

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

2017 Municipal Election (November 7, 2017)

This is an official notice of a General election to be conducted on 11/7/2017 in Wayne 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 (570) 253-5432, or by email to cforman@waynecountypa.gov.

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 or Retention question write "yes" or "no."

BALLOT

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Wayne County

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT -- Vote for not more than Four -- All Precincts within Wayne County

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT -- Vote for not more than Two - All Precincts within Wayne
County

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Wayne County

SCHOOL DIRECTORS - Various School Districts within Wayne County

TOWNSHIP AND BOROUGH AUDITORS -- Various Municipalities within Wayne County

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS- All Townships within Wayne County

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS-All Boroughs within Wayne County

MAYOR-Vote for One-All Boroughs within Wayne County

TAX COLLECTOR-Vote for one per Municipality-All Precincts within Wayne County

JUDGE OF ELECTION-Vote for One per Voting Precinct-All Precincts within Wayne County

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION-Vote for One per Voting Precinct-All Precincts within Wayne County

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**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.

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Ballot Questions

Justice of the Supreme Court Retention Election

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

Yes No

Justice of the Supreme Court Retention Election

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

Yes No

Judge of the Superior Court Retention Election

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

Yes No

Candidate List

Justice of the Supreme Court

Dwayne Woodruff-Democratic
Sallie Mundy-Republican

Judge of the Superior Court

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

Judge of the Commonwealth Court

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

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas-22nd District

Janine Edwards-Democratic/Republican

School Director-Wayne Highlands –Reg # 1 (Buckingham, Damascus, Manchester, Preston, Scott)-Vote 2

Thomas Fasshauer-Democratic/Republican

John K. Lowe-Democratic/Republican

Wayne Highlands-Region 2 (Bethany, Dyberry, Honesdale, Lebanon)-Vote for 2

Gina Pritchard-Republican

Wayne Highlands-Region 3 (Berlin, Cherry Ridge, Oregon, Prompton, Texas 1 & 2)-Vote for 2

Heather Ann Stephens-Democratic/Republican

Kathleen Grandjean-Democratic/Republican

Western Wayne-Region 1 (Canaan, Clinton # 1, South Canaan, Waymart)-Vote for 2

Ethan C. Wood-Democratic/Republican

Donald H. McDonough-Democratic

Joe Gombita-Republican

Western Wayne-Region 2 (Lake)-Vote for 1

Bernice Fiorella-Democratic/Republican

Western Wayne-Region 3 (Salem, Sterling)-Vote for 1

Dana DeSiato-Democratic

Mike Ochlan-Republican

Wallenpaupack Area-(Dreher, Hawley, Palmyra, Paupack, Texas 3)-Vote for 4

John Kiesendahl-Democratic/Republican

Lisa Smith-Democratic/Republican

Michael J. Romeo Jr.-Democratic/Republican

Paul Otway-Democratic/Republican

Forest City Regional-(Clinton 2)-Vote for 1

No Candidate

Susquehanna Community-(Starrucca)-Vote 1

Carol Jackson-Democratic

Pamela Benson-Republican

Auditors-6 year terms-Vote for 1

Berlin-Susan Schmidt-Republican

Buckingham-No Candidate

Canaan-Linda J. Mosher-Republican

Cherry Ridge-No Candidate

Clinton-Donald Salak-Democratic

Damascus-No Candidate

Dreher-No Candidate

Dyberry-No Candidate

Lake-Donna M. Pugh-Republican

Lebanon-Mary Evarts-Republican

Lehigh-No Candidate

Auditors-4 year terms-Vote for 1

Berlin-Donna Olver-Republican

Buckingham-No Candidate

Clinton-No Candidate

Damascus-No Candidate

Dyberry-No Candidate

Lake-Bob Williams-Republican

Prompton-No Candidate

Waymart-No Candidate

Auditors-6 year terms-Continued

Manchester-No Candidate
Mount Pleasant-David G. Thomas-Republican
Oregon-Diane Richter-Republican
Palmyra-Kathryne R. Ehwald-Republican
Paupack-No Candidate
Preston-Rebecca H. Jones-Republican
Prompton-April Mohrmann-Republican
Salem-Beverly Yedinak-Republican
Scott-Edwin E. Allen Jr.-Republican
So. Canaan-Jessica L. Brown-Democratic/Republican
Starrucca-No Candidate
Sterling-Carol Butler-Republican
Texas-Lorraine M. Gallik-Republican
Waymart-No Candidate

