



## 27TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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## AN UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT:

### Future changes to the 27th Legislative District

#### CURRENT DISTRICT 27 – Effective through 11/30/14

Avalon Borough  
Ben Avon Borough  
Crafton Borough  
Dormont Borough  
Emsworth Borough  
Glenfield Borough  
Ingram Borough

McKees Rocks Borough,  
1-1, 1-2, 2-1, 2-2, 3-2, 3-3  
Neville Township  
Stowe Township, District 3  
20th Ward, City of Pgh,  
precincts 1, 3-8, 12-18  
28th Ward, City of Pgh – all precincts

On May 12, 2013, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued a ruling upholding the legislative reapportionment maps for PA House and Senate legislative districts. The end result of this ruling changes the demographics of the 27th Legislative District effective December 1, 2014. To be clear, the Court ruled that the current district boundaries will be in effect through the current legislative term, which expires November 30, 2014.

#### Areas of my current district that will receive new representation effective December 1, 2014, are as follows:

Avalon Borough will move into the 20th Legislative District, currently represented by Rep. Adam Ravenstahl.

Ben Avon and Emsworth Boroughs as well as Stowe and Neville Townships will move into the 45th Legislative District, currently represented by Rep. Nick Kotik.

Glenfield Borough will move into the 44th Legislative District, currently represented by Rep. Mark Mustio.

#### NEW DISTRICT 27 Effective 12/1/14

Crafton Borough  
Green Tree Borough  
Ingram Borough • McKees Rocks Borough  
19th Ward, City of Pgh – precincts 1-5, 12, 15-23, 27-28, 31, 33-35  
20th Ward, City of Pgh – all precincts  
28th Ward, City of Pgh – all precincts



Every legislative session there are hundreds of pieces of legislation introduced on a wide variety of issues. I believe we need to make progress on a variety of issues including legislative reform and protecting our children. Below are summaries of legislation that fall under both of these categories and that I wholeheartedly support.

## Deasy supports legislative reform

There have been several pieces of legislation introduced this session that make strides to reform state government. I believe these measures will keep Pennsylvania moving in the right direction. Here are a few of the key proposals that I am supporting:

### **House Bill 1234 – Reducing the size of the PA House of Representatives**

Would reduce the number of state representatives from 203 to 153. Because this change requires a constitutional amendment, it must pass the General Assembly in two consecutive legislative sessions and then be ratified by Pennsylvania voters in an election. This ratification process takes place on the election ballot. If this bill makes it through the process, it would go into effect for the 2020 elections.

### **House Bill 462 – Corporate Accountability Act**

Would create the Corporate Accountability Act. As a result of the Citizens United Supreme Court ruling, corporations can spend freely to influence a political campaign without the approval of shareholders. **Further, the contributions are not made known to the shareholders or the public.** This legislation would require corporations to obtain shareholder approval before contributing an annual aggregate sum exceeding \$10,000. It would make the contributions public knowledge and require proper notification to the shareholders.

### **House Resolution 293 – Campaign finance reform**

A resolution petitioning the United States Congress to call a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution on the subject of election spending, specifically by proposing the following amendment to the Constitution:

“Amendment XXVIII

Section 1. Congress shall have the power to limit the contributions to or expenditures by any person or committee made in support of, in opposition to, or to influence in any way the nomination or election of any person to Federal office.

Section 2. Each State shall have the power to limit the contributions to or expenditures by any person or committee made in support of, in opposition to, or to influence the nomination or election of any person to State or local office.

Section 3. Congress and the States shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriation legislation.”

## Legislation to better protect children

In the wake of child sexual abuse scandals, many legislative proposals have been introduced to better protect children from predators. As a member of the House Children and Youth Committee, I had the opportunity to support these initiatives in committee. All of these bills recently passed the House of Representatives and are now awaiting Senate action.

### **House Bill 726 – Updating the definition of child abuse**

Would revise the statutory definition of child abuse so that children are better protected. The new definition would clarify forms of abuse and provide factors to consider in abuse investigations. The bill was designed to expand protections while avoiding unintended consequences and not take away the parents’ right to reasonably discipline their child.

### **House Bill 430 – Reporting procedures and investigation**

Would require mandated reporters who are part of an organization to report suspected abuse to Childline and the person in charge of the organization, who would assume responsibility for facilitating the organization’s cooperation with the investigation.

### **House Bill 436 – Mandated reporters**

Would expand and clarify the list of mandated reporters of child abuse. This bill would also clarify a mandated reporter’s basis to report child abuse and enhance the penalty scheme for those who fail in this obligation.

If a mandated reporter has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse, they would be required to report if they come into contact with a child through their work or volunteer service and if the organization is directly responsible for the child.

### **House Bill 447 – Sentencing for drug trafficking in the presence of minors**

Would extend minimum mandatory sentences to adults who sell or possess with intent to deliver controlled substances in the presence of a child and the adult is the minor’s parent, guardian or is a person standing in loco parentis to the minor (e.g. day care provider). The bill was drafted in consultation with law enforcement and a county district attorney’s office and is another tool that would better protect children.

