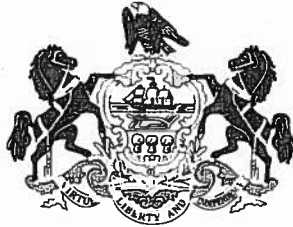


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Kerry Benninghoff
171st Legislative District

SUBJECT: Legislation to eliminate county-level filing for candidates whose reports are available online

DATE: February 17, 2011

As you know, under the PA Election Code, candidates and political committees who are required to file campaign expense reports with the Department of State must also file copies of their reports in the home county of the respective candidate. With the Department currently posting the reports of all candidates and committees (except PACs) on their website, I feel that requiring county-level filing has become an antiquated practice and merely creates unnecessary work for county employees.

I intend to introduce legislation that would amend the Election Code to exempt from the county filing requirement any candidate or political committee who is required to file with the Department of State and whose reports are posted and available on the Department's publicly accessible Internet website.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Amy anoel@pahousegop.com or call 717-783-1918.