of the
21 amount, including for each charge, the name of the underlying
22 payee, the amount of the charge and a description of the charge.

23 (2) Each reimbursement to the candidate or a staff person of
24 the campaign committee, regardless of the amount, including for
25 each reimbursement, the name of the underlying payee, the amount
26 of the item or service being reimbursed and a description of the
27 item or service being reimbursed. If the reimbursement is to the
28 candidate for an expense paid in cash or gift card in excess of
29 fifty dollars (\$50), then a receipt for the expense shall be
30 attached.

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