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MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 28, 2012  
**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Representative Tony DeLuca   
**Subject:** Proposed Legislation: Resign to Run.

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In the near future, I will introduce legislation requiring elected officials to resign their current position prior to running for another elected office.

In recent weeks, there has been significant news coverage regarding the six special elections for seats in the House of Representatives. These special elections come at an additional cost and at a time in which the Commonwealth can ill afford the expense. I do not criticize our former colleagues for leaving the General Assembly prior to the end of their terms because the current system allows it. However, I do believe it is time for the system to change.

The proposed legislation requires any federal, state, county or municipal official to resign prior to running for an elected office that begins before the end of their current term. Elected officials would still be permitted to run in an election for another office provided their current term expires in the same year as the election. The bill would also prevent individuals from running for more than one office in the same election year.

If you would like to cosponsor this important piece of legislation, please contact Sean Brennan at sbrennan@pahouse.net or at 787-4437.