

To: All House Members

From: Rep. Mark Longietti

Re: Co-Sponsorship – Elimination of Filing Fee for Candidates for Delegate and Alternate Delegate to National Nominating Conventions

Date: July 7, 2011

I invite your co-sponsorship of legislation to amend the Election Code and eliminate the \$25 filing fee for candidates for Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the National Nominating Conventions.

Every presidential election year, the Democratic and Republican parties hold their National Conventions to officially nominate their candidate for President of the United States. Delegates and Alternate Delegates are selected to participate in those National Nominating Conventions. Some delegates and alternates are selected by voters in the Primary Election and these individuals must circulate Nominating Petitions and pay a \$25 filing fee to the Pennsylvania Department of State. Other Delegates and Alternates are selected by the state Democratic Party and the state Republican Party and they are not required to circulate Nominating Petitions and pay a \$25 fee.

My legislation would create equity among all Delegates and Alternate Delegates and it would eliminate a potential barrier for the indigent who desire to more fully participate in the presidential nominating process. I hope that you agree and will co-sponsor this legislation by contacting my Legislative Assistant, Bob Brownawell at 717-772-4035 or rbrownaw@pahouse.net