

Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition

Newsletter Summer 2011

VCA Update

In the ongoing effort to visit State Government Committee Senators: So far Senators John Pippy (R) Senate District 37, and Michael Brubaker (R) Senate District 36 have been visited by members of the PA BAC. The coalition activists who made the visits come from the Green, Libertarian, Constitution, and Social Democrat parties. Both Senators have expressed interest in the VCA and are considered “leaning Yes.” The following remaining senators have yet to be seen but contact is in the works: Christine Tartaglione Dist. 2, Leanna Washington Dist.4, Anthony Williams Dist. 8, Charles Mcilhinney Dist. 10, Andrew Diniman Dist. 19, Joesph Scarnati Dist. 25, Jake Corman Dist. 34, Donald White Dist. 41. Other senators not on the State Govt. Committee who have been contacted include Wayne Fontana Dist. 42, John Blake Dist 22, Lisa Baker Dist. 20 and Jeffrey Piccola Dist. 15.

Mike Folmer Dist. 48 is the Sponsor and does not need to be contacted. Other co-sponsors of SB21 are Patrick Brown Dist. 16 and Lisa Biscola Dist. 18 and Jeffrey Piccola.

Rep. Eugene DePasquale has introduced both an Open Primary and VCA bills into the House.

Stephen E. Baker, York, PA

Fundraiser September 9 with Senator Fulmer

The Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition will be holding a fundraising buffet dinner on Friday, September 9th, 2011, at the Shady Maple Farm Market and Smorgasbord (shady-maple.com), eight miles south of the Morgantown exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Chester County. The guest speaker will be State Senator Mike Folmer, prime sponsor of the Coalition’s “Voters’ Choice Act.”

Doors open at 6 PM, appetizers will be served at 6:30, and dinner at 7, followed immediately by Senator Folmer’s remarks. Complimentary table space will be available for guests to display literature, but space is limited.

Admission is \$30 per person in advance, by check or money order, and \$40 at the door. RSVPs are requested so that a large enough room can be reserved. To purchase advance tickets , call 610-543-8427.

All proceeds will be used to help reform Pennsylvania’s onerous ballot access laws for independents and third party candidates. Questions and RSVPs can be directed to info@PaBallotAccess.org or 610-543-8427.

Visit paballotaccess.org for more information.

Make checks payable to :

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The Voter's Choice Act (VCA)

- New Political Parties will be able to qualify on either Voter Registration or Vote Totals. Minor Political Parties will be able to nominate by their own process without the need to collect extremely large numbers of signatures or conduct a Primary.
- The number of signatures required for Political Bodies and Independents to equal those required for the Primary Election candidates of major parties.
- Introduced in the current session SB21; Sponsors: Folmer, Boscola, Browne, Piccola.

Call for Talent!

The Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition needs Actors and Actresses for an activist training video being produced in late July.

We are looking for a diverse group to play a group of activists and an elected official and their staff. Acting experience desired but not necessary. Please submit a video clip of your acting or be available to audition in person.

The project will be shot on Saturday July 30th in Swarthmore. No compensation is available beyond the satisfaction of helping and a video for your acting portfolio.

We can also use experienced camera, lighting, sound and video editing volunteers.

Email: ballotaccessvideo@brainbuz.org

The Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition is fighting for Voter's rights in Pennsylvania by working to replace the State's highly restrictive Ballot Access Laws.

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The Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition advocates Free and Open Elections through removal of Ballot Access restrictions. Members of the Coalition include Political Parties, Independent Candidates, and Organisations advocating Free and Open Elections.