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Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters County of Clarion 2021 Municipal Primary Election May 18, 2021

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 5/18/2021 in Clarion 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 (814-226-8069), or by email to ccallihan@co.clarion.pa.us

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 candidates for **all** State, and Local Municipal offices and ballot initiatives (ballot questions). 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 Referendum questions write “yes” or “no.”

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Democratic

1 – Justice of the Supreme Court (All Precincts within Clarion County)

Maria McLaughlin (Philadelphia Co.)

1 – Judge of the Superior Court (All Precincts within Clarion County)

Jill Beck (Allegheny co.), Timika Lane (Philadelphia Co.), Bryan Neft (Allegheny Co.)

2 – Judge of the Commonwealth Court (All Precincts within Clarion County)

David Lee Spurgeon (Allegheny Co.) Lori A Dumas (Philadelphia Co.) Sierra Street (Philadelphia Co.) Amanda Green Hawkins (Allegheny Co.)

1 - Clarion County Sheriff - 4 year term (All Precincts within Clarion County)

No Candidate

1 – Clarion County Coroner – 4 year term (All Precincts within Clarion County)

No Candidate

1 – Clarion County Treasurer – 2 year term (All Precincts within Clarion County)

No Candidate

1 - Magisterial District Judge, District 18-3-02 - 6 year term (Farmington Twp, Highland Twp, Knox Twp, Millcreek Twp, Monroe Twp, Paint Twp, Washington Twp)

Timothy P. Schill

Ashland Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Supervisor - 2 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Beaver Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term

Braiden A Cochran

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term

Wanda McKinney

Brady Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Callensburg Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Council - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Clarion Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Kirk Jacobson, Cassie Schwalm, Pete Bauer, Krista Geelen, Rachel Roberts
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term
Jennifer Fulmer Vinson
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Carla Magrini
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term
Virginia McKisson (1st)
No Candidate (2nd)
Colleen McAleer (3rd)
1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term No Candidates

Clarion Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Supervisor - 2 yr term
Patrick Aaron
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term
Barry Billetdeaux
1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term No Candidates
1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term
Robin Cable (1st)
No Candidate (2nd)

East Brady Borough

3 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Justin Wagner
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Margaret Peggy Wimer
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Sally Snow

Elk Township

- 1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Supervisor - 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Foxburg Borough

- 4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
- Denise Shekell
- 2 Borough Council - 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Farmington Township

- 1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term
- Jana Wolbert (North) No Candidate (Central)
- 1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term No Candidates

Hawthorn Borough

- 4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
- Patti Hanna
- 1 Borough Council - 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term
- Ronald F Cyphert
- 1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
- Georgean Cyphert
- 1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Highland Township

- 1 Township Supervisor 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
- Nancy Kadunce
- 1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
- Linda Pappas

Knox Borough

3 Borough Council - 4 yr term

Danielle Fye

1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Borough Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term

Melissa Wolfe

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Knox Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term

Linda S Gatesman

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term

Richard A Baumcratz

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Betty Baumcratz

Licking Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor – 2 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Limestone Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term

Rex B Cyphert

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Madison Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor – 2 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Millcreek Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term

Andrew McKisson

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Monroe Township

1 Township Supervisor 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term

Judy Holt

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

New Bethlehem Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Borough Council – 2 yr term No Candidate

1 Borough Mayor – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Paint Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term

Emily Crain

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

Dottie S Reddinger

Perry Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Piney Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Porter Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election (per precinct) – 4 yr term

Patricia Weaver (East) No Candidate (West)

1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) – 4 yr term No Candidates

Redbank Township

- 1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
- Ernie Bowersox
- 1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election (per precinct) – 4 yr term
- Christine M Adams (East) No Candidate (West)
- 1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) – 4 yr term
- Trina Smith (East) No Candidate (West)

Richland Township

- 1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Rimersburg Borough

- 4 Borough Council - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Mayor – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Salem Township

- 1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Shippenville Borough

- 4 Borough Council - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Auditor – 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Auditor – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Auditor – 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Sligo Borough

- 4 Borough Council - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Auditor – 2 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate
- 1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

St. Petersburg Borough

3 Borough Council - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term

Sue Ann Sheakley

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term

M Elaine Fisher

Strattanville Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term

Donna Reinsel

1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Toby Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Washington Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Township Auditor – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

