

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

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 5/18/2021 in Union 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) 524-8627, or by email to gkatherman@unionco.org or kreedy@unionco.org.

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 three 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(s) write "yes" or "no".

Non-partisan voters may only vote for the ballot questions at the end of this notice.

STATEWIDE

Justice of the Supreme Court

(Vote for One)

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|---------------------|
| Dem | Maria McLaughlin | Philadelphia County |
| Rep | Paula Patrick | Philadelphia County |
| Rep | Kevin Brobson | Dauphin County |
| Rep | Patricia A. McCullough | Allegheny County |

Judge of the Superior Court

(Vote for One)

| | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------------|
| Dem | Jill Beck | Allegheny County |
| Dem | Timika Lane | Philadelphia County |
| Dem | Bryan Neft | Allegheny County |
| Rep | Megan Sullivan | Chester County |

Judge of the Commonwealth Court

(Vote for not more than Two)

| | | |
|-----|--------------------|---------------------|
| Dem | David Lee Spurgeon | Allegheny County |
| Dem | Lori A. Dumas | Philadelphia County |
| Dem | Sierra Street | Philadelphia County |

Dem Amanda Green Hawkins Allegheny County
Rep Drew Crompton Cumberland County
Rep Stacy Marie Wallace McKean County

COUNTYWIDE

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas 17th District

(Vote for One)

Dem Brian L. Kerstetter Union County
Dem Lori R. Hackenberg Snyder County
Rep Brian L. Kerstetter Union County
Rep Lori R. Hackenberg Snyder County

Sheriff 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Ernest R. Ritter III Kelly Township

Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Nick Fuller East Buffalo Township
Rep Diane O. Miller East Buffalo Township

Coroner 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Dominick T. Adamo Lewisburg Borough

TOWNSHIPS and BOROUGHS

BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Joseph Wise

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Auditor 2 Year Unexpired Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Paige Curry

Buffalo Township – District 1

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Hazel M. Roush

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Mark Wehr

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Butch Woolsey

Buffalo Township – District 2

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Candace J. Blankenship

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Katie Evans

Rep Mike Glazer

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Auditor 4 Year Unexpired Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Auditor 2 Year Unexpired Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Daniel Greene

Rep No candidate filed.

East Buffalo Township – District 1

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Eric N. Brown
Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

East Buffalo Township – District 2

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Sharon L. Silberman
Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

East Buffalo Township – District 3

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

East Buffalo Township – District 4

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Jacob Feuerstein
Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

WEST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Fred W. Hoffman, Jr.

Supervisor 2 Year Unexpired Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Eric N. Wagner

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

GREGG TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Arthur W. Masser

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Carlene M. Weaver

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

HARTLEY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Bradley L. Wagner

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Auditor 4 Year Unexpired Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

KELLY TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep David S. Hassenplug

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Cindy L. Bingaman

Kelly Township – District 1
Judge of Election 4 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem Susan Travis
Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Kelly Township – District 2
Judge of Election 4 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Carol A. Price

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep David McCarty

Constable 6 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

LEWIS TOWNSHIP
Supervisor 6 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Matthew R. Dersham

Auditor 6 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Richard D. Troutman

Tax Collector 4 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Richard D. Troutman

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term
(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Karen M. Troutman
Rep Jennifer Balatincz

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Stanley L. Bingaman

Rep Gary L. Ruhl

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Nancy L. Walter

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Edward B. Moyer

UNION TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Dan Greak

Rep Billy Allred

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Wendy Yoder

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Jolene D. Helwig

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

WHITE DEER TOWNSHIP

Supervisor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Carroll W. Diefenbach

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Karen A. Stamm

White Deer Township – District 1

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Lana A. Rote

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Brett C. Stamm

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

White Deer Township – District 2

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

White Deer Township – District 3

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

White Deer Township – District 4

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Barbara J. Wise

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Erik A. Wise

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep James E. Messinger

HARTLETON BOROUGH

Mayor 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Thomas H. Purves

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Borough Council 4 Year Term

(Vote for not more than Four)

Dem No candidate filed.

Dem No candidate filed.

Dem No candidate filed.

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Joseph L. Richard, Jr.

Rep No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Auditor 4 Year Unexpired Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

LEWISBURG BOROUGH

Mayor 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Kendy Alvarez

Dem David Alan Heayn

Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Connie Moore

LEWISBURG BOROUGH – WARD 1

Borough Council 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Bina Bilenky Trahan

Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Davena L. Laverty

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

LEWISBURG BOROUGH – WARD 2

Borough Council 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

LEWISBURG BOROUGH – WARD 3

Borough Council 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem David Alan Heayn

Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

LEWISBURG BOROUGH – WARD 4

Borough Council 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

MIFFLINBURG BOROUGH

Mayor 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep David Cooney

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

MIFFLINBURG BOROUGH – EAST WARD

Borough Council 4 Year Term

(Vote for not more than Two)

Dem No candidate filed.

