# HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Running for Local Office in Pennsylvania How to get Started

# Who is eligible to run for office in Primary ?\*

- Minimum age requirement 18 years old
- Must be a registered voter of a major political party for primary election
- Must live in the county or voting district for 1 year / Constable 30 days
- Not have been convicted of embezzlement of public funds, perjury, bribery, or infamous crimes (felony conviction)

## Local Offices up for Re-election in 2023

- Magisterial District Judge Montrose
- Magisterial District Judge Northern

Petition signatures needed 100 per party, can cross file, Fee \$50.00 dollars per petition, 6 year term

### **County Offices**

• County Commissioner, District Attorney, Register & Recorder, Coroner, County Auditor, County Treasurer

Petition signatures needed-100, Filing Fee- \$100.00 dollars, term 4 years

# Local Offices up for Re-election in 2023

### **Borough Council**

- Forest City-3
- Friendsville-1
- Great Bend-3
- Hallstead-3
- Hop Bottom-2

- Lanesboro-3
- Little Meadows-2
- Montrose Ward 1 1
- Montrose ward 2-2
- New Milford-3

Ten (10)Petition signatures needed, no filing fee, term 4 years

### **Township Supervisors**

- All township have 1 supervisor up for re-election
- Ten (10)Petition signatures needed, no fee, 6 year term Township Auditors
- All township have 1 up for re-election
- Ten (10)Petition signatures needed, no fee, 6 year term Constable
- 10 will be on ballot Auburn, Bridgewater, Dimock, Harford, Herrick, Middletown, Montrose 1w, Montrose 2w, New Milford and Rush (16 vacant can petition Judge to fill)
- Ten (10)Petition signatures needed, 10.00 dollar filing fee, 6 year term

- Oakland- 3
- Susquehanna-4
- Thompson- 4
- Union Dale-3

### School Directors up for Re-election

- Blue Ridge 5- New Milford Boro/Twp-1, New Milford Twp-1, Hallstead Boro-1, Jackson Twp/Great Bend Twp-1, Jackson Twp-1
- Elk Lake 5 4 are in Susquehanna County- Auburn Twp-1, Dimock Twp-1, Middletown Twp-1, Rush Twp-1
- Forest City 5 2 are in Susquehanna County- Forest City Boro-2
- Montrose 5 Jessup / Montrose Boro 1w & 2w 1, Bridegewater / Franklin, Liberty 2, Apolacon / Choconut / Forest Lake / Little Meadows Boro / Silver Lake 2
- Mountain View- 5- Gibson-1, Clifford Twp-1, Lenox-1, Harford -1, Hop Bottom Boro-1
- Susquehanna 5- Lanes Boro / Oakland Twp / Oakland Boro-2, Susquehanna Boro-1, Ararat Twp / Harmony / Thompson Boro / Thompson Twp / Wayne Co - 2

Ten (10)Petition signatures needed, no filing fee, can cross file, 4 year term

### **Open Republican Committee Positions**

### 31 TOTAL VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

- Auburn Township-1
- Bridgewater Township-1
- Clifford Township -1
- Franklin Township -1
- Friendsville Borough-2
- Gibson Township-2
- Great Bend Borough- 2
- Harford Township-2
- Harmony Township-1
- Herrick Township -1
- Hop Bottom-2

- Jessup Township- 1
- Lanesboro Borough-1
- Lenox Township-1
- Liberty Township-1
- Little Meadows Borough- 1
- Middletown Township- 2
- Oakland Borough- 2
- Rush Township-2
- Susquehanna Borough-1
- Thompson Borough-2
- Union Dale Borough- 1

- ✓ Filled by appointment only
- ✓ Write letter of interest email
- ✓ donnacosmello@yahoo.com
- ✓ Committee members are on ballot in 2026
- ✓ 4 year term
- No Statement of Financial Interest Needed
- Volunteer email or call Donna 570-849-0134

# HOW TO GAIN ACCESS TO PRIMARY BALLOT

- Nomination petition with required paperwork
  - REMEMBER: You have to be a registered voter of a major political party, e.g.
     Republican or Democrat
- Write in candidate- have voters write your name in for position you are seeking

