

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 22, 2011

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Rep. Babette Josephs  
Democratic Chair, House State Government Committee

**SUBJECT:** Constitutional Amendment – Prohibiting a Pennsylvania Attorney General from running for the Office of Governor

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In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation that would prohibit an individual who holds the Office of Attorney General of Pennsylvania from holding the Office of Governor of Pennsylvania until after a four year time period in which he or she is no longer in office.

By virtue of the office, the Attorney General has unfettered constitutional authority to investigate and prosecute a variety of alleged crimes. Should he or she decide to seek the higher Executive Branch office of Governor, it is all too easy (and tempting) to use such authority to advance this partisan political pursuit. This should not be so.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Jennifer Belz at [jbelz@pahouse.net](mailto:jbelz@pahouse.net). If you have any questions, call 787-8529.