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May 18 Update on Lehigh County Mail Balloting Ahead of 5/19 Primary

Earlier this month, Lehigh County Officials became aware that a clerical error resulted in the initial batch of mail ballots for the May 2026 primary being generated from the county's May 2025 active mail ballots voter file.

The error impacted a limited number of mail ballots from the initial batch that was issued to voters. The majority of those mail ballots have no issues, but there are four categories of voters impacted:

- Category 1: Voters who changed their party registration in the past year.
 - To address this error, the county has canceled the original ballot and voters were mailed their corrected ballot.
- Category 2: Voters who moved and did not initially receive a ballot at their current address.
 - To address this error, voters received 2026 primary ballots to their current address
- Category 3: Ballots issued to voters who requested a mail ballot in 2025 but have subsequently passed away.
 - To address this error, these mail ballots have been canceled.
- Category 4: Ballots issued to voters who requested a mail ballot in the 2025 primary but did not request a mail ballot for the 2026 primary.
 - To address this error, voters have been contacted with options for voting.

Today, the Board of Elections can provide this update:

Total number of mail ballot applications the county has received and approved:	25,688 ballots
As of 5/18, the total number of ballots that voters have returned and the county has recorded:	15,961 ballots <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 62.1% of all approved applications

These numbers are current as of May 18, 2026.