School Directors

Allegheny Clarion Valley School District

1 School Director (Region I- Hovey Twp. Armstrong Co.) 4 yr term No Candidate

1 School Director (Region III-Perry Twp Clarion Co.) 4 yr term

Kelly Terwilliger

1 School Director (Region VI- St. Petersburg Boro Clarion Co) 4yr term No Candidate

1 School Director (Region Emlenton Boro. Venango Co.) 4 yr term No Candidate

Clarion Area School District

Region At large

4 School Director 4 yr term

Clarion Borough, Highland Township, Monroe Township, Paint Township

Shane C Kriebel, Braxton A White, Zachary Shekell, John P Troese, Julie McCormick

Clarion Limestone School District

1 School Director (Region I- Clarion Twp) 4 yr term

Gary L Sproul, Hannah Allison

2 School Director (Region II- Limestone Twp. Strattanville Boro.) 4 yr term

Kathy Henry, David Louder

1 School Director (Region III-Millcreek Twp – Clarion Co) (Jefferson Co. – Union Twp & Corsica Boro) 4 yr term

Bryan D Huwar

Karns City School District
Region At Large Contact Butler County for candidate names

4 School Director 4 yr term
2 School Director 2 yr term
Districts in Clarion County – Brady Twp. And East Brady Boro.
Districts in Armstrong County – Brady's Bend Twp. Perry Twp. Sugarcreek Twp.
Districts in Butler County – Bruin Boro, Chicora Boro., Fairview Boro., Karns City Boro., Petrolia Boro., Donegal Twp., Fairview Twp., Parker Twp.

Keystone School District

1 School Director (Region I- Knox Boro. Salem Twp.) 4 yr term
Stacey Thompson
1 School Director (Region II- Beaver Twp. Callensburg Boro. Licking Twp.) 4 yr term
Randy Burr II
2 School Director (Region III- Ashland Twp. Elk Twp. Shipperville Boro.) 4 yr term No Candidates

North Clarion School District

2 School Director (Region I- Farmington Twp.) 4 yr term
Thomas Phillips
1 School Director (Region II- Knox Twp.) 4 yr term No Candidate
1 School Director (Region III- Washington Twp.) 4 yr term No Candidate

Redbank Valley School District

1 School Director (Region I – Mahoning Twp., South Bethlehem Boro. Madison Twp. in Armstrong Co.) 4 yr term
Brent Wile
1 School Director (Region II- Monroe Twp. Oak Hall, New Bethlehem Boro. & Porter Twp. Clarion Co) 4 yr term
Mitchell Blose, Darren Bain
2 School Director (Region III- Hawthorn Boro. Redbank Twp in Clarion County Redbank Twp. In Armstrong County) 4 yr term
Heidi L Byers, Linda J Ferringer, Carrie L Adams, Clay Kennemuth

Union School District
Region At Large

4 School Director 4 yr term
John Creese, Kenneth Walter, Adam Vogle, Mark Rummel
1 School Director 2 yr term
Jeff Shirey
Madison Twp, Piney Twp, Rimersburg Boro, Sligo Boro, Toby Twp.

Proposed constitutional amendment – ARTICLE III, SECTION 9
RELATING TO TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law and increase the power of the General Assembly to unilaterally terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration—and the powers of Commonwealth agencies to address the disaster regardless of its severity pursuant to that declaration—through passing a concurrent resolution by simple majority, thereby removing the existing check and balance of presenting a resolution to the Governor for approval or disapproval?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1
RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes to amend Article III, Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide a new exception to traditional legislative procedure by allowing the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration or a portion of such declaration without needing the Governor's approval.

Currently, Article III, Section 9 establishes a general rule that all orders, resolutions or votes requiring approval by both the House of Representatives and Senate must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto. Resolutions for the adjournment of the General Assembly are exempted from this process. If the order, resolution or vote is approved by the Governor, it becomes law. If the Governor vetoes the resolution, it does not become law unless two-thirds of the House and Senate vote to override the veto. The proposed amendment would create an additional exception to this customary legislative procedure for concurrent resolutions to terminate or extend, in whole or in part, a disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor.

The proposed amendment will also have the effect of reversing a recent ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which held the Pennsylvania Constitution prohibited the General Assembly from passing a concurrent resolution to terminate the Governor's Covid-19 disaster emergency declaration without presenting it to the Governor for his approval. It will change the law to allow the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration through a concurrent resolution approved by only a majority of the members of the House and Senate, without having to present the resolution to the Governor for his approval or veto.

The proposed amendment is limited in that it only changes the traditional legislative process for terminating or extending disaster emergency declarations issued by the Governor. The amendment will not alter the current legislative procedure with respect to which orders, resolutions or votes of the General Assembly must be presented to the Governor for his approval on any other subject matter.

