

Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters
County of Potter
2021 Municipal Primary Election (May 18, 2021)

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 05/18/2021 in Potter 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 (814) 274-8467 or by email to slewis@pottercountypa.net.

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 **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”.

Following are the Democratic and Republican offices that will appear on the May 18, 2021 ballot:

BALLOT

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT – Vote for One – All precincts within Potter County
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT – Vote for One – All precincts within Potter County
JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT – Vote for Two – All precincts within Potter County

1 – DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Vote for One – All precincts within Potter County
1 – CORONER – Vote for One – All precincts within Potter County

Abbott Township

1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Allegany Township

1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Austin Boro

1 – Mayor – 4 yr term
4 – Councilman – 4 yr term
1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Bingham Township

1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Clara Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Supervisor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Coudersport Boro First Ward

- 1 – Mayor – 4 yr term (combined with Second Ward)
- 1 – Councilman – 4 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term (combined with Second Ward)
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Coudersport Boro Second Ward

- 1 – Mayor – 4 yr term (combined with First Ward)
- 2 – Councilman – 4 yr term
- 1 – Councilman – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term (combined with First Ward)
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Eulalia Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Galeton Boro First Ward

- 1 – Mayor (combined with Second Ward)
- 2 – Councilman – 4 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Galeton Boro Second Ward

- 1 – Mayor (combined with First Ward)
- 1 – Councilman – 4 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Genesee Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Supervisor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Harrison Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Hebron Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Hector Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Homer Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Keating Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Oswayo Borough

- 1 – Mayor – 4 yr term
- 2 – Councilman – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Oswayo Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Pike Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Supervisor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Pleasant Valley Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Supervisor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Portage Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Roulette Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 - Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Sharon Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Supervisor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Shinglehouse Borough

- 1 – Mayor – 4 yr term
- 3 – Councilman – 4 yr term
- 1 – Councilman – 2 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Stewardson Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Summit Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Sweden Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Sylvania Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Ulysses Borough

- 1 – Mayor – 4 yr term
- 3 – Councilman – 4 yr term
- 1 – Councilman – 2 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Ulysses Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 4 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

West Branch Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Wharton Township

- 1 – Supervisor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 6 yr term
- 1 – Auditor – 2 yr term
- 1 – Tax Collector – 4 yr term
- 1 – Judge of Election – 4 yr term
- 1 – Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

School Directors:

Austin Area School District

Region I: Austin Borough

2 – School Director – 4 yr term

Region II: Keating & Sylvania Twps

2 – School Director – 4 yr term

1 – School Director – 2 yr term

Region III: Portage & Wharton Twps

1 – School Director – 4 yr term

1 – School Director – 2 yr term

Coudersport Area School District

Region I: Coudersport First Ward & Eulalia Twp

2 – School Director – 4 yr term

Region II: Coudersport Second Ward

1 – School Director – 4 yr term

1 – School Director – 2 yr term

Region III: Allegany Ind, Hebron, Homer, Summit & Sweden Twps

– School Director - 4 yr term

Galeton Area School District

Region I: Galeton Second Ward

2 – School Director – 4 yr term

Region II: Galeton First Ward, Gaines and & Elk Twps in Tioga

1 – School Director – 4 yr terms

Region III: Abbott, Hector, Pike & West Branch

1 – School Director – 4 yr term

Northern Potter School District

Region I: Allegany Twp, Ulysses Boro & Ulysses Twp

2 – School Director – 4 yr term

Region II: Bingham & Genesee Twps

1 – School Director – 4 yr term

Region III: Harrison & Hector Ind Twps

1 – School Director – 4 yr term

Oswayo Valley School District

Region I: North Sharon & Ceres Twp McKean Co

2 – School Director – 4 yr term

Region II: Shinglehouse Boro

1 – School Director – 4 yr term

Region III: Owayo Boro, Clara, Owayo & South Sharon Twps

1 – School Director – 4 yr term

Port Allegany School District

At Large: Roulette & Pleasant Valley Twps, Annin, Liberty and Port Allegany Boro in McKean Co

4 – School Director – 4 yr term

Keystone Central School District:

Region IX: Stewardson, (Potter Co), Chapman, Gallagher, Grugan, East Keating, Leidy, Noyes, Renovo, S Renovo (Clinton Co)

1 – School Director – 4 yr term

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE III, SECTION 9
RELATING TO TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law and increase the power of the General Assembly to unilaterally terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration—and the powers of Commonwealth agencies to address the disaster regardless of its severity pursuant to that declaration—through passing a concurrent resolution by simple majority, thereby removing the existing check and balance of presenting a resolution to the Governor for approval or disapproval?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

JOINT RESOLUTION NO.