# Gathering paperwork for Nomination Petition

- All forms are issued and returned to the Susquehanna County Voter registration office. The packet issued includes:
- Candidate Information & Data Processing Sheet
- Calendar for Nomination petition circulation dates/ filing deadline
- Nomination petition instructions / petition
- Number of signatures required per Office and if you can cross file
- Candidate's Affidavit and Waiver of Expense Account reporting Affidavit /Statement of Circulator (back of petition)
- State Ethic's Commission Affidavit
- Statement of Financial Interest form must be completed and filed with petition (original goes to municipality or school district) where office is sought
- Petition Checklist
- Voter registration list for county or by district must request
- Campaign Finance Reporting with time lines if applicable ( spending more than 250:00 on campaign) online

	PETITION CHECKLIST MPLETE CHECKLIST BEFORE FILING PETITION & BRING THE
	FOLLOWING TO THE COURTHOUSE: (Paperwork is included in packet)
	Petition with all blanks filled in properly (refer to included instructions).
	All applicable sections on petition notarized (refer to included instructions).
	** Prothonotary's Office in Susquehanna Courthouse may notarize for you**
	Completed Candidate Information & Data Processing Sheet
	Filing fee if applicable (refer to included instructions)
	Statement of Financial Interest (refer to included instructions)
	(ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN CORRECT PLACE MY OFFICE ONLY RECIEVES A COPY ATTACHED TO PETITION)
	**Judge of Election, Inspector of Election, and Party Committeeman/woman EXEMPT from this form – all other candidates MUST complete this form**
	State Ethic's Commission Affidavit
	Name Affidavit if applicable (if want to be on the ballot as a different name
	than what you are registered as)
NC	TICE: IF YOU NEED COPIES OF ANY OF YOUR PAPERWORK, MAKE M BEFORE FILING. ONCE FILED, COPIES WILL BE \$0.25 PER SHEET
	Susquehanna County Voter Registration/Elections
	(570) 278-4600 x 4090
	31 Lake Ave (physical) PO Box 218 (mailing)
	Montrose, PA 18801

CALENDAR FOR NOMINATION PETITION CIRCULATION DATES/ FILING DEADLINE

Can only circulate petition/ gather signatures during set time frame First day to circulate petition February 14, 2023 Last day to circulate is March 7, 2023

#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

#### 2023 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions	February 14
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 7
First day to circulate and file nomination papers	March 8
Last day to file objections to nomination petitions	March 14
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions	March 22
Last day to REGISTER before the primary	May I
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot	May 9
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)	May 16
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY	May 16
First day to REGISTER after primary	May 17
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 15)	May 23
Last day to circulate and file nomination papers	
Last day to file objections to nomination papers	8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers	August 8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary	August 14
Last day to REGISTER before the November election	October 23
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot	October 31

### Tips and Guidelines

Office Type Signatures Fee **Cross-File Resident requirement** 

#### **OTHER TIPS AND GUIDELINES:**

- 1. Items #1-10 & #17 must be filled out before circulating petition. The Candidate Affidavit on each petition page must be signed and notarized after circulation and prior to filing.
- 2. To use a nickname on a petition, you must have been known by that name for more than 5 years and sign an affidavit to that effect. This form is included in the petition packet you received.
- 3. A copy of the Statement of Financial Interests (included in your packet), is required to be filed with the County, must be submitted with and a copy appended to your nomination petition. The original must be filed according to the instructions on the back of the State Ethics Commission/Statement of Financial Interests. NOTE: Judge/Inspector of Election & Party Committeeman are NOT required to complete this.
- 4. Nomination petitions must be accompanied by the proper FILING FEE (if applicable), according to the following fee schedule. The fee must be paid by cash, certified check, or money order made payable to "County of Susquehanna". Personal checks that are not certified cannot be accepted. Filling fees will not be refunded for any reason, including candidate withdrawal,

OFFICE/PETITION TYPE	SIGNATURES*	FEE*	CROSS-FILE	RESIDENT REQ.
JUDGE OF COMMON PLEAS	250/per party	\$100/per party	YES	1 YEAR
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	100/per party	\$50/per Party	YES	1 YEAR
COUNTY (Commissioner, DA, Prothonotary, Register & Recorder, Coroner, Sheriff, Treasurer)	100	\$100	NO	1 YEAR
BOROUGH OFFICES (Mayor, Councilman, Auditor, Tax Collector)	10	NONE	NO	1 YEAR
TOWNSHIP OFFICES (Supervisor, Auditor, Tax Collector)	10	NONE	NO	1 YEAR
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	10	NONE	YES	1 YEAR
CONSTABLE	10	\$10	NO	30 DAYS
JUDGE OF ELECTIONS	10	NONE	NO	1 YEAR
INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS	10	NONE	NO	1 YEAR
REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS	10	NONE	NO	CHECK WITH SPECIFIC PARTY

5. If you desire copies of the nomination petitions you are filing, please make them before you file them in the Elections Office. Once filed, they become the property of the County of Susquehanna and are subject to the Department's .25 cent per page copying fee.

