



Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMO

TO: All Senators

DATE: January 6, 2011

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boscia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LB', written over the printed name 'Senator Lisa M. Boscia'.

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation amending the state Election Code by setting forth a concise Statement of Voter's Rights.

This bill would also require that the Statement of Voter's Rights be visible in all voter registration offices and polling places:

1. A voter who is in line at the correct polling place during hours it is required by law to be open may vote, even if his turn to vote does not come until after those hours expire.
2. If a voter has moved from his polling district to another, he may return to his original polling district to vote for as long as he remains qualified there. To be eligible to vote in the new polling district, he must either file a notice of removal with the voting registrar or register anew.
3. A voter who has a physical disability or who cannot read or write, may apply to the voting registrar for a special needs ballot, but this must be done at least ten days before the election.
4. A voter may bring his or her children who are not yet 18 years of age into the voting booth.
5. A voter has the right to vote without being intimidated or forced to vote for someone he does not wish to vote for.
6. A voter who believes that any of his voting rights have been impinged may call his local police.

This is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 755 from the previous legislative session. Co-sponsors included Senators Waugh, Wozniak, Stout, Kitchen, O'Pake, Williams, Fontana, Hughes, Leach and Costa.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.