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Date: February 1, 2011
To: All House Members
From: Representative RoseMarie Swanger 
Subject: Co-sponsor
JURY COMMISSIONER LEGISLATION

I plan to introduce legislation which would amend the County Code and the Second Class County Code to grant county commissioners the option to eliminate the office of jury commissioner.

In some counties the duties previously performed by the elected jury commissioners have become staff functions, with the list of potential jurors generated by computers. My legislation would authorize the county commissioners to eliminate the office of jury commissioner by resolution. If the office is eliminated, jury commissioners in office would serve the duration of their term.

My bills are very similar to legislation which gave Berks County the ability to eliminate this office (Act 41 of 2002) and very similar to the language in House Bill 2477, which received a concurrence vote by the House late in the 2009-2010 Session, but was vetoed by the Governor based on other provisions in the bill.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lily Horst, 787-2686, or via e-mail at lhorst@pahousegop.com.