

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

2016 General Election (November 8, 2016)

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 11/08/2016 in Lehigh 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 (610) 770 - 3845, or by email to electionboard@lehighcounty.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 a candidate for President of the United States, United States Senator and U.S. Representative (Representative in Congress) as well as candidates for all state and local offices, and ballot initiatives.

To vote, refer to page 3 of the FWAB.

To vote for President of the United States, United States Senator, and U.S. Representative (Representative in Congress), write in the name of the candidate of your choice in the space provided on 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 questions write "yes" or "no."

2016 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lehigh County

Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine – Democratic
Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence – Republican
Darrell L. Castle/Scott N. Bradley – Constitution
Jill Stein/Ajamu Baraka – Green
Gary Johnson/William Weld - Libertarian

UNITED STATES SENATOR -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lehigh County

Katie McGinty – Democratic
Pat Toomey – Republican
Edward T. Clifford III - Libertarian

ATTORNEY GENERAL -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lehigh County

Joshua D. Shapiro – Democratic
John C. Rafferty Jr. – Republican
N.A. Poe – Libertarian - *REMOVED*

AUDITOR GENERAL -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lehigh County

Eugene A. DePasquale – Democratic
John Brown – Republican
John J. Sweeney – Green
Roy A. Minet – Libertarian

STATE TREASURER -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lehigh County

Joe Torsella – Democratic
Otto Voit – Republican
Kristin Combs – Green
James Babb - Libertarian

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS –15th Congressional District -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Lehigh County

Rick Daugherty – Democratic
Charles W. Dent – Republican
Paul Rizzo - Libertarian

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 22nd Representative District – Vote for One – Allentown (Part, Wards 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 [Part, District 01], 07, 08 [Part, District 01 & 02], 09, 10 [Part, District 01], 11 [Part, District 01 & 02], 12, 14 [Part, District 02], 16 and 19)

Peter Schweyer - Democratic

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 131st Representative District – Vote for One – Townships of Lower Milford, Salisbury (Part, Ward 03 District 01), Upper Milford and Upper Saucon and the Boroughs of Coopersburg and Emmaus

Joanne Jackson – Democratic
Justin J. Simmons - Republican

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 132nd Representative District – Vote for One – Allentown (Part, Wards 06 [Part, District 02], 08 [Part, District 03, 04, 05, 06 & 07], 10 [Part, Districts 03 & 04], 11 [Part, Districts 03, 04, 05, 06 & 07], 13, 14 [Part, District 01], 15, 17 & 18) and the Township of South Whitehall (Part, Districts 01, 02 & 07)

Mike Schlossberg – Democratic
Ben Long - Republican

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 133rd Representative District – Vote for One – Bethlehem and the Townships of Hanover, Salisbury (Part, Ward 01, 02 & 03 [Part, Division 02]) and Whitehall (Part, Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09 & 12) and the Boroughs of Catasauqua, Coplay and Fountain Hill

Daniel McNeill – Democratic
David Molony – Republican
Alexander V. Humanick – Libertarian

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 134th Representative District – Vote for One – Townships of Lower Macungie, Salisbury (Part, Wards 04 & 05) and South Whitehall (Part, Districts 03 & 04) and the Boroughs of Alburtis and Macungie

Ryan E. Mackenzie - Republican

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 183rd Representative District – Vote for One – Townships of South Whitehall (Part, Districts 05, 06 & 08), Washington and Whitehall (Part, Districts 07, 10 & 11) and the Borough of Slatington

Phillips Armstrong – Democratic
Zach Mako - Republican

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 187th Representative District – Vote for One – Townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Upper Macungie and Weisenberg

Gary Day – Democratic/Republican

Ballot Question – All Precincts within Lehigh County

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to require that justices of the Supreme Court, judges and magisterial district judges be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years, instead of the current requirement that they be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70?

Yes or No

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to require that justices, judges and justices of the peace (known as magisterial district judges) be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years.

Presently, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that justices, judges and justices of the peace be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70 years. Justices of the peace are currently referred to as magisterial district judges.

If the ballot question were to be approved, justices, judges and magisterial district judges would be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years rather than the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70 years.

This amendment to the mandatory retirement age would be applicable to all judges and justices in the Commonwealth, including the justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, judges of the Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, county courts of common pleas, community courts, municipal courts in the City of Philadelphia, and magisterial district judges.

