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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 379 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY COSTA, MCGARRIGLE, LEACH, BLAKE, FONTANA, BAKER,  
FOLMER, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH,  
AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, WARD, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, STEFANO, BOSCOLA,  
BROWNE AND WILLIAMS, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial  
3 disclosure, further defining "candidate."

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "candidate" in section 1102 of  
7 Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to  
8 read:

9 § 1102. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
11 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
12 meanings given to them in this section:

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14 "Candidate." Any individual who seeks nomination or election  
15 to public office by vote of the electorate, other than a judge  
16 of elections, inspector of elections or official of a political  
17 party, whether or not such individual is nominated or elected.

1 An individual shall be deemed to be seeking nomination or  
2 election to such office if he has:

3 (1) received a contribution or made an expenditure or  
4 given his consent for any other person or committee to  
5 receive a contribution or make an expenditure for the purpose  
6 of influencing his nomination or election to such office,  
7 whether or not the individual has announced the specific  
8 office for which he will seek nomination or election at the  
9 time the contribution is received or the expenditure is made;  
10 or

11 (2) taken the action necessary under the laws of this  
12 Commonwealth to qualify himself for nomination or election to  
13 such office.

14 The term shall include individuals nominated or elected as  
15 write-in candidates unless they resign such nomination or  
16 elected office within 30 days of having been nominated or  
17 elected. The term shall also include an individual seeking  
18 nomination or election as a judicial officer except judicial  
19 officers who are seeking retention under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3153  
20 (relating to retention elections after regular term).

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