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Bradley M. Sauers

Rep Ellie K. Kreisher

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Tammy Bollinger

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

MIFFLINBURG BOROUGH – WEST WARD

Borough Council 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Beverly L. Hackenberg

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

NEW BERLIN BOROUGH

Mayor 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Nancy Showers

Rep No candidate filed.

Tax Collector 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Borough Council 4 Year Term

(Vote for not more than Four)

Dem Bonnie Hamilton

Dem David Farmer

Dem No candidate filed.

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Julianne W. Finkbiner

Rep No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Auditor 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Auditor 2 Year Unexpired Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Judge of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Inspector of Election 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

Constable 6 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep No candidate filed.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

LEWISBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Includes Borough of Lewisburg, Townships of East Buffalo, Kelly and Precinct of Union

Lewisburg School Director 4 Year Term

(Vote for not more than Four)

Dem Kristin E. Kraus
Dem Heather Haynos
Dem Mary K. Brouse
Dem Lisa B. Clark
Dem Mary Ann Sigler Stanton
Dem Jaime Lyons
Dem John M. Rowe
Rep Mary K. Brouse
Rep Mary Ann Sigler Stanton
Rep John M. Rowe
Rep Heather Haynos
Rep Lisa B. Clark
Rep Kristin E. Kraus

MIFFLINBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Region 1

Includes Borough of New Berlin, Townships of Buffalo, Limestone and Precinct of Union-Independent

Mifflinburg School Director 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Wendy Hulsizer-McClintock
Rep Wendy Hulsizer-McClintock

Region 2

Includes Borough of Mifflinburg and Township of West Buffalo

Mifflinburg School Director 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem No candidate filed.
Rep Thomas L. Eberhart

Region 3

Includes Borough of Hartleton and Townships of Hartley, Lewis

Mifflinburg School Director 4 Year Term

(Vote for not more than Two)

Dem No candidate filed.
Dem No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.
Rep No candidate filed.

MILTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Region 3

Includes Township of White Deer in Union County; and
Townships of Turbot, East Chillisquaque in Northumberland County

Milton School Director 4 Year Term

(Vote for One)

Dem Kevin R. Fry
Rep Joshua A. Hunt
Rep Kevin R. Fry

WARRIOR RUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Region 1

Includes Gregg Township in Union County;
West District of Delaware Township and Second Ward of Watsontown Borough in Northumberland County

Warrior Run School Director 4 Year Term

(Vote for not more than Two)

Dem No candidate filed.

Dem No candidate filed.

Rep Jennifer Meule

Rep Gail Foreman

BALLOT QUESTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 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

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 2
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 3
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.

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM – ACT 2020-91

MAKING MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS

Ballot Question

Do you favor expanding the use of the indebtedness authorized under the referendum for loans to volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads under 35 PA.C.S. Section 7378.1 (related to referendum for additional indebtedness) to include loans to municipal fire departments or companies that provide services through paid personnel and emergency medical services companies for the purpose of establishing and modernizing facilities to house apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles, and for purchasing apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles, protective and communications equipment and any other accessory equipment necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the fire companies and emergency medical services companies?

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM – ACT 2020-91

MAKING MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS

The purpose of the ballot question is to determine whether Pennsylvania voters authorize making municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies eligible to apply for loans from an already existing state loan program.

Pennsylvania voters approved the incurring of indebtedness of up to \$100,000,000 in four previous statewide referenda: \$10,000,000 on November 4, 1975; \$15,000,000 on November 3, 1981; \$25,000,000 on November 6, 1990; and \$50,000,000 on November 5, 2002. Originally, this indebtedness funded a loan program for volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads.

Currently, municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies are not authorized to apply for loans from this program. The Pennsylvania General Assembly has determined that municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies are most in need of loans to replace outmoded or unsafe equipment and buildings to meet the increased demands for a higher level of service in the communities they serve. If approved, the referendum will allow municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies to apply for loans from the program, consistent with the existing law and regulations.

The Office of the State Fire Commissioner administers the loan program, and has promulgated regulations to govern the loan application process. Upon successful application, the Office authorizes loans for the purposes and in amounts specified by the Emergency Management Service Code and the Office's regulations. These loans may be used for establishing or modernizing facilities to house firefighting apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles. They may also be used for the purchase of new firefighting apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles, protective and communications equipment and any other accessory equipment necessary for the proper performance of these organizations' duties.

This referendum does not authorize incurring any additional debt to fund the loan program; it only expands the class of eligible loan applicants. It also does not expand the purposes for which loans may be made; municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies may only apply for the type of loans already provided for by law and regulation.

