

# Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters County of Potter 2017 Municipal Election (November 7, 2017)

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 11/7/17 in Potter County. You may register to vote and request an official absentee ballot by using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA),

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 **all** state and local offices, and ballot initiatives.

To vote, refer to page 3 of the FWAB.

To vote for state and local offices or for ballot initiatives, write the names of the candidates or ballot initiative 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".

## JUSTICE OF THE SUPERME COURT – Vote for One – All precincts within Potter County

Dwayne Woodruff	Democratic
Sallie Mundy	Republican

## JUDGE FO THE SUPERIOR COURT – Vote for Four – All precincts within Potter County

Maria McLaughlin	Democratic
Carolyn H Nichols	Democratic
Debbie Kunselman	Democratic
Geoff Moulton	Democratic
Craig Stedman	Republican
Emil Giordano	Republican
Wade A Kagarise	Republican
Mary Murray	Republican
Jules Mermelstein	Green Party

## JUDGE FO THE COMMONWEALTH COURT – Vote for Two – All precincts within Potter County

Ellen Ceisler	Democratic
Irene M Clark	Democratic
Paul Lalley	Republican
Christine Fizzano Cannon	Republican

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Vote for One – All precincts within Potter County  
CORONER – Vote for One – All precincts within Potter County  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES  
MAYOR  
COUNCILMAN  
SUPERVISORS  
AUDITORS  
TAX COLLECTOR  
CONSTABLE  
JUDGE OF ELECTION  
INSPECTOR OF ELECTION  
SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Please email this office at [slewis@pottercountypa.net](mailto:slewis@pottercountypa.net) for a complete listing of candidates.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
AMENDING THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT EXCLUSION

Ballot Question

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 real 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 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.

## RETENTION QUESTIONS

### STATEWIDE COURTS

#### Supreme Court

Shall Thomas G Saylor be retained for an additional term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

YES NO

Shall Debra Todd be retained for an additional term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

YES NO

#### Superior Court

Shall Jacqueline A Shogan be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

YES NO

Vote for candidates for state and local offices in this section

### Official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

Vote by writing the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote. Some States allow the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult the Voting Assistance Guide to determine your State's policy.

President/Vice President:

U.S. Senator\*:

U.S. Representative/Delegate\*\*/Resident Commissioner\*\*:

\* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.

\*\* Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

To vote for U.S. Representative write-in candidate's name here

#### Addendum

If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices other than those listed above or for ballot initiatives, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.). You may also indicate the ballot initiative and your vote for the initiative.

Enter the office the candidate is running for here

Enter the name of the candidate you wish to vote for here

Office / Ballot Initiative

Candidate Name, Party Affiliation, or Initiative Vote

