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Holden challenger wins spot on ballot

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Commonwealth Court has ruled that Sheila Dow Ford will remain on the ballot in the May 18 primary, paving the way for her to challenge U.S. Rep. Tim Holden for the Democratic nomination in the 17th Congressional District.

Yesenia A. Rosado of Harrisburg had challenged Ford's nominating petitions in court, claiming that 699 of the 1,638 signatures Ford submitted were invalid.

Congressional candidates need 1,000 valid signatures to get on the ballot.

Ford is a Harrisburg attorney.

Holden of St. Clair, Schuylkill County, is in his 18th year in the seat.

The district is made up of parts of Berks and Perry counties and all of Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill counties.

House members serve two-year terms and are paid \$174,000 annually.

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