

# 2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY UMOVA NOTICE

## Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters County of Berks

2021 Municipal Primary (May 18, 2021)

This is an official notice of a Primary election to be conducted on 5/18/2021 in Berks County. You may register to vote and request an official absentee ballot by using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA), available at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) or [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). You may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting your FPCA by fax to (610) 478- 6218, or by email to [elections@countyofberks.com](mailto:elections@countyofberks.com).

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 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 question write "yes" or "no."

### DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN BALLOT

**JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT** -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Berks County  
**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT** -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Berks County  
**JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT** -- Vote for Two -- All Precincts within Berks County  
**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS** -- Vote for Two -- All Precincts within Berks County  
**COUNTY TREASURER** -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Berks County  
**CORONER** -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Berks County  
**PROTHONOTARY** -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Berks County

### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

- **Magisterial District Judge – District 23-1-01** -- Vote for One  
Townships of Heidelberg, Lower Heidelberg, South Heidelberg. Boroughs of Robesonia, Sinking Spring, Spring, Wernersville.
- **Magisterial District Judge – District 23-1-03** -- Vote for One  
City of Reading 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Wards
- **Magisterial District Judge – District 23-1-05** -- Vote for One  
City of Reading 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Wards
- **Magisterial District Judge – District 23-2-01** -- Vote for One  
City of Reading 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Wards
- **Magisterial District Judge – District 23-2-03** -- Vote for One  
Townships of Lower Alsace, Exeter. Boroughs of Mt. Penn, St. Lawrence.
- **Magisterial District Judge – District 23-3-06** -- Vote for One  
Townships of Albany, Greenwich, Perry, Tilden, Windsor. Boroughs of Hamburg, Lenhartsville, Shoemakersville.

## CITY OF READING - CITY-WIDE

- CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT -- Vote for One -- All Wards within the City of Reading.

## CITY OF READING BY DISTRICT

- CITY COUNCIL 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT -- Vote for One – City of Reading 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-1, 18<sup>th</sup> Wards.
- CITY COUNCIL 4<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT -- Vote for One – City of Reading 13-2, 13-5, 17<sup>th</sup> Wards.
- CITY COUNCIL 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT -- Vote for One – City of Reading 14-6, 15<sup>th</sup>, 3-1, 19<sup>th</sup> Wards.

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### **SCHOOL DIRECTORS (AT LARGE) 4 YEAR TERM**

- **Antietam School District** – Vote for Four – Township of L. Alsace Twp. Borough of Mt. Penn.
- **Brandywine Heights Area School District** – Vote for Four – Townships of District, Longswamp, and Rockland. Borough of Topton.
- **Exeter Township School District** – Vote for Four – Township of Exeter. Borough of St. Lawrence.
- **Governor Mifflin School District** – Vote for Four – Townships of Brecknock, Cumru. Boroughs of Kenhorst, Mohnton, Shillington.
- **Muhlenberg School District** – Vote for Four – Township of Muhlenberg. Borough of Laureldale.
- **Oley Valley School District** – Vote for Four – Townships of Alsace, Oley, Pike, Ruscombmanor.
- **Reading School District** – Vote for Four - All Wards within the City of Reading.
- **Upper Perkiomen School District** – Vote for Four – Township of Hereford.
- **Wilson School District** – Vote for Four – Townships of L. Heidelberg, Spring. Boroughs of Sinking Spring, Wyomissing 2nd Precinct.
- **Wyomissing Area School District** – Vote for Four – Township of Wyomissing 1st ,3rd ,4th ,5th Precincts. Borough of West Reading.

### **SCHOOL DIRECTORS (AT LARGE) 2 YEAR TERM**

- **Antietam School District** – Vote for One – Township of L. Alsace Twp. Borough of Mt. Penn.
- **Reading School District** – Vote for One - All Wards within the City of Reading.
- **Wyomissing Area School District** – Vote for One – Township of Wyomissing 1st ,3rd ,4th ,5th Precincts. Borough of West Reading.

