

## **ACSL Legislative report May 2018 REPORT**

**Elections have consequence... Pa Primary is Tues May 15, 2018 be sure to go VOTE!**

**Special election on March 13, 2018** to fill open 18<sup>th</sup> congressional seat held by Tim Murphy was won by Connor Lamb (D) with Votes: 114,102

Rep Rick Saccone (R) got Votes: 113,347

With a difference of ONLY 755 VOTES Saccone LOST

Your VOTE does count! How many gun owners aren't registered and didn't bother to go vote!

This congressional district 18 in current form only lasts to the end of the 2017-18 session due to redistricting created by the Supreme Court ??? What about the separation of powers doctrine?

**A case of black robe disease violating the separation of powers.** Rep Cris Dush sent out the following memo to Impeachment of five PA Supreme Court Justices.

On January 22, 2018, the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a per curiam Order ("Order") in League of Women Voters of PA, et. al. v. The Commonwealth of PA, et. al., No. 159 MM 2017, holding that the Congressional Redistricting Act of 2011 ("Act") "clearly, plainly and palpably violates the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" and, on this sole basis, struck it down as unconstitutional. The Court further enjoined the future use of the Act in elections for Pennsylvania seats in the United States House of Representative commencing with the upcoming May 15, 2018 primary election.

The Court in its Order mandates that if the Pennsylvania General Assembly chooses "to submit a congressional districting plan that satisfies the requirements of the Pennsylvania Constitution, it shall submit such plan for consideration by the Governor on or before February 9, 2018." The Court further held that "[i]f the Governor accepts the General Assembly's congressional districting plan, it shall be submitted to this Court on or before February 15, 2018."

This Order overrides the express legislative and executive authority, found in Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, concerning the Governor's veto authority and the General Assembly's subsequent authority to override such veto. Article IV, Section 15 clearly lays out the path a bill must take to become law.

The five Justices who signed this order that blatantly and clearly contradicts the plain language of the Pennsylvania Constitution, engaged in misbehavior in office.

Wherefore, each is guilty of an impeachable offense warranting removal from office and disqualification to hold any office or trust or profit under this Commonwealth. I would ask you to please join me in co-sponsoring this legislation. HR 766 HR 767 HR 768 HR 769

Resolution to impeach PA Supreme Court Justice Max Baer

Resolution to impeach PA Supreme Court Justice David Wecht

Resolution to impeach PA Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd

Resolution to impeach PA Supreme Court Justice Christine Donohue

Resolution to impeach PA Supreme Court Justice Kevin Dougherty

Rep Cris Dush mention this effort to impeach the justices when he spoke at the **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 PA Annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Action Day in Harrisburg.**

Several groups from western PA sent buses to the rally this year

**Ed Stephan** filled a bus that departed from **PMSC**

**Glen Beatie** filled a bus that departed from **NSSA**

**Tony Rich** president of **BCSCL** along with **Bob Oles & Craig Holdren** filled 3 buses and provided a **FREE** ride for attendees along with supplying hats and smocks that gave a very professional appearance to event once again.



ACSL once again provided technical support and key staff personal for 2018 annual lobbying event as ACSL has done for every event since 1<sup>st</sup> in 2006. **Many Thanks** to all the team leaders & everyone who came to HBG to help protect ALL of our firearm rights by engaging in process.

Watch Monday April 30 2018 full rally here

**Rally For The 2nd Amendment**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNM\\_9SVt\\_bg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNM_9SVt_bg)

Watch Sat April 14, 2018 rally here – note the lack of people (on a weekend)

## **2nd Amendment Rally in Harrisburg, PA 4/14/18 #1**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1fR2ZBZ0cU>

### **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 is PA Annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Action Day in Harrisburg**

**HB 2021** Declared Emergency Gun Ban Fix

**HB 763 & SB 224** Instant Check Change – Eliminate PICS & Move to NICS

**HB 671 & SB 5** Strengthening of PA Firearms Preemption Laws - both versions passes respective houses in spring of 2017 and no action taken in either chamber in 2017.

**HB 170** Rep Saccone prime sponsor Constitutional Carry (Two-Tiered) – no action in 2017

**HB 420** Firearms Transfers During PICS Outages

**HB 156** Prohibition on Maintenance of Firearms Registry

**Hundreds rally in Harrisburg for Second Amendment rights: 'When they get our guns, we can't do anything about it.'**

Hundreds of gun-rights supporters crowded into the Pennsylvania Capitol Monday to voice their support for the right to bear arms under the Second Amendment.

A sea of men, women and children stood shoulder to shoulder on the Rotunda floor and up the grand marble steps to the second-story balcony in a peaceful, loud show of solidarity.

Some wore red or blue vests depicting the rattle snake logo of militias or the uniforms of their county sheriff's offices. Others carried signs, such as "Plantations are Gun Free Zones," "Please Pray for **President Trump**" and "50 years of gun control has not stopped school shootings! Can we try something else now, please?"

State Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, R-Butler, the event's organizer, told the crowd the "[political] left is out of control" when it comes to refrains for adding more state and federal laws that would restrict gun owners' rights.

The crowd erupted into cheers.

The rally was held as gun-control advocates have been gaining momentum nationally following school shootings in Florida and elsewhere.

Last week, Gov. **Tom Wolf**, a Democrat, held a news conference in which he and his state police commissioner called for tighter gun-control legislation.

Wolf praised the state Senate for unanimously passing a gun-safety bill aimed at keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted domestic abusers. The bill is now in the more conservative House, where gun-control legislation has been tougher to pass even though lawmakers held several recent hearings on gun-safety bills.

While standing with Wolf, Acting Police Commissioner Lt. Col. Robert Evanchick lobbied for lawmakers to pass a bill enhancing his agency's ability to conduct background checks on all firearm transactions in the state. A universal check also would allow background checks on long guns: Defined as a rifle with a barrel longer than 16 inches, a shotgun barrel longer than 18 inches or a handgun with a barrel longer than 12 inches.

Wolf said he supports a state ban on military-style assault weapons, but a nationwide ban would be better to prevent cross-border sales.

The Rotunda crowd didn't want to hear any of that.

"You don't look like monsters today, you don't look like terrorists today," said Cam Edwards, a radio host of the **National Rifle Association's** network, NRA News. "Give me a shout if you care more about your guns than your kids."

Woo, a couple voices rang out to laughter.

Charles Kern, 64, retired pattern-maker from Jonestown, Lebanon County, owns guns and teaches shooting at his local Boy Scouts range. He doesn't want to see anyone take those joys away.

“When they get our guns, we can’t do anything about it,” he said.

The right to bear arms is about “keeping government in check,” said Rep. Matt Dowling, R-Fayette.

Elaine Anderson, 52, of New Galilee, Beaver County, brought her six daughters and one son to the event.

“In my family the Second Amendment is important and we want to support that,” she said. “We want to protect our Second Amendment for future generations.”

<http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-nws-metcalfe-gun-rights-rally-20180430-story.html>

**PLEASE get out to VOTE on May 15 primary -**

Along with May 15 primary there will be a Special election to fill these open seats in these three districts to fill out the remaining term of these Reps

District 48 – Brandon Neuman (D) - OPEN SEAT - Washington\*

District 68 – Matthew Baker (R) – OPEN SEAT - Bradford\*, Potter\*, Tioga

District 178 – Scott Petri (R) – OPEN SEAT - Bucks\*

**Go to FOAC web site and urge your friends to use FOAC Pro-Gun Voters guide**

**HB 1483 Wildlife Habitat – Rep Maloney - ACSL fully supports this effort.**

This bill would implement proven, scientific, wildlife management techniques to increase deer, grouse, and other wildlife populations. To assure accountability, an independent Forest and Wildlife Advisory Council would be established to assist the Game Commission in performing its duties by working with a Pennsylvania-based, private, nonprofit, independent, scientific organization designated as the Forest and Wildlife Advisory Service. Scientists would conduct annual assessments to determine the condition of the forest and its capacity to sustain optimum populations of deer and other wildlife toward maintaining a balanced ecosystem. The Service would also design a state-of-the-art habitat enhancement program that benefits deer (our State Mammal) and other forest wildlife, from ruffed grouse (our State Bird) and snowshoe hares to songbirds, bats, and pollinators such as honeybees and Monarch butterflies. It would prepare and submit an annual report to the Council that recommends the total number of doe licenses that should be allocated and other beneficial management practices

**Dick’s Sporting Goods Hired Three Gun Control Lobbyists In April**

*The sporting goods store, under fire for refusing to sell rifles to anyone under the age of 21, is now officially lobbying Congress for gun control, according to federal lobbying activity records. Dick’s also owns the Field & Streams stores*

<http://thefederalist.com/2018/05/02/dicks-sporting-goods-hired-four-democrat-gun-control-lobbyists-april-records-show/>

### **Springfield Armory Severs Ties With Dick's Sporting Goods Over Gun Control Lobbying**

*Springfield Armory, created by George Washington in 1777 to help America in the Revolutionary War, announced it was severing all ties with Dick's Sporting Goods over the retailer's anti-Second Amendment lobbying activities.*

“It is clear where Dick's Sporting Goods and its subsidiary, Field & Stream, stand on the Second Amendment, and we want to be clear about our message in response,” the company **wrote**. “At Springfield Armory, we believe in the rights and principles fought for and secured by American patriots and our founding forefathers, without question.”

### **National Shooting Sports Foundation Just Expelled Dick's Sporting Goods Over Gun Control Lobbying**

*The country's largest firearms trade association unanimously expelled Dick's Sporting Goods from the group's membership over the retailer's recent decision to hire lobbyists to push for gun control in Congress.*

Many more firearm related articles along legislative action in Pa & at Federal level is available

### **Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC)**

FOAC is the Political Action Committee (PAC) for the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League

For more information go to the FOAC website: <https://foac-pac.org/>