**Proposed constitutional amendment – ARTICLE IV
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND MANAGEMENT**

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law so that: a disaster emergency declaration will expire automatically after 21 days, regardless of the severity of the emergency, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend the disaster emergency; the Governor may not declare a new disaster emergency to respond to the dangers facing the Commonwealth unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution; the General Assembly enacts new laws for disaster management?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1
Disaster Emergency Declaration and Management**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes adding a new section to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment incorporates disaster emergency declaration and management powers directly into the Constitution by:

- Granting the Governor authority to declare a disaster emergency declaration by proclamation or executive order;
- Requiring each declaration to indicate the nature, location and type of disaster;
- Granting the General Assembly authority to pass laws providing for the manner in which each disaster shall be managed;
- Limiting the duration of a Governor's declaration to 21 days, unless otherwise extended, in whole or in part, by a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly;
- Preventing the Governor, upon the expiration of a declaration, from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts, unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution expressly approving a new declaration.

Currently, disaster emergency declaration and management powers are delegated by statute to the Governor. The Governor has the sole authority to issue and manage all disaster emergency declarations, which cannot extend beyond 90 days unless renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may override a Governor's disaster emergency declaration by concurrent resolution that must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto.

If approved, the amendment would transfer certain of the Governor's existing authority to respond to and manage disaster emergencies to the General Assembly. The Governor would retain the authority to issue an initial disaster emergency declaration but the declaration's permissible length would be reduced from 90 to 21 days. The sole authority to extend a declaration would lie with the General Assembly; presently, this power rests with the Governor. Upon expiration of the initial declaration, the amendment prohibits the Governor from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts without the approval of the General Assembly. The Governor would no longer have unilateral authority to manage disasters, but would have to do so consistent with the laws passed by the General Assembly.

If approved, the General Assembly would be required to pass new laws establishing the manner in which each type of disaster shall be managed. If added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the proposed amendment cannot be modified or repealed except by a judicial decision finding all or part of the proposed amendment unconstitutional or by the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE I
PROHIBITION AGAINST DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT
OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BECAUSE OF RACE OR ETHNICITY**

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended by adding a new section providing that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of an individual's race or ethnicity?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1
Prohibition Against Denial or Abridgment of Equality of Rights Because of Race and Ethnicity**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1, if approved by the electorate, will add a new section to Article I of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment creates a constitutional prohibition against restricting or denying an individual's equal rights under Pennsylvania law because of race or ethnicity.

Generally, inclusion of this amendment within the Pennsylvania Constitution signifies that freedom from discrimination based on race or ethnicity is an essential principle of liberty and free government. This amendment applies to all Pennsylvania state, county and local governmental entities, and guarantees equality of rights under the law. The amendment, if enacted, will become a part of the Pennsylvania Constitution. As such, its provisions must be applied consistent with the other provisions of the Constitution.

This equal right to be free from racial or ethnic discrimination will exist independent from any such rights under the United States Constitution or corresponding federal law. If the current federal protections proscribing racial or ethnic discrimination

are abolished, the prohibition against such discrimination will remain in the Pennsylvania Constitution. The amendment is limited in that it creates a right only under Pennsylvania law.

Once added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the right to be free from racial or ethnic discrimination under the law cannot be eliminated except by a judicial decision finding the amendment unconstitutional or the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment. If approved, the General Assembly may pass new laws to implement the amendment, but it may not pass a law inconsistent with it.

REPUBLICAN

1 – Justice of the Supreme Court (All Precincts within Clarion County)
Paula Patrick (Philadelphia Co.) Kevin Brobson (Dauphin Co) Patricia A McCullough (Allegheny Co)
1 – Judge of the Superior Court (All Precincts within Clarion County)
Megan Sullivan (Chester Co)
2 – Judge of the Commonwealth Court (All Precincts within Clarion County)
Drew Crompton (Cumberland Co) Stacy Marie Wallace (McKean Co)

1 - Clarion County Sheriff - 4 year term (All Precincts within Clarion County)
Shawn Zerfoss
1 – Clarion County Coroner – 4 year term (All Precincts within Clarion County)
Daniel M Shingledecker
1 – Clarion County Treasurer – 2 year term (All Precincts within Clarion County)
Kyle McConnell, Karyn Montana
1 - Magisterial District Judge, District 18-3-02 - 6 year term (Farmington Twp, Highland Twp, Knox Twp, Millcreek Twp, Monroe Twp, Paint Twp, Washington Twp)
Timothy P Schill