### **SCHOOL DIRECTORS (REGIONAL) 4 YEAR TERM**

- **Boyertown Area School District**  
Region 1 – Vote for Two – Townships of Colebrookdale, Earl, Washington. Boroughs of Bally, Bechtelsville.  
Region 2 – Vote for One – Township of Douglass. Borough of Boyertown.
- **Conrad Weiser Area School District**  
Region 1 – Vote for One– Township of S. Heidelberg.  
Region 2 – Vote for One – Township of Heidelberg. Boroughs of Robesonia, Wernersville.  
Region 3 – Vote for Two– Township of N. Heidelberg, Marion. Borough of Womelsdorf.
- **Daniel Boone Area School District**  
Region 1 – Vote for Two -Township of Amity, 3rd, 4th & 6th Precincts.  
Region 2 – Vote for One– Townships of Amity 2nd & 5th Precincts, Union.  
Region 3 – Vote for One– Townships of Amity 1st Precinct. Borough of Birdsboro.
- **Fleetwood Area School District**  
Region 1 – Vote for One – Borough of Fleetwood.  
Region 2 – Vote for One – Township of Maiden creek.  
Region 3 – Vote for Two – Township of Richmond.
- **Hamburg Area School District**  
Region 1 – Vote for One – Borough of Hamburg.  
Region 2 – Vote for One – Townships of Perry, Windsor. Borough of Shoemakersville.  
Region 3 – Vote for Two – Townships U. Bern, Tilden, U. Tulpehocken.

- **Kutztown Area School District**  
Region 1 – Vote for One – Borough of Kutztown.  
Region 2 – Vote for One – Township Maxatawny. Borough of Lyons.  
Region 3 – Vote for Two – Townships of Albany, Greenwich. Borough of Lenhartsville.
- **Schuylkill Valley School District (Hybrid)**  
At Large - Vote for Three - Township of Bern, Centre, Ontelaunee. Borough of Centerport, Leesport.  
Region 1 – Vote for One – Township of Bern, 1st & 3rd Precincts.
- **Tulpehocken Area School District**  
Region 1 – Vote for One – Township of Penn. Borough of Bernville.  
Region 2 – Vote for One – Township of Jefferson, Tulpehocken.  
Region 3 – Vote for Two – Township of Bethel.
- **Twin Valley School District**  
Region 1 – Vote for One – Township of Robeson.  
Region 2 – Vote for Two – Township of Caernarvon. Borough of New Morgan.

#### **SCHOOL DIRECTORS (REGIONAL) 2 YEAR TERM**

- **Conrad Weiser**  
Region 1 – Vote for One– Township of S. Heidelberg.
- **Daniel Boone**  
Region 2 – Vote for Two – Townships of Amity 2nd & 5th Precincts, Union.  
Region 3 - Vote for One – Townships of Amity 1st Precinct. Borough of Birdsboro.
- **Kutztown Area School District**  
Region 3 – Vote for One – Townships of Albany, Greenwich. Borough of Lenhartsville.

#### **LOCAL OFFICES**

##### **FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIPS**

- **Commissioners, 4 YEAR TERM** – Vote for Two – Townships of Colebrookdale, Muhlenberg.
- **Commissioners, 2 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Townships of Colebrookdale
- **Commissioners, 4 YEAR TERM** – Vote for Three – Township of Cumru.
- **Tax Collector** – Vote for One – Townships of Colebrookdale, Muhlenberg, Cumru.

##### **SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIPS**

- **Supervisor, 6 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Townships of Albany, Alsace, L. Alsace, U. Bern, Bethel, Brecknock, Centre, District, Douglass, Earl, Exeter, Greenwich, L. Heidelberg, N. Heidelberg, S. Heidelberg, Hereford, Jefferson, Longswamp, Maiden creek, Marion, Maxatawny, Oley, Ontelaunee, Penn, Perry, Pike, Richmond, Rockland, Ruscombmanor, Tilden, Tulpehocken, U. Tulpehocken, Union, Washington, Windsor.
- **Supervisor, 6 YEAR TERM** – Vote for Two – Townships of Amity, Bern, Caernarvon, Heidelberg, Robeson, Spring.
- **Supervisor, 4 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Township of Centre, Ruscombmanor.
- **Supervisor, 2 YEAR TERM** – Vote for Two – Township of Bethel.
- **Auditor, 6 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Townships of Albany, Alsace, L. Alsace, Amity, Bern, U. Bern, Bethel, Brecknock, Caernarvon, Centre, District, Douglass, Earl, Exeter, Greenwich, Heidelberg, L. Heidelberg, N. Heidelberg, S. Heidelberg, Hereford, Jefferson, Longswamp, Maiden creek, Marion, Maxatawny, Oley, Ontelaunee, Penn, Perry, Pike, Richmond, Robeson, Rockland, Ruscombmanor, Spring, Tilden, Tulpehocken, U. Tulpehocken, Union, Washington, Windsor.
- **Auditor, 4 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Townships of Albany, Alsace, Amity, Bern, U. Bern, Bethel, Brecknock, Caernarvon, Centre, Douglass, Heidelberg, L. Heidelberg, S. Heidelberg, Hereford, Ontelaunee, Perry, Pike, Richmond, Tulpehocken, Washington.

