

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING AS A POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATE
2008 GENERAL ELECTION**

The following instructions relate to the filing of nomination papers by candidates of political bodies for public offices filing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth in the 2008 General Election. Nomination papers should not be confused with nomination petitions, which are the forms used by candidates to access the primary election ballot for the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. There are separate instructions and forms for nomination papers filed by minor political party candidates.

1. WHO MAY FILE:

Individuals who wish to be candidates of political bodies must file nomination papers, Form DSBE PB-G (rev. 12/07). Candidates who have filed nomination petitions to appear on the primary election ballot of the Democratic or Republican parties may not file nomination papers as political body candidates for the General Election.

2. DISAFFILIATION:

Any person who is a registered and enrolled member of a political party during any period of time beginning with thirty (30) days before the primary and extending through the General Election is not eligible to be the candidate of a political body in the General Election held in the same year. The Candidate's Affidavit [see paragraph 9(b) below] includes a required declaration of disaffiliation.

3. NAMES OF CANDIDATES:

More than one candidate, and candidates for more than one office, may be nominated by one set of nomination papers, provided that all the signers on each nomination paper sheet are qualified to vote for all the candidates nominated on that nomination paper sheet.

4. NAME OF POLITICAL BODY:

The name of the political body must not be longer than three (3) words none of which are already used by or similar to that used by another political body or party.

5. COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCIES:

A committee of three (3) to five (5) persons must be listed on the nomination paper in the spaces provided. The names of the committee members must be listed on each nomination paper sheet. This committee is empowered to nominate persons to fill a vacancy in the nomination should it occur. The Election Code does not specify the qualifications of the members of this committee.