Candidates that are permitted to Cross-file (file petitions for both Democratic and 6. Republican parties) MUST have separate petitions for each party. There MUST be a registered Democrat to circulate the Democratic petition and a registered Republican to circulate the Republican petition.

### Tips and Guidelines

### Office Term Length

# Party committee person guide lines

#### OFFICE TERM-LENGTH:

(designated term-length for unexpired terms are not included – please check with your Borough/Township or the Elections Office.)

4 YEAR TERM Auditor (COUNTY)	6-YEAR TERM Auditor (TWP/BORO) Constable	10 YEAR TERM Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
Borough Councilman Commissioner	Magisterial District Judge	
Coroner	Township Supervisor	
District Attorney		
Inspector of Election		
Judge of Election		
Party Committeeman		
Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts		
Register & Recorder of Deeds		
School Director		
Sheriff		
Tax Collector (TWP/BORO)		
Treasurer		

#### SIGNERS:

- Each signer may sign petitions for as many openings that are available per cach
  office/position. (Example: Mayor is a "Vote for ONE" office, therefore; a signer may
  only sign one candidate's petition and no others. Example 2: Councilman could be a
  "Vote for Not More than THREE" office, therefore; a signer may sign up to three
  petitions and no others.
- Each signer must personally sign his name in the "Signature of Elector" column and fill
  out items # 11-16.

#### This section for Party Committeeman/woman ONLY:

#### Signers:

- · Democratic Party may sign a petition for 1 male and 1 female candidate
- Republican Party may sign up to 2 petitions (gender does not matter)

Circulators:

- Are not required to reside within the political district per recent State litigation, but nomination petitions may be challenged if circulated by someone outside of the relevant political district.
- If the circulator of the petition is not the candidate, he or she must be a registered voter of the same party as the candidate.

#### ALL PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. MARCH 7, 2023.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY ELECTION BUREAU PO BOX 218/31 Lake Avenue MONTROSE, PA 18801 (570) 278-4600 x 4090/ (570) 278-6697

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# Number of signatures required per Office

#### OFFICE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS AND FILING FEES

Office	Signature Requirement	Filing Fee	
Judge of Common Pleas	250 per party Cross-File Allowed	\$100 per party	
Magisterial District Judge	100 per party Cross-File Allowed Cross Circulate Allowed	\$50 per party	
County Offices (Commissioner, DA, Prothonotary, Register & Recorder, Coroner, Sheriff, County Treasurer)	100 May <u>NOT</u> Cross-File	\$100	
Borough Offices (Mayor, Councilman, Auditor, Tax Collector)	10 May <u>NOT</u> Cross-File	NONE	
Township Offices (Supervisor, Auditor, Tax Collector)	10 May <u>NOT</u> Cross-file	NONE	
School Director	10 per party Cross-file Allowed	NONE	
Constable	10 May <u>NOT</u> Cross-file	\$10	
Judge & Maj/Min Inspector *Financial Interest Statement NOT required*	10 May <u>NOT</u> Cross-file	NONE	

### **Requesting Voter List**

#### REQUEST FOR VOTER LISTS FROM SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

As provided by 25 Pa.C.S. Sections 1403(c) (relating to Street Lists) and 1404(b)(1) (relating to Public Information Lists), as well as the SURE Regulations at 4 Pa. Code Sections 183.13(c) (relating to Street Lists) and 184.14(b) (relating to Public Information Lists), Sasquehana County will now provide the following lists of public information to requestors:

- A. Public Information List: This is a listing of all voters in the county and contains name, residential address, mailing address, date of birth, and date last voted. Absentee listings.
- B. Street List: This is a listing of all voters in the county and contains name, residential address, mailing address, party, and status (i.e., active or inactive).
- C. Walking List: This is a listing of all voters in the county and is a version of the Street List, except that it does not contain mailing address.
- D. Full Voter Export List: This version of the Public Information List is a full export of all voters in the county and contains the following fields: voter ID number, name, sex, date of birth, date registered, status (i.e., active or inactive), date status last changed, party, residential address, mailing address, polling place, date last voted, all districts in which the voter votes (i.e., congressional, legislative, school district, etc.), voter history, date the voter's record was last changed, and phone number if the voter provided it on the application.

