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**Senate of Pennsylvania**

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**TO:** All Senators

**FROM:** Senator Dominic Pileggi 

**RE:** Co-sponsorship of Election Code Legislation

I plan to introduce legislation which would remove the requirement that a circulator of a nomination petition for a candidate for the office of school director be a member of the political party designated on the nomination petition.

Currently, the Election Code requires the circulator of a nomination petition to sign an affidavit setting forth that he or she is a qualified elector duly registered and enrolled as a member of the designated party or the political district. However, candidates for the court of common pleas, Philadelphia Municipal Court, Traffic Court of Philadelphia or justice of the peace are exempt from this requirement and are permitted to cross-file to have their names placed on the ballot of both political parties in a municipal primary.

Candidates for the office of school director are permitted to cross-file but are not exempt from the circulator provision. This legislation would correct that and would also make the technical change to update the term "justice of the peace" to "magisterial district judge."

This legislation will be similar to Senate Bill 838 (printer's number 973) from the 2009-10 legislative session.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Michelle Kreiger at [mkreiger@pasen.gov](mailto:mkreiger@pasen.gov) or 787-4712.

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