Council Members-Bethany-Vote for 3

Christopher Peroni-Democratic
John Harvey-Republican
Ruth Bairston-Republican

Honesdale-4 year terms-Vote for 4

Travis Rivera-Democratic
James Leo Brennan Jr.-Dem/Rep
Tim Lauffenburger-Democratic
Bill Canfield-Republican
Bob Jennings-Republican

Starrucca-4 year terms-Vote for 3

Jason Heeman-Democratic
Charles Levchak-Democratic

Waymart-4 year terms-Vote for 4

Jane M. Varcoe-Republican
Theresa Podunajec Stratton-Republican
Lilian Rollison-Republican
Shane D. Bayly-Republican

Mayors-Vote for 1

Bethany-Gwen Borden-Democratic/Republican
Hawley-David Kevin Hawk-Democratic/Republican
Honesdale-Melody Robinson-Democratic
Sarah Canfield-Republican

Auditors-2 year Terms-Vote for 1

Berlin-No Candidate
Manchester-No Candidate
Sterling-Patricia Parini-Republican
Waymart-No Candidate

Hawley-Vote for 3

Steven W. Vennie-Democratic
Christina Ferrara Murray-Dem/Rep
Ann Monaghan-Democratic/Republican
Michele R. Rojas-Republican

Honesdale-2 year term-Vote for 1

James Leo Brennan Jr.-Dem/Rep

Prompton-Vote for 3

Kirk Fries-Democratic
Dale Odell-Republican

Starrucca-2 year term-Vote for 1

Darl F. Haynes-Republican

Waymart-2 year term-Vote for 1

Wayne W. Maychek-Democratic

Mayors-Continued

Prompton-Stacy L. Wentzel-Republican
Starrucca-Mary Ann DeBalko-Republican
Waymart-Charles Chip Norella-Republican

Supervisors-6 year terms-Vote for 1

Berlin-Cathy Hunt-Democratic/Republican
Buckingham-Bradley D. Shaffer-Democratic
Canaan-Ronald E. Shemanski-Democratic/Republican
Cherry Ridge-David Sporer-Democratic
Clinton-Russell Curtis-Democratic
Bonnie K. Johnson-Republican

Damascus-Joseph Canfield-Democratic/Republican
Dreher-William L. Reese-Democratic/Republican
Dyberry-Kevin P. McGinnis-Republican
Lake-Timothy Jaggars-Republican
Lebanon-Bryan D. Utegg-Republican
Lehigh-Tony Perrotti-Democratic
Richard Major-Republican

Manchester-Donald Stalker-Republican
Mt. Pleasant-Francis M. Nebzydoski-Republican
Oregon-Matthew Crum- Republican
Palmyra-Joseph Kmetz-Republican
Paupack-Leigh G. Gilbert-Republican
Preston-Alan R. Jones-Democratic/Republican
Salem-Merel Jim Swingle-Democratic/Republican
Scott-Erban C. Travis-Republican
South Canaan-Michael W. Palkovic Jr.-Democratic
Walter Howell-Republican
Sterling-Roger E. Swingle-Democratic/Republican
Texas-Don Doney-Republican

Tax Collectors-Vote for 1

Berlin-Brandy Freiermuth-Democratic/Republican
Bethany-Susan Kimble-Democratic
Buckingham-Michelle B. Hunt-Republican
Canaan-Linda S. Davis-Republican
Cherry Ridge-Edward J. Coar-Republican
Clinton-Marianne L. Thorpe-Dem/Rep
Damascus-Barbara VanOrden-Republican
Dreher-Kathy Young-Democratic/Republican
Dyberry-Joan M. Donofry-Republican
Hawley-Barbara Middaugh-Democratic/Republican

Supervisors-4 year terms-Vote for 1

Paupack-James R. Martin-Republican

Supervisors-2 year terms-Vote for 1

Dyberry-Gregory S. Reed-Republican
Scott-Russell G. Mosher-Republican

Manchester-Beverly A. Gill-Republican
Mt. Pleasant-Clara Keast-Republican
Oregon-Marie Bryant-Republican
Palmyra-Joanne Kmetz-Republican
Paupack-Florence Peoples-Dem/Rep
Preston-Suzanne W. Wormuth-Republican
Prompton-No Candidate
Salem-Marlene Yedinak-Republican
Scott-Laura L. Travis-Republican
South Canaan-Paula J. Herzog-Dem/Rep

