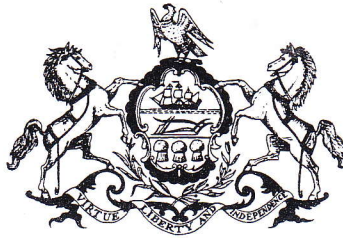


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Memorandum

January 17, 2011

To: All House Members

From: Rep. Mark Longietti

Subject: Co-sponsorship of legislation establishing the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (Former HB 2322)

I invite your co-sponsorship of legislation establishing the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act. This legislation was developed in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the various stakeholder groups. It will establish the Electronic Recording Commission; charge it with developing standards for the electronic recording of real property filings in the offices of county Recorder of Deeds, and reserve seats on the Commission for various stakeholders, including Recorders in first through fourth class counties and Recorders in fifth through eighth class counties.

The Act would not require a county Recorder of Deeds to accept electronic filings, but would establish a framework for developing mandatory standards that a Recorder of Deeds must follow in accepting electronic filings. It would also provide for electronic signatures on such documents and for notarization by means of proper documentation. Additionally, it would provide a mechanism to preserve original documents of an historical nature. Further, the Electronic Recording Commission would consider standards developed by other states in developing standards for Pennsylvania.

As we move further into the digital age, it is important that Pennsylvania establish uniform standards for the electronic recording of real property documents so that standards for standard electronic document recording are the same across the state. I hope that you agree and will co-sponsor this legislation by contacting my Legislative Assistant, Bob Brownawell at 717-772-4035 or at rbrownaw@pahouse.net

Previous co-sponsors: CALTAGIRONE, CREIGHTON, FLECK, GIBBONS, HALUSKA, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, KOTIK, MELIO, MURPHY, MURT, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, WHITE, GRUCELA, DEASY, McILVAINE SMITH, GINGRICH and K. SMITH

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