

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 28 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY DAY, ARMANINI, DOWLING, FRITZ, GILLEN, HAMM,
 IRVIN, JONES, KERWIN, KNOWLES, M. MACKENZIE, MOUL, OWLETT,
 PENNYCUICK, PICKETT, ROTHMAN, ROWE AND YOUNG, JUNE 3, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 3, 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 penalties, providing for immunity from
 12 liability for report of election misconduct.

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

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

18 Section 1855. Immunity from Liability for Report of Election
 19 Misconduct.--(a) A person shall have immunity from civil and
 20 criminal liability that might otherwise result from any of the
 21 following:

22 (1) Making a report in good faith of a suspected crime

1 relating in any manner to the conduct of an election.

2 (2) Confessing to committing or being an accessory to the
3 commission of a crime relating in any manner to the conduct of
4 an election.

5 (3) Cooperating or consulting with an investigation relating
6 in any manner to the conduct of an election.

7 (4) Testifying in a judicial or investigatory proceeding
8 relating in any manner to the conduct of an election.

9 (b) The Attorney General shall implement a program to pay a
10 reward of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to a person
11 who makes a report under subsection (a)(1) leading to the arrest
12 and conviction of an offender for a crime relating in any manner
13 to the conduct of the election.

14 (c) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to be
15 printed on each absentee ballot and mail-in ballot a statement
16 that a reward of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) is
17 offered for a report of election fraud that leads to the arrest
18 and conviction of the offender.

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