In response to a growing trend in the drug trade of parents, guardians and caregivers trafficking drugs in the presence of children while under their care, we must take quick action to protect children from being exposed to illegal and controlled substances.

## Crafton Elementary School celebrates centennial



*Rep. Deasy had the opportunity to present a legislative citation to Dr. Jacie Maslyk, principal of Crafton Elementary, in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the school.*



## BC Girls No. 1 in State!

*Rep. Deasy recognizes the Bishop Canevin Girls Basketball team with a legislative citation commemorating their outstanding season. Bishop Canevin ended its season in March with a Pennsylvania AA division State Championship victory.*



## Lottery privatization not in the best interest of seniors

Earlier this year, Gov. Tom Corbett proposed a plan to privatize operation of the Pennsylvania Lottery by selling the rights to a British firm. Attorney General Kathleen Kane rejected the bid proposal for being unconstitutional and running counter to state laws. The governor does not have unilateral authority to circumnavigate the legislature and decide if privatization should occur.

In the past year, the Pennsylvania Lottery has generated more than \$1 billion toward programs benefiting senior citizens, including low-cost prescription drugs, free and reduced-fare transit, Property Tax/Rent Rebates, long-term living services and senior centers. Pennsylvania's lottery system is one of the most successful and profitable in the country and it's imperative that the benefits senior citizens receive from lottery proceeds are not endangered.

If the system is privatized, funding for the senior programs funded by the Lottery will be drastically reduced because the managing company's profits will come out of the current revenue. Make no mistake, this change would impact thousands of senior citizens who depend on these senior programs annually.

The Lottery is one of the commonwealth's greatest assets. Selling this asset and forgoing annual revenue would be foolish and I believe it would be a tremendous mistake. This proposal would hurt senior programs and result in a loss of family-sustaining jobs.

## Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program deadline extended to Dec. 31

I have great news for Pennsylvanians eligible for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. **The deadline to apply for a rebate on taxes or rent paid in 2012 has been extended to December 31, 2013.**

The program provides state rebates to eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older; widows and widowers 50 or older; and people with permanent disabilities 18 or older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security, Supplemental Security or federal Railroad Retirement Tier I income is excluded.

Many constituents have contacted my office inquiring about a letter they received from the Senior Advisory Center offering assistance to complete a Property Tax/Rent Rebate application. The center is charging a processing fee. **Please note that you do not need to pay to have a rebate application completed. My office staff completes thousands of applications for eligible constituents each year for FREE!**

Please feel free to stop by my office at 436 S. Main Street in the West End or call 412-928-9514 for assistance with the application process. Applications are also available at <http://is.gd/PTRRapp>.



**Do you receive my email alerts? Please visit [www.pahouse.com/Deasy](http://www.pahouse.com/Deasy) and click on the link to make sure you receive vital information on state programs, services and events that I'm hosting in the district.**





*Rep. Deasy joins elected officials at the new PHEAA customer service center in Allegheny County.*

## New customer service facility brings jobs to region

I am excited to announce that the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency will soon open a customer service facility in Allegheny County. The service center is expected to generate 150 jobs.

PHEAA is a self-funded state agency that uses its business earnings for operational costs; to help nearly 11 million borrowers manage their student loan obligations; administer and supplement the Pennsylvania State Grant program and other state-funded student aid programs.

Those interested in employment opportunities should visit [www.pheaa.org/jobs](http://www.pheaa.org/jobs).

## Meet & Greet meetings planned for September

This September, I am hosting several events where I will answer questions about state government, talk about fall events I will host and discuss other issues that may be important to you. Please check the calendar of events and my website for a full list of dates and times for the events.

I also encourage you to visit my website – [www.pahouse.com/Deasy](http://www.pahouse.com/Deasy) – and make sure you are signed up for my email alerts. I'll send reminder emails about the Meet & Greet events and other important updates about state programs and services.



*Rep. Deasy spends Read Across America Day 2013 sharing stories with students at St. Margaret of Scotland School.*

## PA law on electronic waste

As you may be aware, Pennsylvanians are no longer able to dispose of electronic devices like computers, laptops, monitors and televisions with their regular trash. New rules for disposing of electronic devices took effect in January and require that these items are properly recycled.

Under Act 108 of 2010, the Covered Device Recycling Act, Pennsylvania consumers can dispose of electronic devices for free at area locations.

This law also applies to manufacturers. Under the law, manufacturers must keep electronics out of landfills, prevent hazardous disposal, and must provide for the collection, transportation and recycling of the devices.

In light of this new law, I am hosting a paper shredding and electronic recycling event on **Saturday, September 14**. (See my calendar of events for details.)