- **Auditor, 2 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Townships of Albany, Alsace, Amity, Bern, U. Bern, Bethel, Brecknock, Caernarvon, Centre, District, Douglass, Heidelberg, S. Heidelberg, Hereford, Longswamp, Ontelaunee, Richmond, U. Tulpehocken, Union, Washington.
- **Tax Collector** – Vote for One - Townships of Albany, Alsace, L. Alsace, Amity, Bern, U. Bern, Bethel, Brecknock, Caernarvon, Centre, District, Douglass, Earl, Exeter, Greenwich, Heidelberg, L. Heidelberg, N. Heidelberg, S. Heidelberg, Hereford, Jefferson, Longswamp, Maiden creek, Marion, Maxatawny, Oley, Ontelaunee, Penn, Perry, Pike, Richmond, Robeson, Rockland, Ruscombmanor, Spring, Tilden, Tulpehocken, U. Tulpehocken, Union, Washington, Windsor.

## **BOROUGHES**

- **Mayor** – Vote for One – Boroughs of Bally, Bechtelsville, Bernville, Birdsboro, Boyertown, Centerport, Fleetwood, Hamburg, Kenhorst, Kutztown, Laureldale, Lenhartsville, Lyons, Mt. Penn, Mohnton, New Morgan, Robeson, Shillington, Shoemakersville, Sinking Spring, St. Lawrence, Topton, Wernersville, Leesport, West Reading, Womelsdorf, Wyomissing.
- **Council, 4 YEAR TERM** – Vote for Two – Boroughs of Lenhartsville, New Morgan.
- **Council, 4 YEAR TERM** – Vote for Three – Boroughs of Bernville, Birdsboro, Kutztown, Lyons, Robeson, Shoemakersville.
- **Council, 4 YEAR TERM** – Vote for Four – Boroughs of Bally, Bechtelsville, Boyertown, Centerport, Fleetwood, Hamburg, Kenhorst, Laureldale, Mt. Penn, Mohnton, Shillington, Sinking Spring, St. Lawrence, Topton, Wernersville, Leesport, West Reading, Womelsdorf, Wyomissing.
- **Council, 2 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Boroughs of Bechtelsville, Kenhorst, Leesport, Lenhartsville, Lyons, New Morgan.
- **Council, 2 YEAR TERM** – Vote for Two – Borough of Bernville, Robeson, Shoemakersville.
- **Auditor, 6 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Boroughs of Centerport, Lenhartsville, Wernersville.
- **Auditor, 4 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Boroughs of Lenhartsville, Wernersville.
- **Auditor, 2 YEAR TERM** – Vote for One – Borough of Lenhartsville.
- **Tax Collector** – Vote for One – Boroughs of Bally, Bechtelsville, Birdsboro, Bernville, Boyertown, Centerport, Fleetwood, Hamburg, Kenhorst, Kutztown, Laureldale, Lenhartsville, Lyons, Mt. Penn, Mohnton, New Morgan, Robeson, Shillington, Shoemakersville, Sinking Spring, St. Lawrence, Topton, Wernersville, Leesport, West Reading, Womelsdorf, Wyomissing.

## **CONSTABLES**

- **Constables** – Vote for One – In each Township, Borough and Ward (except for the Townships of Colebrookdale, Cumru, Kutztown, Muhlenberg).
- **Constables** – Vote for Two – Townships of Colebrookdale, Cumru, Kutztown, Muhlenberg.

## **PRECINCT ELECTION BOARDS**

- **Judge of Election** – Vote for One – In each Precinct of each City, Township, Borough and Ward
- **Inspector of Election** – Vote for One – In each Precinct of each City, Township, Borough and Ward

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.