Full Voter Export is available for a charge of \$20.00 for Susquehanna County. Please make check or money order made payable to: Susquehanna County.

Note: The voter lists are now available without the 6% sales tax. Senate Bill 1331, which was signed by the Governor on November 29, 2006 (Act 189 of 2006), amended the Pennsylvania Tax Code to exempt all government agencies from the requirement to collect and remit sales tax.

#### COPIES OF CAMPAIGN FIANACE REQUEST

Campaign finance are open records but Susquehanna County asks for ID and information for our records. Please fill out the section below and the Affirmation section also.

Please identify which report you are interested in here:

#### AFFIRMATION

1 affirm that any information obtained from the records requested from Susquehanna County will not be used for commercial or other purposes, except purposes related to <u>elections, political activities and law enforcement</u>, as required by 25 Pa.C.S. §§ 1207(b) & 1404(c)(2). I further affirm that I will not publish any of the above lists on the Internet, as such publication is prohibited by 4 Pa. Code §§ 183.13 (g) & 183.14 (k).

I verify that this statement is true and correct. I understand that false statements made are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Requestor's Signature

Requestor's Name (Print)

Requestor's Address

Requestor's Telephone Number/E-mail Address

Date of Request

Requesting information on behalf of: \_

Identification provided by requestor: (Note: Please submit a photocopy of your ID) State Driver's License or State Photo ID Card

	Employee Photo I.D. Card	Employer Name:	
_	Other Photo ID Card	Type of Card:	
	Other Form of Identification	Type of ID:	

#### (PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK OF THIS FORM) REQUEST FOR VOTER LISTS FROM SUSQUEILANNA COUNTY

Electronic Lists Available from Susquehanna County: \*\*SEE FRONT PAGE FOR DESCRIPTION OF EACH\*\*

- A. Public Information List
- B. Street List
- C. Walking List
- D. Full Voter Export List (\$20.00 fee)

Please indicate below which list you are requesting for each township or borough by placing the above letter (A-D) of the list desired in the blank.

Apolacon Township Ararat Township Auburn Township Brooklyn Township Choconut Township Clifford Township Dimock Township Forest City Borough Forest Lake Township Franklin Township	Hallstead Borough Harford Township Harmony Township Horp Bottom Borough Jackson Township Lacesboro Borough Lanesboro Borough Lanesboro Borough Lathrop Township Liberty Township	New Milford Borough New Milford Township Oakland Borough Rush Township Silver Lake Township Susquehanna Borough Thompson Borough Thompson Township Union Dale Borough
Friendsville Borough Gibson Township Great Bend Borough Great Bend Township	Little Meadows Borough Middletown Township Montrose Borough 1st Montrose Borough 2nd	Complete County

