

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

This is an official notice of a General election to be conducted on 11/7/2017 in Cumberland 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 (717) 240-7759, or by email to [lgeistwhite@ccpa.net](mailto:lgeistwhite@ccpa.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 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."

**OFFICES TO APPEAR ON BALLOT:**

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

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT -- Vote for Four -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT -- Vote for Two -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

SHERIFF -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

CONTROLLER -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

RECORDER OF DEEDS -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

PROTHONOTARY -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

REGISTER OF WILLS -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

CORONER -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Cumberland County

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES -- Vote for One -- Per District in each of the following Districts:

District 09-1-02 – Camp Hill Borough, Lemoyne Borough, Wormleysburg Borough

District 09-1-03 – East Pennsboro Township

District 09-2-01 – Lower Frankford Township, Middlesex Township, North Middleton Township

District 09-2-02 – Carlisle Borough

District 09-3-01 – Hopewell Township, Newburg Borough, Shippensburg Borough, Shippensburg Township, Southampton Township

District 09-3-02 – Cooke Township, Lower Mifflin Township, Newville Borough, North Newton Township, Penn Township, South Newton Township, Upper Frankford Township, Upper Mifflin Township, West Pennsboro Township

District 09-3-05 – Mechanicsburg Borough, Monroe Township, Upper Allen Township

The School Districts for which School Directors will be elected, including the number to be elected within each District or Region and their terms of office, are as follows:

**BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect by District

Cooke & Penn Townships – Vote for 1 for 4 years

Lower Mifflin Township – Vote for 1 for 4 years

Newville Borough – Vote for 1 for 4 years

Upper Mifflin Township – Vote for 1 for 4 years

**CAMP HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect at Large – Vote for 4 for 4 years

Camp Hill Borough

**CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect at Large – Vote for 4 for 4 years; Vote for 1 for 2 years

Carlisle Borough

Dickinson Township

Mt. Holly Springs Borough

North Middleton Township

**CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect by District

Hampden Township – Vote for 2 for 4 years

Middlesex & Monroe Townships – Vote for 1 for 4 years

Silver Spring Township – Vote for 1 for 4 years

**EAST PENNSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect at Large – Vote for 4 for 4 years; Vote for 2 for 2 years

East Pennsboro Township

**MECHANICSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect by Region

*Region 1:* Vote for 2 for 4 years

Upper Allen 1

Upper Allen 2

Upper Allen 3

Upper Allen 9

Upper Allen 10

*Region 2:* Vote for 1 for 4 years

Lower Allen 1 Annex

Shiremanstown Borough

Upper Allen 4

Upper Allen 5

Upper Allen 6

Upper Allen 7

Upper Allen 8

*Region 3:* Vote for 1 for 4 years

Mechanicsburg Borough

**SHIPPENSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect by District

*District A:* Vote for 1 for 4 years

Hopewell Township

Newburg Borough

Shippensburg Township

Southampton Township

*District C:* Vote for 2 for 4 years

Shippensburg Borough

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect at Large – Vote for 4 for 4 years

South Middleton Township

**WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Elect by Region

*Region 1:* Vote for 2 for 4 years

Lemoyne Borough

Lower Allen 4

Lower Allen 5

New Cumberland Borough

Wormleysburg Borough

*Region 2:* Vote for 1 for 4 years

Lower Allen 1

Lower Allen 2

Lower Allen 3

Lower Allen 6



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.

To vote for retentions, please write the name of the candidate seeking to be retained in the left column on your write-in ballot. Please write "YES" or "NO" in the corresponding line in the right column of your write-in ballot.

**JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT RETENTION**

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

**JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

Shall **JACQUELINE O SHOGAN** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?                      YES      NO

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

Shall **EDWARD GUIDO** be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Cumberland County?                      YES      NO