Tax Collectors-Continued

Honesdale-Coleen Tuman-Democratic/Republican
Lake-Michelle Valentino-Democratic/Republican
Lebanon-Stephanie A. Roegner-Republican
Lehigh-Eileen Kohn-Democratic/Republican

Starrucca-Donald Potter-Republican
Sterling-Cindy Ziegler Hefty-Republican
Texas-John J. Haggarty-Dem/Rep
Waymart-Mary Bosshard-Dem/Rep

Judge of Elections-Vote for 1

Berlin # 1-Nancy Bates-Republican
Berlin # 2-No Candidate
Bethany-Bob Longenecker-Republican
Buckingham-Mary M. Reyes-Democratic
Canaan-Gloria Gebert-Republican
Cherry Ridge-Mary Jane Burke-Democratic
Clinton # 1-Gwen Poltanis-Republican
Clinton # 2-Kerry J. Henderson-Republican
Damascus # 1-Melissa Rutledge-Republican
Damascus # 2-Gail Fasshauer-Republican
Dreher-Linda G. Frick-Republican
Dyberry-Nellie M. Nichols-Republican
Hawley-William Wyckoff-Dem/Rep
Honesdale # 1-No Candidate
Honesdale # 2-Martha Bergesen-Republican
Honesdale # 3-Joseph Podrasky-Democratic
Lake-Carol Williams-Democratic
Lebanon-No Candidate

Lehigh-Kristen D. Cunningham-Republican
Manchester-No Candidate
Mount Pleasant-No Candidate
Oregon-Jo Avery-Republican
Palmyra-Rosemarie Meditz-Republican
Paupack-Shirley Herr-Republican
Preston-Duane Giles-Republican
Prompton-Sharon Fries-Democratic
Salem-Kenneth Van Kleef-Republican
Scott-Suzanne Tuttle-Republican
So Canaan-Holly Highhouse-Republican
Starrucca-No Candidate
Sterling-Doug E. Littleton-Republican
Texas # 1-Eva G. Crocker-Republican
Texas # 2-Susan Martone-Dem/Rep
Texas # 3-Elizabeth LaTournous-Barnes-Rep
Waymart-No Candidate

Inspector of Elections-Vote for 1

Berlin # 1-Mary Iulo-Republican
Berlin # 2-No Candidate
Bethany-Barbara Longenecker-Republican

Buckingham-Adeline Heesh-Democratic
 Vicky S. Shakelton-Republican
Canaan-Donna M. LaBar-Republican

Cherry Ridge-Rebecca Burke-Democratic
 Kimberly Daniels-Republican
Clinton # 1-Christina L. Salak-Democratic
 Janet Curtis-Republican
Clinton # 2-Beverly J. Fitzsimmons-Democratic

Damascus # 1-Tom Nalick-Republican

Lehigh-Barbara C. Phillips-Republican
Manchester-Lois M. Young-Democratic
Mt Pleasant-Christina M. Albright-Democratic
 Sandra J. Komar-Republican
Oregon-Betty M Hartman-Democratic
 Evonne Moser-Republican
Palmyra-Della Galgan-Democratic
 Linda Wlock-Republican
Paupack-Maryann Vaccaro-Democratic
 Kathleen Carlson-Republican
Preston-Evelyn Hoops-Democratic
 Alice M. Sampson-Republican
Prompton-Lorna J. Fries-Democratic
 Janet M. Odell-Republican
Salem-Patricia Chapman-Democratic
 Deborah Van Kleef-Republican

Inspector of Elections-Continued

Damascus # 2-Angela Davis-Democratic

Theresa L. Henderson-Rep

Dreher-Teri Field-Republican

Dyberry-No Candidate

Hawley-No Candidate

Honesdale # 1-No Candidate

Honesdale # 2-Marilyn McElroy-Republican

Honesdale # 3-Mary E. Smith-Democratic

Lake-Janet Lee Edwards-Democratic

Carrie G. Boshinski-Republican

Lebanon-Lynita Vail-Republican

Scott-Judith Present-Democratic

Natasha Tuttle-Republican

So Canaan-Tammie L. Lamberton-Republican

Starrucca-Nancy A. Kramer-Republican

Sterling-No Candidate

Texas # 1-Debbie Swendsen-Democratic

Arlene Seig-Republican

Texas # 2-Jeanette Gardas-Democratic

Kim Mikulak-Republican

Texas # 3-Susan J. Graziadio-Democratic

Margaret M. Meszler-Republican

Waymart-Karen L. McElroy-Democratic

Susan Spewak-Republican