The ballot question is limited in that it would not amend any other provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution related to the qualification, election, tenure, or compensation of the justices, judges or magisterial district judges.

The effect of the ballot question would be to allow all justices, judges, and magisterial district judges to remain in office until the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years. This would permit all justices, judges, and magisterial district judges to serve an additional five years beyond the current required retirement age.

Ballot Question – All Precincts within South Whitehall Township

Shall debt in the cumulative sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) be borrowed over a period of five (5) years for the purpose of financing the restoration and maintenance of Wehr's Dam be authorized to be incurred as debt approved by the electors?

Yes or No?

Plain English Statement

The purpose of the Referendum is to determine whether the voters of South Whitehall Township desire to incur debt of up to Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000) Dollars to be borrowed over a period of five (5) years to finance the restoration and maintenance of Wehr's Dam. The term for repayment of the debt would be determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Township.

The funds would be borrowed over a period of five (5) years, would be limited to a total amount of Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000) Dollars, and would only be used to finance the restoration and maintenance of Wehr's Dam. If the question is defeated, another election for the same purpose may not be held until 155 days have elapsed since this election being held on November 8, 2016. During that 155-day period no bonds or notes may be issued and no lease rental debt may be incurred for the same purpose, except that nonelectoral or lease rental debt may be incurred if required to complete any project financed otherwise and already under construction or if there has been court approval obtained under the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

If the referendum passes, the Board of Township Commissioners will enter into debt to obtain the funds over a period of five (5) years to finance the restoration and maintenance of Wehr's Dam. As a debt of the Township the funds will have to be repaid with interest.

Ballot Question – Within Upper Milford Township

Do you favor the imposition by Upper Milford Township of an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.1385 (%) percent on an annual basis beginning January 1, 2017, to be used for the purpose of financing the acquisition, protection, conservation or preservation of undeveloped open spaces or areas; forests and farmlands; natural and scenic resources; and recreational or historic lands; and payments of the attendant costs associated with such actions?

Yes or No?

Plain English Statement

The purpose of the referendum is to impose an additional Earned Income Tax at the rate of 0.1385 (%) percent annually beginning January 1, 2017. The revenue raised by the additional Earned Income Tax would be used for the following four (4) purposes: acquire agricultural conservation easements; finance the acquisition of open space; finance the protection of recreational or historical lands; pay the costs associated with such actions.

The funds from the additional Earned Income Tax may only be used for the four (4) reasons stated under the "Purpose" above. If the referendum question passes a new referendum on the continued imposition of the tax may not be held sooner than five (5) years after the approval of this question. If the referendum question fails a referendum to again consider the imposition of such a tax may not be held any sooner than five (5) years from the disapproval of the referendum question.

The act requires the Board of Supervisors to follow special procedures to acquire real property or open space property interests, but the Township may not acquire such interests by eminent domain and the Township may only sell open space property interests under certain circumstances and only after receiving the approval of the electorate by a ballot question.

If the referendum question passes, the Board of the Township Supervisors will have the funds to acquire agricultural conservation easements, to finance the acquisition of open space, to finance the protection of recreational or historical lands and to pay the costs associated with such actions. This will allow the Township Board of Supervisors to increase the amount of land in the Township which may not be developed for commercial and residential purposes.

Ballot Question – All Precincts within Parkland School District

Shall funding for the Parkland Community Library be increased by raising the existing Library Tax from 0.10 to 0.28 mills (increasing \$18 per \$100,000 of assessed value on taxable real estate within the Parkland School District)?

Yes or No?

Plain English Statement

The purpose of the Referendum is to increase the annual library tax in order to provide funds to meet the increased needs of the library. The increase in tax rate will provide funds to support existing and new facilities, services, and technology.

The tax increase would be limited to \$18.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value on taxable real estate within the Parkland School District. This increase in the library tax would be added to the existing millage of 0.10 to increase the millage to 0.28 mills for a total of \$28 per \$100,000 of assessed value on taxable real estate within the Parkland School District.

The tax increase would be effective beginning July 1, 2017 and would represent a permanent increase in the amount of tax until action is taken to change the rate would occur as provided in the Public Library Code.

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