#### Political Party: \_\_\_ Democrat \_\_\_ Republican \_\_\_ All Political Parties

Voter Status: All Registered Voters

— "Active" Voters ONLY

Susquehanna County

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

42999-VOT-007-S

#### PA Street List

Federal Voter (Y) IS 0 AND Political Party (T) IS R AND Valid Voter (Y) IS 1

Name	Residential Address	Mailing Address	Party	Status
ACKLEY, CHRISTINE A	1826 STATE ROUTE 4013, BRACKNEY, PA 18812		R	A
ACKLEY, FRED S II	1826 STATE ROUTE 4013, BRACKNEY, PA 18812		R	A
ADAMSON, CHERIE L YNN	889 CORK HILL RD, BRACKNEY, PA 18812		R	Α
ADAMSON, ROBERT	889 CORK HILL RD, BRACKNEY, PA 18812		R	Α
ALLIS, RITA C	1254 MORAN RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
ANDERSON, SCOTT ANTHONY	469 LYNCH RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
ANTALOSKY, JAKE EMERSON	211 BOWBRIDGE RD RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
ARMSTRONG, ANNEMARIE	14651 STATE ROUTE 858, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
AUGE, FRANK ALLEN JR	1470 TOWN HOUSE RD RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
BARNUM, SHANNON MARIE	123 HILLSIDE TER, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
BETKAVSKY, LISA ROBYN	645 ABELL RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
BLACKBURN, WILLIAM H	490 BOWBRIDGE RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
BRANNING, LEANNE ELIZABETH	68 BROOKSIDE LANE, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
BRAZEAL, MARLENE EVE	300 BOWBRIDGE RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
BRICKWOOD, DONNA M	400 MORAN RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
BROWN, SUSAN A	13538 STATE ROUTE 858, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
BUTLER, JOHN E	3254 BOWBRIDGE RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
CAIN, AMBER ROSE	1254 MORAN RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
CAIN, APRIL J	1254 MORAN RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
CAIN, DINO W	1254 MORAN RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
CHAMPAIGN, DOUGLAS R	527 MORAN RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
COOK, VICKI JEAN	537 RYAN RD, FRIENDSVILLE, PA 18818		R	А
COOPER, GEORGIA ANN	678 STATE ROUTE 4013, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	A
CRAVEN, JEREMIAH M	300 BOWBRIDGE RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
CRAVEN, MARCI JO	300 BOWBRIDGE RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
CRISAFI, SALVATORE J	14651 STATE ROUTE 858, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	I
DARROW, ALONZO ROBERT JR	1541 BOWBRIDGE RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
DARROW, WANDA MAY	1541 BOWBRIDGE RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	A
DELIA, ANTHONY J	85 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
DELIA, PATRICIA L	85 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
DELUCIA, THERESA A	808 CORK HILL RD, BRACKNEY, PA 18812		R	A
EISENBARTH, DAIL YNN L	10655 STATE ROUTE 858, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	I
ESHBAUGH, CURTIS LEE	14130 STATE ROUTE 858, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
ESHBAUGH, PAMELA MARIE	14130 STATE ROUTE 858, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А
FARR, EDITH ANN	3039 LAKE OF MEADOWS RD, LITTLE MEADOWS, PA 18830		R	А

# EXAMPLE OF STREET LIST

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION & DATA PROCESSING SHEET

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# THE PETITION

There are 3 parts to Nomination Petition

The Preamble-information about candidate, office candidate seeks, affiliation of signers (Republican or Democrat) (if cross filing) must be completed prior to circulation

The Signatures of Electors-Signature, printed name, address, and date (dates are between February 14, 2023 -March 7th 2023)(must represent party)

The Affidavits – for Candidate, and waiver of expense (on back of petition)- <u>this has to be notarized.</u> <u>Statement of Circulator completed</u>

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## THE INSTRUCTIONS

### PETITION CIRCULATION DATES

Starting February 14th, 2023 to March 7th, 2023

# HAS TO BE FILED ON MARCH 7th, 2023

#### **FILING OF NOMINATION PETITIONS:**

In an effort to assist candidates in filing of nomination petitions, the following information can help expedite the process:

Please read instructions COMPLETELY before filling out petition. If you cannot find the information you are looking for enclosed in this packet, please contact the Susquehanna County Elections Office. (570-278-4600 EXT 4090)

The location for filing nomination petitions is in the Voter Registration Office, at the Susquehanna County Courthouse, 31 Lake Ave, Montrose, PA 18801 (570) 278-4600 EXT 4090.

- The <u>FIRST DAY</u> for candidates to circulate/file nomination petitions is <u>Friday</u>, <u>FEBRUARY 14, 2023</u>, The <u>LAST DAY</u> to circulate/file nomination petitions is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>MARCH 7, 2023</u>.
- <u>ALL PORTIONS</u> (with exception of "Waiver of Expense Account Reporting Affidavit" depending on candidate's intentions) <u>MUST</u> be filled out *before* filing petition with the Susquehanna County Board of Elections office.

4. Black or blue ink pen ONLY. NO PENCIL

ALL PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTIONS OFFICE <u>NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M.</u> <u>MARCH 7, 2023.</u>

DO NOT COLLECT SIGNATURES BEFORE FEBRUARY 14, 2023.

#### STREET LISTS

- · Street lists are available for candidates running for office.
- · Forms are attached to your petition packet and copy of ID is required
- County candidates can obtain street lists County wide for all the districts that fall under their jurisdiction, local offices for the individual district.

DISCLAIMER: The Susquehanna County Elections and Voter Registration Office cannot and will not provide legal, tax, or accounting advice. All candidates and/or voters should solicit advice from a licensed professional in the appropriate field in advance of statutory deadlines and before filing documents in this office. Filers are responsible for ensuring the correctness and completeness of all documents; the Susquehanna County Elections and Voter Registration office is not responsible for errors or omissions.

