

# PENNSYLVANIA

## ELECTION INFORMATION

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### 2023



The choices made in elections today can change the trajectory of your state and set the course for the policies and environment of your local community tomorrow.

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<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7</b>
<b>VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b>	<b>OCTOBER 23</b>
<b>ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE</b>	<b>OCTOBER 31 AT 5:00 PM</b>
<b>ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN DEADLINE</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 7 AT 8:00 PM</b>
<b>EARLY VOTING</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18 — OCTOBER 31</b>
<b>ELECTION DAY POLLING HOURS</b>	<b>7:00 AM — 8:00 PM</b>

### ACCEPTED FORMS OF VOTER ID

- Valid Federal Issued ID
- Valid ID Issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles, Transportation, Highway Safety, etc.
- ID Issued by Commonwealth Agency
- Valid Employee ID
- Valid Pennsylvania Driver's License
- Valid Student ID
- Valid Military ID
- Valid US Passport
- License to Carry Concealed Weapon or Firearm

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# OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2023

## STATE SUPREME COURT

The court of last resort has the final say on how to interpret Pennsylvania laws and decides whether state laws are constitutional. It can hear appeals from statewide and local courts and assume jurisdiction over any case in the Pennsylvania court system. Justices run in partisan elections for 10-year terms with no term limits, but justices must retire at age 75. One seat is up for election.

## SUPERIOR COURT RETENTION ELECTION

Nonpartisan retention election — Judges earn a new term in a yes or no majority vote to serve another 10-year term. Judges hear civil and criminal appeals from trial courts and some original cases brought against the state and its agencies. The Superior Court sets precedents that impact the criminal justice system. Two seats are up for retention election.

## COMMONWEALTH COURT

Primarily responsible for matters involving state and local governments and regulatory agencies. Justices serve 10-year terms with no term limits but must retire at age 75. The commonwealth's two intermediate appellate courts can affirm, or reverse decisions made in lower courts. One seat is up for election.

## COMMON PLEAS COURT

Has jurisdiction over family law matters.

## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

First level of judicial authority. Handles all traffic cases, minor criminal cases, and civil cases involving amounts up to \$12,000.

## SCHOOL BOARDS

Craft, review, and implement district policies, approve and oversee budgets, appoint, oversee and manage the superintendent, and serve as the final authority of the district.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Provide services including law enforcement, judicial administration, and election conduct. Some of the other functions that Pennsylvania's counties may perform include public health, property assessment, and redevelopment.

## MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

Ensure communities are well-managed and provide essential public services such as capital improvements, street maintenance, local public safety and emergency services, law enforcement, regulated land use and zoning, and infrastructure development plans, as well as local taxation, park and recreation services, and economic development.

## LOCAL BALLOT MEASURES

Local Ballot Measures are typically at the city or county level and provide an opportunity for community residents to vote on specific issues or policies that directly affect their community. They can range from taxes and revenue, land use and zoning to infrastructure and capital projects, and education funding.