Ashland Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Tim Lenhart
1 Township Supervisor - 2 yr term
Charles E Chuck Weaver, Adam Courson
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term
Lane Byers
1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term
Sarah Ace Rex
1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term
Debra Ace

Beaver Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Brad Switzer
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term
Darlene Ace
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Michelle Campbell
1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Elizabeth Beal
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Darlene Ace

Brady Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector – 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election – 4 yr term No Candidate

Callensburg Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Council - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable – 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate

1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Clarion Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Keaton MacBeth, Benjamin Aaron
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term
Lexis Twentier
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term No Candidates
1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term
Mary Wilson (1st)
No Candidate (2nd)
No Candidate (3rd)

Clarion Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Frank Wilson
1 Township Supervisor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term
Linda Hovis
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term
Laura Heasley
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Kristine Lewis, Patti West, Sheila Alcorn
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term
Thomas Young (1st) Susan Sproul (2nd)
1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term No Candidate

East Brady Borough

3 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Kevin A Diehm
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Kina Fink
1 Constable - 6 yr term
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Elk Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Lew Wingard
1 Township Supervisor - 2 yr term
John R Knight Sr
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Deborah E Keister, Anita Lahr
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Susan Radaker
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Sheila Rex, Louise Strotman

Foxburg Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Janie Ganoe, Rebecca Gates
2 Borough Council - 2 yr term
Terrie Lease
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Farmington Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Chuck Gilbert
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Nancy S Ochs
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term
Carol A Hall (Central) No Candidate (North)
1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term No Candidate

Hawthorn Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Terry Beamer
1 Borough Council - 2 yr term
Emmanuel Marshall
1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Ted Minich
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Sheryl A Rockwell

Highland Township

1 Township Supervisor 6 yr term
Ryan Maxwell
1 Township Auditor 6 yr term
Ken Dworek
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Phyllis Morrow
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Pamala Rapp

Knox Borough

3 Borough Council - 4 yr term
William L Henry III, Donald Gutonski
1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term
Michael Wise, Richard L Cochran
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Timmy L Cochran
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Karen Ashbaugh
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Kimberly J Dine

Knox Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Bradly Ochs
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Licking Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Martin Whitmore
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term
Bonnie Elder
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Mendy M Stewart
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Limestone Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term
Bonnie Aaron
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Donna M Smith
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Jean Ehrhart
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Madison Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Supervisor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Debra Johnson
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Susan Y Carnathan, Linda Drayer
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Danyelle Hiles, Carol L Hagofsky

Millcreek Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term
Richard Frost
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Joyce Kahle

Monroe Township

1 Township Supervisor 6 yr term
Steven J Ketner
1 Township Auditor 6 yr term
Julie A Hartley
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Barbara E Stahlman
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Barbara Lerch

New Bethlehem Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Bryan Ruth, Don Heeter, Lisa Kerle
1 Borough Council - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term
Gordon V Barrows
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Julie Evans
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Darla Hinderliter
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Lori A Ferringer

Paint Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Craig D Lewis
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Karen Kahle
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Barbara Wright
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Linda G Ida

Perry Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Larry Morrison
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Jennifer Pollock
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Bonnie L Jordan

Piney Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Roger Courson, Donald A Wensel
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
2 Inspectors of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Porter Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Jerry Champion
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Elaine S Weeter
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term
No Candidate (East) Carol Brocius (West)

Redbank Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Stephen C Allison
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election (per precinct) - 4 yr term
No Candidate (East) Mary E Truitt (West)

Richland Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Steven A Hunsberger
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term
Kathy Hunsberger
1 Township Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Jannie L Shirey
1 Constable - 6 yr term
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Ann Rogers
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Margaret Studebaker

Rimersburg Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Mark Deeter, Jonathon Best, Scott Myers, Joshua Meeker
1 Borough Council - 2 yr term
Jeff Kaetzel
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term
Timothy G Yeany
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Valerie Hile
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Dana Solida
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Janet Troutman

Salem Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Eric B Sherman
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term
Kendra Barnett
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Kimberly J Wyman
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Steve Hepfl
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
R Scott Sheffer, Pam Smith

Shipperville Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Linda H Duffee
1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term
Eric Sterner
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Sligo Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Charles W Marsh, Sherry Laughlin
1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Auditor - 2 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term
Kyle Klein
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Debbie McDowell

St. Petersburg Borough

3 Borough Council - 4 yr term
Thomas J Courson
1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate
2 Inspectors of Election - 4 yr term No Candidate