## THE **INSTRUCTIONS**

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- Person must sign petition themself no one can sign for them use blue or black ink
- Signature and address must match the voter registration list ....check prior to having person sign (No PO Boxes)
- Date must be filled in (chronologically)
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### Who must file



#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Finance Building 613 North Street, Room 309 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400 (717) 783-1610 or Toll Free 1-800-932-0936 www.ethics.pa.gov ra-ethicswebmaster@pa.gov Fax: (717) 787-0806



### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

THIS FORM IS CONSIDERED DEFICIENT IF ANY BLOCK IS NOT COMPLETED OR IF <u>SIGNATURE OR</u> <u>DATE</u> IS MISSING.

SIGN THE FORM USING THE CURRENT DATE. DO NOT BACK DATE SIGNATURE.

THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HOLD MORE THAN ONE OFFICE AND/OR POSITION MUST FILE A COPY OF THEIR FORM AT EACH FILING LOCATION.

YOU MAY FILE ONLINE AT: WWW.ETHICS.PA.GOV. A PAPER COPY MAY STILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR FILING LOCATION. FILERS SHOULD CHECK WITH THEIR FILING LOCATION FOR REQUIREMENTS.

#### THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED BY:

- A <u>Candidates</u> Persons seeking elected state, county and local public offices, including first-time candidates, incumbents seeking re-election, and write-in candidates who do not decline nomination/election within 30 days of official certification of same.
- B Nominees Persons nominated for public office subject to confirmation.
- C <u>Public Officials</u> Persons serving as current state/county/local public officials (elected or appointed). The term includes persons serving as alternates/designees. The term excludes members of purely advisory boards.
- D Public Employees Individuals employed by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision who are responsible for taking or recommending official action of a non-ministerial nature with regard to: contracting or procurement; administering or monitoring grants or subsidies; planning or zoning; inspecting, licensing, regulating or auditing any person; or any other activity where the official action has an economic impact of greater than a de minimis nature on the interests of any person. The term does not include individuals whose activities are limited to teaching.

#### A former public official or former public employee must file the year after termination of service with the Commonwealth or political subdivision.

E Solicitors - Persons elected or appointed to the office of solicitor for political subdivision(s).

IMPORTANT: Please read all instructions carefully prior to completion of form. Also, review the filing chart for proper filing location. Any questions may be directed to the State Ethics Commission at (717)783-1610 or Toll Free at 1-800-932-0936.

The Form is required to be filed pursuant to the provisions of the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act "Ethics Act," 65 Pa C.S. § 1101 gt. gcg.

### Instructions

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS INSTRUCTIONS

Please print neatly in capital letters. If you require more space than has been provided, please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" plece of paper to the form. Blocks 01 through 06 are for current information.

- Block 01 Enter your last name, first name, middle initial and suffix (if applicable) in the spaces provided. Public office candidates should use the exact name used on official nomination petrion or papers.
- Block.02 List an office (business or governmental) or home address and daytime telephone number.
- Block 03 Check the box or boxes to indicate your status. See definitions on front page. If you are correcting a prior filing, please check the box designating an amended form
- Block.04 Check the appropriate box (seeking, hold, held) for each position you list in the blocks below. List all public position(s) which you are seeking, currently hold, or have held in the <u>prior</u> calendar year. Please be sure to include job titles and official titles such as "member" or "commissioner" (even if serving as an afternate/designee).
- Block 05 List all Commonwealth agency(ies) or political subdivision(s) as to which you (1) are presently seeking a public position or public office as a candidate (incumbent or non-incumbent) or nominee. (2) presently hold public office(s) or public employment, and/or (3) previously held a public office(s) or public employment during all or any portion of the calendar year listed in block 07. (The term "political subdivision" includes a county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, school district, vocational school, county institution, district, and any authority, entity or body organized by the aforementioned)
- Block 06 List your current occupation or profession. This information may be the same as stated in block 04
- Black.02 List the calendar year for which you are filing this form. Like tax returns, the form discloses financial information for a prior calendar year. For example, for the form due May 1, 2023, block 07 would read "2022." The information in blocks 08 through 15 should represent financial interests for the calendar year listed in Block 7.
- Block.08 REALESTATE INTERESTS: List the address of any property which was involved in transactions (leasing, purchasing, or condemnation proceedings of real estate interests) with the Commonwealth or any other governmental body within the Commonwealth. If you have no direct or indeect interests in such a property, then check "NONE."
- Elock 09 CREDITORS: List the name and address of any creditor and the interest rate of any debt over \$6,500 regardless of whether such debt is held solely by you or jointly by you and any other individual, including your spouse, where each obligor is fully responsible for the obligation. A joint obligation with other persons for which the filer is responsible only for a proportional share that is less than the reporting threshold, is not required to be reported. <u>Do not resort</u> a mortlages, or equily loan on your home for secondary home), or loans or credit <u>battern</u> you and your spouse, hild, parent or soling. Car loans, credit cards, personal loans and lines of credit must be listed on the form if the balance owed was in excess of \$6,500 at any time during the calendar year. If you do not have any reportable creditor, then check, "NONE."
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- Block 12 "TRANSPORTATION. LODGING OR HOSPITALITY EXPENSES: List the name and address of each source and the amount of each payment/reimbursement by the source for transportation, lodging or hospitality that you received in connection with your public position (<u>I the aggregate amount of</u> such paymentalizements by the source exceeds \$650 for the calendar year for which you are reporting. Do not report reimbursements made by a governmental body or by an organization/association of public official/exemptives of political subdivisions that you serve in an official capacity. If you do not have any reportable expense paymentur/reimbursements, then check "NONE."
- Block 13 OFFICE\_DIRECTORSHIP\_OR\_EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS\_ENTITY. List the name and address of the business entity for any office that you hold (Example: Prosident, Vice President, Scoretary, Treasurer), any directorship that you hold (through service on a governing board such as a board of directors), and any employment that you have in any capacity whatsoever as to any business entity. This block focuses solely on your status as an officer, directors) and any employment that you have in any capacity whatsoever as to any business entity. This block focuses solely on your status as an officer, director or employment in any capacity whatsoever as any office, directorship or employment in any business entity to report, then check "NONE".
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### Signature Sign the form and enter the gument date. Back dating the form is a violation of law and could result in the initiation of civil, administrative and/or criminal penalties.

