

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Dom Costa
DATE: December 30, 2010
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship – Second Class County Sheriff Salaries (former HB2523)

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would amend Second Class County Code to provide for the remuneration of Sheriffs in such political subdivisions.

As you may know, Act 204 of 1984 , Known as the Police Chief's Pay Law, ensures that the chief, superintendent or commissioner of police and other ranking officers in the political subdivision of the Commonwealth who have been removed from bargaining units under the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L. 237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act, by rulings of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board receive not less than the same dollar increase including fringe benefits excluding overtime and festive holiday pay as received by the highest ranking police officer participating in the bargaining unit. A recent measure (HB331 of 2009) has been introduced to amend the Police Chief's Pay Law to provide the same benefits to police chiefs, superintendents, commissioners, and other ranking officers in all political subdivisions of the Commonwealth except Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, who are not members of a collective bargaining unit under Act 111. However both the Police Chief's Pay Law and HB331 fail to guarantee these benefits for sheriffs. In fact, sheriffs and their appointed supervisors have been left out.

My legislation would ensure that the Second Class County sheriffs and their appointed supervisors receive compensation that is at least be equal to the same dollar increase and fringe benefits (excluding overtime and holiday pay) that are to be received by the highest ranking officer on the collective bargaining unit.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Maribel Echevarria at (717) 783-9114 or mechevar@pahouse.net.

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