

- b. Because the refusal to count a ballot due to a voter's failure to "date . . . the declaration printed on [the outer] envelope" used to return his/her mail-in ballot, as directed in 25 P.S. §§ 3146.6(a) and 3150.16(a), violates Art. I, § 5 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which states that "Elections shall be free and equal; and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage."
2. Respondent Board of Elections shall cause petitioners' and the sixty-seven other registered voters' date-disqualified mail-in ballots from the Special Election to be verified, counted if otherwise valid, and included in the results of the Special Election.

BY THE COURT:



CRUMLISH, III, J.