2021-1

RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY
DECLARATIONS

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes to amend Article III, Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide a new exception to traditional legislative procedure by allowing the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration or a portion of such declaration without needing the Governor’s approval.

Currently, Article III, Section 9 establishes a general rule that all orders, resolutions or votes requiring approval by both the House of Representatives and Senate must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto. Resolutions for the adjournment of the General Assembly are exempted from this process. If the order, resolution or vote is approved by the Governor, it becomes law. If the Governor vetoes the resolution, it does not become law unless two-thirds of the House and Senate vote to override the veto. The proposed amendment would create an additional exception to this customary legislative procedure for concurrent resolutions to terminate or extend, in whole or in part, a disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor.

The proposed amendment will also have the effect of reversing a recent ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which held the Pennsylvania Constitution prohibited the General Assembly from passing a concurrent resolution to terminate the Governor’s Covid-19 disaster emergency declaration without presenting it to the Governor for his approval. It will change the law to allow the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration through a concurrent resolution approved by only a majority of the members of the House and Senate, without having to present the resolution to the Governor for his approval or veto.

The proposed amendment is limited in that it only changes the traditional legislative process for terminating or extending disaster emergency declarations issued by the Governor. The amendment will not alter the current legislative procedure with respect to which orders, resolutions or votes of the General Assembly must be presented to the Governor for his approval on any other subject matter.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE IV
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND MANAGEMENT

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law so that: a disaster emergency declaration will expire automatically after 21 days, regardless of the severity of the emergency, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend the disaster emergency; the Governor may not declare a new disaster emergency to respond to the dangers facing the Commonwealth unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution; the General Assembly enacts new laws for disaster management?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

JOINT RESOLUTION NO.

2021-1

Disaster Emergency Declaration and Management

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes adding a new section to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment incorporates disaster emergency declaration and management powers directly into the Constitution by:

- Granting the Governor authority to declare a disaster emergency declaration by proclamation or executive order;
- Requiring each declaration to indicate the nature, location and type of disaster;
- Granting the General Assembly authority to pass laws providing for the manner in which each disaster shall be managed;
- Limiting the duration of a Governor’s declaration to 21 days, unless otherwise extended, in whole or in part, by a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly;
- Preventing the Governor, upon the expiration of a declaration, from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts, unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution expressly approving a new declaration.

Currently, disaster emergency declaration and management powers are delegated by statute to the Governor. The Governor has the sole authority to issue and manage all disaster emergency declarations, which cannot extend beyond 90 days unless renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may override a Governor’s disaster emergency declaration by concurrent resolution that must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto.

If approved, the amendment would transfer certain of the Governor’s existing authority to respond to and manage disaster emergencies to the General Assembly. The Governor would retain the authority to issue an initial disaster emergency declaration but the declaration’s permissible length would be reduced from 90 to 21 days. The sole authority to extend a declaration would lie with the General Assembly; presently, this power rests with the Governor.

Upon expiration of the initial declaration, the amendment prohibits the Governor from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts without the approval of the General Assembly. The Governor would no longer have unilateral authority to manage disasters, but would have to do so consistent with the laws passed by the General Assembly.

If approved, the General Assembly would be required to pass new laws establishing the manner in which each type of disaster shall be managed. If added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the proposed amendment cannot be modified or repealed except by a judicial decision finding all or part of the proposed amendment unconstitutional or by the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE I
PROHIBITION AGAINST DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT
OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BECAUSE OF RACE OR ETHNICITY

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended by adding a new section providing that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of an individual's race or ethnicity?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1

Prohibition Against Denial or Abridgment of Equality of Rights Because of Race and Ethnicity

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1, if approved by the electorate, will add a new section to Article I of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment creates a constitutional prohibition against restricting or denying an individual's equal rights under Pennsylvania law because of race or ethnicity.

Generally, inclusion of this amendment within the Pennsylvania Constitution signifies that freedom from discrimination based on race or ethnicity is an essential principle of liberty and free government. This amendment applies to all Pennsylvania state, county and local governmental entities, and guarantees equality of rights under the law. The amendment, if enacted, will become a part of the Pennsylvania Constitution. As such, its provisions must be applied consistent with the other provisions of the Constitution.

This equal right to be free from racial or ethnic discrimination will exist independent from any such rights under the United States Constitution or corresponding federal law. If the current federal protections proscribing racial or ethnic discrimination are abolished, the prohibition against such discrimination will remain in the Pennsylvania Constitution. The amendment is limited in that it creates a right only under Pennsylvania law.

Once added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the right to be free from racial or ethnic discrimination under the law cannot be eliminated except by a judicial decision finding the amendment unconstitutional or the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment. If approved, the General Assembly may pass new laws to implement the amendment, but it may not pass a law inconsistent with it.