

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 23, 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 definitions and providing for limitations on
 13 campaign contributions.

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

16 Section 1. Section 1621 of the act of June 3, 1937
 17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
 18 amended by adding a subsection to read:

19 Section 1621. Definitions.--As used in this article, the
 20 following words have the following meanings:

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22 (n) The words "in-kind contribution" shall mean a
 23 contribution of goods, services, property or a valuable thing

1 offered for free or at less than the fair market value of the
2 goods, services, property or valuable thing. The words "in-kind
3 contribution" shall not include legal or accounting services
4 rendered to or on behalf of a political committee of a political
5 party, an authorized committee of a candidate or another
6 political committee, if the legal or accounting services are
7 solely for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this article.
8 The legal or accounting services shall be reported under section
9 1626.

10 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

11 Section 1627.1. Limitations on Campaign Contributions.--
12 Aggregate contribution limits, including in-kind contributions,
13 for a candidate shall not exceed the levels established by the
14 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (Public Law 92-225, 86
15 Stat. 3) and regulations promulgated by the Federal Election
16 Commission in accordance with 11 CFR 110 (relating to
17 contribution and expenditure limitations and prohibitions).

18 Section 3. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall certify
19 the calculation of the levels determined under section 1627.1 of
20 the act and shall transmit notice of the levels, including any
21 changes to the levels, to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
22 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

23 Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.