

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MIDDLE DISTRICT**

IN RE: PETITION OF ALVIN Q. TAYLOR : No. 356 MAL 2007
:
: Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the
: Order of the Commonwealth Court
: entered April 16, 2007, at No. 642 CD
PETITION OF ALVIN Q. TAYLOR : 2007.

ORDER

PER CURIAM

DECIDED: April 30, 2007

The Petition for Allowance of Appeal is hereby **GRANTED**. The order of the Commonwealth Court is **REVERSED**, and the matter is remanded to the Court of Common Pleas for reinstatement of that court's order granting the petition for writ of mandamus. The Election Code must be liberally construed so as not to deprive an individual of his right to run for office, or the voters of their right to elect a candidate of their choice. Nomination Petition of Ross, 190 A.2d 719 (Pa. 1963) (holding defect in notarization of circulator's affidavit was amendable); Nomination Petition of Fowler, 574 A.2d 127 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1990) (same).

Mr. Justice Saylor dissents for the reasons set forth in the memorandum opinion of Senior Judge Kelley of the Commonwealth Court. Messrs. Justice Castille and Eakin join in this dissent.