In addition to my efforts, Allegheny County partners with a local organization whose mission is "to lead and promote individual and collective actions to preserve Pennsylvania's environmental resources for each generation." They hold a number of recycling events annually, a couple of which are scheduled for later this summer. If you cannot make my e-recycling event or you have other items to recycle, one of their events may be helpful. Details are listed below or you can visit Allegheny County's website at: <http://www.alleghenycounty.us/allegheynygreen/recycle.aspx>

### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTION

**Saturday, July 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Cost \$2 gallon.**

**Location:** Second Avenue Plaza Parking lot.

**Acceptable materials:** aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, chemistry sets, gasoline & kerosene, household cleaners, mercury, paint and paint products, pesticides/herbicides, photo and pool chemicals.

**Contact 412-488-7452 for more information.**

### HARD TO RECYCLE COLLECTION

**Saturday, August 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Materials collected at no charge:** televisions, computers, polystyrene packing material, CPUs, mice & keyboards, CFLs, cell phones, ink/toner cartridges.

**Materials collected for a nominal fee:** paper for shredding, alkaline batteries, small Freon appliances.

**Contact 412-488-7490 ext. 236 for more information.**

# BUS TRIP

## October 1

**I HAVE ORGANIZED A BUS TRIP FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013. THE BUS TRIP WILL INCLUDE:**

- A visit to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville
- A tour of the state Capitol
- A visit to the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum for their Pop Culture & Cars Retro Adventure exhibit
- A Visit to Hershey's Chocolate World

Reservations will be taken starting September 3. The cost of the trip is \$50 per person. Lunch and dinner are on your own and not included in the trip fee. If you would like more details about the trip, please contact my office at 412-928-9514.



*Photos from the Spring 2013 Bus Trip*



## My office is here to assist you

To date, my staff and I have helped thousands of constituents with state government issues. Since I was elected and began serving the residents of the 27th Legislative District in 2009, my staff and I have been very busy.

- 70,158 Cases – helping constituents with state-related issues and direct contact with constituents
- 4,532 Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications completed by staff in the office and at local senior high rises
- 3,842 Notary services – staff has notarized state-related documents for residents  
**Please note that we are limited in what documents we are authorized to notarize. Please call in advance if you have a notary public need.**
- 3,555 Income tax return preparation – in partnership with the VITA TaxPrep program through AARP, we provide service to low-income seniors each tax season on an appointment basis.  
**You must meet AARP's income guidelines and be filing basic returns to qualify for this service.**
- 2,000+ PennDOT cases – assisting constituents with PennDOT-related matters
- 223 Outreach events in the district – To date, this is the total number of events I have hosted. This number includes Meet & Greet sessions, Town Hall meetings, Older & Wiser Seminars, Senior Health Fairs, Job Fairs, Bus Trips and more.



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*September*

**FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, September 3**

Reservations now accepted for the  
October 1 bus trip

**Tuesday, September 3 • 10:30 a.m.**

Meet & Greet w/ Rep. Deasy  
Sheraden Senior Center

**Tuesday, September 3 • 11:30 a.m.**

Meet & Greet w/ Rep. Deasy  
Crafton Plaza Residents Only

**Thursday, September 5 • 10 a.m.**

Meet & Greet w/ Rep. Deasy  
Noble Towers High Rise Residents Only

**Thursday, September 5 • 11 a.m.**

Meet & Greet w/ Rep. Deasy  
Metowers High Rise Residents Only

**Tuesday, September 10 • 11 a.m.**

Meet & Greet w/ Rep. Deasy  
Elliott Heights High Rise Residents Only

**Wednesday, September 11 • 10:30 a.m.**

Meet & Greet w/ Rep. Deasy  
West End Senior Center

**Thursday, September 12 • 10 a.m.**

Meet & Greet w/ Rep. Deasy  
Crafton Towers High Rise Residents Only

**Saturday, September 14 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Paper Shredding & Electronic Recycling Event  
Crafton Park – Free Event

*If able, please bring a non-perishable food  
item to help replenish local food banks.*

Each fall, I host a series of  
events around my district.

The calendar for the fall  
of 2013 is beginning to  
take shape. Please mark  
your calendar for my  
upcoming events or tear  
off this Calendar of Events  
card and post on your  
refrigerator.

*October*

**Tuesday, October 1 • 7:30 a.m.**

Bus trip to visit the Flight 93 National  
Memorial in Shanksville, tour the State  
Capitol, visit to the Antique Automobile  
Club of America for their Pop Culture &  
Cars Retro Adventure exhibit, and visit  
Hershey's Chocolate World.

Lunch and dinner will be on your own.

*Cost is \$50 per person.*

**Friday, October 4 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Senior Health Expo  
Guardian Angels Parish • 1030 Logue Street, West End

**Thursday, October 17 • 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

Job Fair – Bring your resume and talk with several  
prospective employers who are looking to fill vacant positions.  
Pittsburgh Musical Theater, Little Victorian Hall  
327 South Main Street • West End Village