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July 14, 2022

Acting Secretary Leigh M. Chapman  
Pennsylvania Department of State  
Room 302 North Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear *Acting Secretary Chapman*,

This week, Governor Wolf signed into law Senate Bill 764 as Act 86 of 2022, which requires various Department of State reforms relating to training and publication of proposed constitutional amendments.

Throughout your tenure as Acting Secretary, I have heard you describe the failure to publish the proposed constitutional amendment in House Bill 963 of the 2019-2020 legislative session as “a grievous error” that should not happen again. I hope that you will stand firm with this assessment and that implementation efforts for Act 86 are a top priority for the department.

You now have an early opportunity to put your commitment into action. Last week, both Chambers of the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 106, which includes five separate and distinct proposed constitutional amendments. These proposed constitutional amendments were filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on July 11, 2022, and were designated Pamphlet Laws Resolution No. 1 of 2022.

These proposed constitutional amendments join House Bill 14, a proposed constitutional amendment that was filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on April 20, 2021 and was designated Pamphlet Laws Resolution No. 2 of 2021.

Article XI, Section I of the Pennsylvania Constitution requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to cause proposed constitutional amendments “to be published three months before the next general election, in at least two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers shall be published.” With respect to publication of Senate Bill 106 and House Bill 14, in order to meet the November 8 General election timeline, I would anticipate publication of those proposed constitutional amendments to begin soon.

Therefore, no later than July 31, 2022, please provide me with the following:

- A list of all publications in every county,
- Dates for each publication, and
- Confirmation that timely publication has either occurred or will occur for all 67 counties.

In addition, I would also ask for updates regarding:

- The progress in preparing the plain English statements for each proposed constitutional amendment,
- The text of the plain English statements,
- The progress in preparing the form and wording of the questions to be posed to the electors for each proposed constitutional amendment, and
- The text of the wording on the questions to be posed to the electors.

Act 86, once fully implemented, will put solid recommendations into place for all future constitutional endeavors.

The time is now to begin that process with Senate Bill 106. Thank you.

Sincerely,



**Seth Grove**  
Chairman  
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