

The Libertarian Party of Lancaster County

Resolution adopted this 1st day of December, 2021

Whereas, the two old declining parties have conspired to erect artificial barriers to restrict ballot access so as to deny their competition access to general election ballots, and

Whereas, in 2016, several aspects of said ballot access laws were declared unconstitutional by a federal court as a suppression of free speech, and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has so far declined to remedy said constitutional defects, forcing the state to operate under a federal court injunction for years, and

Whereas, the two old declining parties have also conspired to force Pennsylvania taxpayers to pay all costs for primary elections which in fact are the internal nominating process of private political organizations, and

Whereas, by no stretch of imagination could Pennsylvania's current ballot access laws be considered compliant with Article I, Section 5, of Pennsylvania's constitution which requires that "Elections shall be free and equal..." and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition (PBAC) is proposing legislation known as "The Political Party Equality Act" which would remedy all of these defects as well as greatly simplify the artificial complexity of Pennsylvania ballot access law and bring it into compliance with both the US Constitution and Pennsylvania's own constitution,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Lancaster County wholeheartedly endorses and supports passage of a Political Party Equality Act in accordance with the PBAC proposal.