

Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters County of Lawrence

2017 General Primary Election (November 7, 2017)

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 11/7/2017 in Lawrence County. You may register to vote and request an official absentee ballot by using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA), available at www.votespa.com or www.fvap.gov. You may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting your FPCA by fax to (724) 656-1987, or by email to lcvote@co.lawrence.pa.us.

You may request an absentee ballot from this office at any time prior to a primary or election. However, if time does not permit you to receive and return an official absentee ballot, you are also entitled to vote using the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Military electors may also use the FWAB to register to vote and vote simultaneously.

You may use the FWAB to vote for candidates for all state and local offices, and ballot initiatives.

To vote, refer to page 3 of the FWAB.

To vote, write in the name of the candidate of your choice in the space provided on the FWAB.

To vote for state and local offices or for ballot initiatives, write the names of candidates or ballot initiatives in the Addendum section of the FWAB. Under the **Office/Ballot Initiative** heading, enter the office the candidate is running for or the title of the Ballot Initiative (referendum). Under the **Candidate Name, Party Affiliation or Initiative Vote** heading, list the name of the candidate you wish to vote for, or if you are voting on a Referendum questions write "yes" or "no."

General Election Ballot

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LAWRENCE COUNTY

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT - VOTE FOR FOUR (4) – ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LAWRENCE COUNTY

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT – VOTE FOR TWO (2) – ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LAWRENCE COUNTY

REGISTER AND RECORDER – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LAWRENCE COUNTY

SHERIFF – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LAWRENCE COUNTY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LAWRENCE COUNTY

CITY COUNCIL – VOTE FOR TWO (2) – ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE

CITY TREASURER – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE

BOROUGH OFFICES

MAYOR – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – BOROUGHES OF BESSEMER, ELLPORT, ELLWOOD CITY, ENON VALLEY, NEW BEAVER, NEW WILMINGTON, SOUTH NEW CASTLE, SNPJ, VOLANT AND WAMPUM

COUNCIL – VOTE FOR FOUR (4) EXCEPT AS NOTED – BOROUGHES OF BESSEMER, ELLPORT (3), ELLWOOD CITY, ENON VALLEY, NEW BEAVER, NEW WILMINGTON, SOUTH NEW CASTLE (2), SNPJ (2), VOLANT AND WAMPUM. VOTE FOR ONE FOR TWO YEAR TERM IN THE BOROUGHES OF BESSEMER, ENON VALLEY, SOUTH NEWCASTLE AND WAMPUM

AUDITOR – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – BOROUGHES OF ENON VALLEY, NEW BEAVER AND SNPJ

TAX COLLECTOR – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – BOROUGHES OF BESSEMER, ELLPORT, ELLWOOD CITY, ENON VALLEY, NEW BEAVER, NEW WILMINGTON, SOUTH NEW CASTLE, SNPJ, VOLANT AND WAMPUM

TOWNSHIP OFFICES

SUPERVISOR – VOTE FOR ONE (1) EXCEPT AS NOTED – TOWNSHIPS OF HICKORY, LITTLE BEAVER, MAHONING, NESHANNOCK, NORTH BEAVER, PERRY, PLAIN GROVE, PULASKI, SCOTT, SHENANGO, SLIPPERY ROCK, TAYLOR, UNION, WASHINGTON, WAYNE AND WILMINGTON. VOTE FOR ONE TWO YEAR TERM IN WILMINGTON.

AUDITOR – VOTE FOR ONE (1) EXCEPT AS NOTED – TOWNSHIPS OF HICKORY, LITTLE BEAVER, MAHONING, NESHANNOCK, NORTH BEAVER, PERRY, PLAIN GROVE, PULASKI, SCOTT, SHENANGO, SLIPPERY ROCK, TAYLOR, UNION, WASHINGTON, WAYNE AND WILMINGTON. VOTE FOR ONE FOUR YEAR TERM IN NORTH BEAVER AND SHENANGO. VOTE FOR ONE TWO YEAR TERM IN WILMINGTON.

TAX COLLECTOR – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – TOWNSHIPS OF HICKORY, LITTLE BEAVER, MAHONING, NESHANNOCK, NORTH BEAVER, PERRY, PLAIN GROVE, PULASKI, SCOTT, SHENANGO, SLIPPERY ROCK, TAYLOR, UNION, WASHINGTON, WAYNE AND WILMINGTON.

MAGESTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE 53-03-01 – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – BOROUGHES OF ELLPORT, ELLWOOD CITY, ENON VALLEY, NEW BEAVER, WAMPUM AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF LITTLE BEAVER, PERRY, SLIPPERY ROCK, AND WAYNE

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – EACH PRECINCT IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS – VOTE FOR ONE (1) – EACH PRECINCT IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

SCHOOL DIRECTOR – VOTE FOR FOUR (4) EXCEPT AS NOTED – BLACK HAWK (ONE FOUR YEAR SEAT AND ONE TWO YEAR SEAT), ELLWOOD CITY AREA, LAUREL AREA, MOHAWK AREA, NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP, NEW CASTLE AREA (FOUR FOUR YEAR SEATS AND ONE TWO YEAR SEAT), SHENANGO AREA, UNION AREA, WILMINGTON AREA

RETENTION QUESTIONS

SHALL THOMAS G SAYLOR BE RETAINED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA?

SHALL DEBRA TODD BE RETAINED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA?

SHALL JACQUELINE O SHOGAN BE RETAINED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA?

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AMENDING THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT EXCLUSION

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to permit the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of each homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction, rather than limit the exclusion to one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead property, which is the existing law?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend Article VIII, Section 2(b)(vi) of the Pennsylvania Constitution to permit the General Assembly to pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to increase the amount of assessed value of homestead property that may be excluded when determining the real estate tax owed for homestead property. If the ballot question is approved, the General Assembly could then pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property when calculating the real estate tax owed on homestead property.

The Pennsylvania constitution currently permits the General Assembly to pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude only a portion of the assessed value of homestead property when determining the

amount of real estate tax owed. Under current law, the amount of assessed value that may be excluded from taxation cannot exceed one-half the amount of the median assessed value of all homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction. Local taxing authorities may not increase the millage rate of its property tax to pay for homestead property exclusions.

The effect of the ballot question would allow the General Assembly to pass a law increasing the amount of assessed value that local taxing authorities may exclude from real estate taxation for homestead property. Currently, local taxing authorities can exclude from taxation only up to one-half the amount of the median assessed value of all homestead property located in the local taxing jurisdiction. But if the ballot question is approved, the General Assembly would have the authority to pass a law permitting local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property. Local taxing authorities would continue to be prohibited from increasing the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for the homestead exclusions.

The ballot question, by itself, does not authorize local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property from real estate taxation. Local taxing authorities could not take such action unless and until the General Assembly passes a law authorizing them to do so. The ballot question authorizes the General Assembly to pass that law.

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