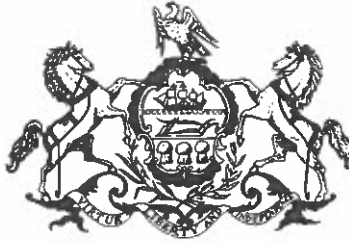


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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Members of the House of Representatives**  
**FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman**  
**DATE: January 11, 2011**  
**SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – Creates a 9<sup>th</sup> Game Commission District (Former HB 971)**

In the near future, I will re-introduce legislation from last session that will divide the 8<sup>th</sup> District of the PA Game Commission into two, thereby creating a 9<sup>th</sup> District. Presently District 8 consists of the following counties: Schuylkill, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia. My plan is to create a District 9 that includes just Schuylkill, Berks, Lehigh, and Northampton.

As presently organized, District 8 includes 40 percent of the state’s population with a remarkably wide demographic, ranging from residents of the City of Philadelphia and its suburbs to the rural residents of Schuylkill County. For one person to represent such a large and diverse district seems counterproductive.

My legislation is in no way a reflection on the current 8<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner. I simply believe that the District 8 Commissioner’s job is made too hard by district boundaries that encompass a population that is too diverse and too big. Also, adding a ninth commissioner corrects a problem that could arise with tied votes, since there is currently an even number of commissioners on the Board.

**Previous co-sponsors:** GODSHALL, BELFANTI, HALUSKA, KORTZ, MAHONEY, McILVAINE SMITH, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SIPTROTH, and MURT.

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