"Please note the Commission has long held that the receipt of things of value, such as gifts, transportation, lodging and hospitality from vendors, those regulated, and others, may form the basis for a coeffict of interest under Section 1103(a) of the Ethics Act.

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# Where form must be filed

### WHO MUST FILE, WHERE TO FILE, AND WHEN TO FILE

	WHO MUST FILE	ORIGINAL COPY	ADDITIONAL FILINGS*	WHEN TO FILE		
Α.	STATUS BLOCK A - CANDIDATES Statewide State Senate State Senate State Nouse Superior Court Common Pleas Court Traffic Court Numicipal Court Commonwealth Court	State Ethics Commission	Append to nomination petition when field with the State Buenau of Elections 210 North Office Building Hamsburg, PA 17120-0029	ON OR BEFORE THE LAST DAY		
	Constables / Deputy Constables	State Ethics Commission		FOR FILING A PETITION TO		
	Countywide City Borough Township Municipality (home rule charter)	File with the Clefk/ Secretary in the Municipality in which you are a candidate	Append to nemination petition when filed	APPEAR ON THE BALLOT FOR ELECTION		
	Magisterial District Judges	File with the County in which the Magisterial District is located	with County Board of Elections			
	School Director	File in the School District where you are a candidate				
	Announced Write-In	For state office file with		Within 30 days of official certificatio of having been nominated or electer		
	Unannounced Write-in Winners of Nominations	State Ethics Commission For county or local office file with governing authority	No additional copy required	unless such person declines the nomination or office		
	Unannounced Write-in Winners of Elections	of political subdivision.		within that time frame		
8.	STATUS BLOCK B - NOMINEE Stale Level	State Ethics Commission	File with the Official or Body vested with the power of	10 days before official or body approves or nejects the nomination.		
	County/Local Level	Governing authority of political subdivision	confirmation			
C.	STATUS BLOCK C - PUBLIC OFFICIAL Commonwealth Public Officials such as: Members of Boards and Commissions (including allematers/designees), bleads of exocutive, logisiative end independent agenose, boards and commissions, and persons appointed to positions designated as influes.	State Ethics Commission	File with <u>each</u> Agency, Boand, Commission, Department, or Government Body in which employed or to which appointed. (make additional copies if needed)			
7	State House Member State Senate Member	State Ethics Commission	File with the House Chief Clerk or Senate Secretary (whichever applies)			
	Local Public Officials serving InVest Countee, Donughs, Townships, Home Rule Municipalities: Municipal Authontes: School Destruits Incurrent Judges and Magisterial District Judges who are not candidates file a Statement of Francial Interests for Judges Underster Moneystative Office of Perneynkeria County (APPC).	File only with the governing authority of the respective local political subdivision	Additional copy is not required to be filed (unless serving in multiple capables, then file with <u>each</u> entry as required)	FILE NO LATER THAN MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR A POSITION IS HELD AND OF THE YEAR		
	Constables / Deputy Constables	State Ethics Commission		AFTER LEAVING SUCH		
D.	STATUS BLOCK D - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE Commonwealth PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Executive, Leg. & Independent Agencies)	File only with your Employer		A POSITION		
	County Chy Develop Township Township Markagat Antonny Markagat Antonny School Distinct	File only with your political subdivision	No additional copy required			
E.	STATUS BLOCK E - SOLICITOR	File with the governing authority of each political subdivision for which you are Solicitor	Additional copy is not nequired to be filed (unless serving in multiple capacities, then file with <u>gaph</u> entity as required)			

