

Two more enter 141st race

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Democratic Constable Kevin Wagner dropped out.

One Democrat and one Republican have entered the race for their parties' nomination for state representative in the 141st District, while a third candidate has dropped out.

Neshaminy School Board member Rick Eccles said Friday that he'll seek the GOP endorsement for the district that includes four precincts in Middletown and all but two precincts in Bristol Township.

The 53-year-old insurance agent from Quincy Hollow also said too much of the tax money paid out by residents of the 141st district is allocated elsewhere in the state. And he pledged to fight unfunded school mandates.

Bishop Melvin Howard, a Democrat, said he will press for "partial or altogether school tax relief for senior citizens."

The 64-year-old senior pastor of The People's Church of Christ served as a Bristol Township commissioner in the early 1980s. Years later, Howard made an unsuccessful run for county commissioner.

Bristol Township Constable Kevin Wagner, a Democrat, said he is no longer seeking his party's nomination for the seat left open by the retiring Tony Melio.

"I was elected to be a constable here and I am just going to stick with this for now," Wagner said Friday.

There are three other Democrats in the race. They include Bristol Township Mayor John Monahan, Councilwoman Tina Davis and former township Commissioner Mike Slipp.

Two Republicans, Jean Bruce Chadwick of Middletown and Jim Connelly of Bristol Township, announced their candidacy earlier last week.

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