



ELECTION GUIDE

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YOUR POLLING PLACES

How to Find Your Polling Place:

The Polling Place [Search Tool](#) provides your polling place.

Polling Place Hours Open:

Polls are open from 7 AM – 8 PM to allow for ease in voting. Anyone in line at 8 PM will be allowed to vote. Details on accessibility around voting are located here.

RESEARCHING YOUR CANDIDATES

To research your candidates, refer to their campaign page, their social media, their voting history or any of the other resources:

- [Ontheissues.org](#)
- [Govtrack.us](#)
- [Vote411.org/ballot](#)
- [Ballotpedia.org](#)
- [Justfacts.votesmart.org](#)
- [Billtrack50.com](#)
- [Opensecrets.org](#)

Last day to Register to Vote: October 28!

THOSE WITH A CRIMINAL STATUS OR HISTORY IN PENNSYLVANIA

You can still register and vote if you:

- Are a pretrial detainee, confined in a penal institution awaiting trial on charges of a felony or a misdemeanor.
- Were ever convicted of a misdemeanor.
- Got released or will get released by the date of the next election from a correctional facility or halfway house. This must be upon completion of the term of incarceration for conviction of a misdemeanor or a felony.
- Are on probation or released on parole. This includes parolees who are living in a halfway house.
- Are under house arrest (home confinement). If this is you, you can vote no matter your conviction status or the status of the conditions of confinement.

Vote November 8th!

ROLES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor

Implements state laws and oversees the states executive branch through executive orders/budgets, and legislative proposals and vetoes. Governors in Pennsylvania serve 4-year terms with a limit of 2 consecutive terms.

US House Of Representatives

Lower house of congress. Initiates all revenue bills. In charge of passing all articles of impeachment. Focuses more on the tax and revenue policies. This role has 2-year terms and no limit of how many.

US Senators

Upper house of congress. Provides advice and consent on treaties, and presidential appointments. In charge of trying impeached officers. Focuses more on foreign policy. This role has 6-year terms and no limit of how many.

The PA General Assembly

Consists of the PA House Representatives and the PA Senators. As the PA state legislature, it oversees making laws and runs the PA government and budget.

Mayor

(Depending on the location) Oversees annual reports/budgets, appoints people to committees, votes in council meetings, etc. Terms and term limits vary across locations.

District Attorney

Investigates and prosecute crimes.

School Board

Manages school budgets and curricula. Represents the community's voice.

Sources:

- [PA Department of State](#)
- [National Governor Association](#)
- [The United States House of Representatives](#)
- [The United States Senate](#)
- [The PA Code and Bulletin](#)
- [The PA General Assembly \(Mayor\)](#)
- [The PA General Assembly \(District Attorney\)](#)
- [The National School Board Association](#)