\* FILER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING ANY ADDITIONAL COPIES

## State Ethic's Commission Affidavit

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AFFIDAVIT

DATE

, HEREBY SWEAR, (OR AFFIRM), THAT I

HAVE FILED A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR WITH THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH I AM A CANDIDATE. (ACT NO. 1978-170)

Signature

Printed Name

Address

Sworn to and subscribe before me

This\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

Official Title

My Commission Expires

# What can be challenged/objection on a petition

- Validity of signatures -was the signer qualified to sign / are they active registered voter
- Signature is illegible
- Signature does not match voter registration
- Date is missing/dates not in chronological order or time frame is to early
- Address with a PO BOX no physical address listed
- Address does not match registration
- Signer belongs to a different party
- Ditto marks for date or address (Big no no )

# What else can be challenged/objections

- Any technical error something is blank
- Not Notarized
- Statement of Financial Interest is not completed / or filed

When can challenges / objections be filed – up to 7 days from filing date of a petition (March 8th-14th)

- Must give detailed specifics on what is being challenged
- Must request petition to be set aside/paper work given to Prothonotary's office and Voter registration board /Becomes court issue
- Must be a registered voter and of same political party to file challenge
- Notice is given to candidate so they can present a defense

# Summary

- Go to Susquehanna County voter registration to get Nomination Petition Packet
- Top part of petition must be completed prior to circulation
- First day to circulate petition February 14, 2023
- Last day to circulate and file March 7, 2023 (Filing Date)
- Check voter registration list prior to having person sign. Must be active registered voter of same party and live in precinct or district of office sought
- School Directors can cross file will have 2 petitions one for Republicans to sign and person who circulates must be republican and one for democrats to sign and person who circulates petition must be a Democrat
- Affidavits must be signed in front of Notary
- Statement of Financial interest filed at 2 locations( Copy with petition)
- Make copies of Petition and all paperwork before returning it to Susquehanna County Voter Registration Office so you have a copy
- Questions about offices up for re-election or Nomination Petitions call Macy at Susquehanna Voter registration office at 570-278-4600
- If I can help you in any way email <u>davarcowan@gmail.com</u> or call 570-877-4717

# DOUBLE CHECK YOUR CHECKLIST

### **PETITION CHECKLIST**

COMPLETE CHECKLIST BEFORE FILING PETITION & BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE COURTHOUSE: (Paperwork is included in packet)

Petition with all blanks filled in properly (refer to included instructions).

All applicable sections on petition notarized (refer to included instructions).
 \*\* Prothonotary's Office in Susquehanna Courthouse may notarize for you\*\*

Completed Candidate Information & Data Processing Sheet

Filing fee if applicable (refer to included instructions)

Statement of Financial Interest (refer to included instructions)
(ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN CORRECT PLACE MY OFFICE ONLY RECIEVES A COPY ATTACHED
TO PETITION)
\*\*Judge of Election, Inspector of Election, and Party Committeeman/woman
EXEMPT from this form – all other candidates MUST complete this form\*\*

State Ethic's Commission Affidavit

Name Affidavit if applicable (if want to be on the ballot as a different name than what you are registered as)

NOTICE: IF YOU NEED COPIES OF ANY OF YOUR PAPERWORK, MAKE THEM BEFORE FILING. ONCE FILED, COPIES WILL BE \$0.25 PER SHEET

Susquehanna County Voter Registration/Elections (570) 278-4600 x 4090 31 Lake Ave (physical) PO Box 218 (mailing) Montrose, PA 18801

### Write in candidates

- Ask people to write in your name for office sought....remind them to also fill in the oval or check the box after writing in name
- Name must be spelled correctly you can give out cards with information at polling location....You must stay ten (10) feet from door when handing out information or asking for a vote
- If elected will have to fill out Statement of Financial interest form

# CANPAIGN AND WIN

MAKE THE DIFFERENCE