Strattanville Borough

4 Borough Council - 4 yr term
LeAnn Bowser, Robert Bob Rawson, Dusty Davis
1 Borough Auditor - 6 yr term
Peggy Corte
1 Borough Mayor - 4 yr term
Harold Randy Davis
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Patricia Lewis
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Lois Jaquish
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Rebecca Jaquish

Toby Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Thomas D Gilhousen
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term
Michele McKinney
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Kelly Barger
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Marilyn George

Washington Township

1 Township Supervisor - 6 yr term
Thomas G Maher
1 Township Auditor - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Township Auditor - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Tax Collector - 4 yr term No Candidate
1 Constable - 6 yr term No Candidate
1 Judge of Election - 4 yr term
Suzanne Daum
1 Inspector of Election - 4 yr term
Margaret Siegel

School Directors

Allegheny Clarion Valley School District

1 School Director (Region I- Hovey Twp. Armstrong Co.) 4 yr term No Candidate
1 School Director (Region III-Perry Twp Clarion Co.) 4 yr term
Kelly Terwilliger
1 School Director (Region VI- St. Petersburg Boro Clarion Co) 4yr term No Candidate
1 School Director (Region Emlenton Boro. Venango Co.) 4 yr term No Candidate

Clarion Area School District

Region At Large

4 School Director 4 yr term
Clarion Borough, Highland Township, Monroe Township, Paint Township
Braxton A White, Julie McCormick, Shane C Kriebel, Zachary Shekell

Clarion Limestone School District

1 School Director (Region I- Clarion Twp) 4 yr term
Timothy E Keighley, Hannah Allison, Gary L Sproul
2 School Director (Region II- Limestone Twp. Strattanville Boro.) 4 yr term
David Louder, Christopher Boozer, Kathy Henry
1 School Director (Region III-Millcreek Twp - Clarion Co) (Jefferson Co. - Union Twp & Corsica Boro) 4 yr term
Bryan D Huwar, Roger G Powell

Karns City School District
Region At Large Contact Butler County for Candidate names

4 School Director 4 yr term
2 School Director 2 yr term
Districts in Clarion County – Brady Twp. And East Brady Boro.
Districts in Armstrong County – Brady's Bend Twp. Perry Twp. Sugarcreek Twp.
Districts in Butler County – Bruin Boro, Chicora Boro., Fairview Boro., Karns City Boro., Petrolia Boro., Donegal Twp., Fairview Twp., Parker Twp.

Keystone School District

1 School Director (Region I- Knox Boro. Salem Twp.) 4 yr term
Stacey Thompson
1 School Director (Region II- Beaver Twp. Callensburg Boro. Licking Twp.) 4 yr term
Randy Burr II
2 School Director (Region III- Ashland Twp. Elk Twp. Shipperville Boro.) 4 yr term
Trisha Dixon, John R Slagle

North Clarion School District

2 School Director (Region I- Farmington Twp.) 4 yr term
Winfield Lutz, Thomas Phillips
1 School Director (Region II- Knox Twp.) 4 yr term
Rick Best
1 School Director (Region III- Washington Twp.) 4 yr term
Jeff Barron

Redbank Valley School District

1 School Director (Region I – Mahoning Twp., South Bethlehem Boro. Madison Twp. in Armstrong Co.) 4 yr term
Brent Wile
1 School Director (Region II- Monroe Twp. Oak Hall, New Bethlehem Boro. & Porter Twp. Clarion Co) 4 yr term
Darren Bain, Mitchell Blöse
2 School Director (Region III- Hawthorn Boro. Redbank Twp in Clarion County Redbank Twp. In Armstrong County) 4 yr term
John Kimmel, Linda J Feringer, Clay Kennemuth, Carrie L Adams, Heidi L Byers

Union School District
Region At Large

4 School Director 4 yr term
Adam Vogle, Mark Rummel, John Creese, Kenneth Walter
1 School Director 2 yr term
Jeff Shirey
Madison Twp, Piney Twp, Rimersburg Boro, Sligo Boro, Toby Twp.

Proposed constitutional amendment – ARTICLE III, SECTION 9
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Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

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Currently, Article III, Section 9 establishes a general rule that all orders, resolutions or votes requiring approval by both the House of Representatives and Senate must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto. Resolutions for the adjournment of the General Assembly are exempted from this process. If the order, resolution or vote is approved by the

Governor, it becomes law. If the Governor vetoes the resolution, it does not become law unless two-thirds of the House and Senate vote to override the veto. The proposed amendment would create an additional exception to this customary legislative procedure for concurrent resolutions to terminate or extend, in whole or in part, a disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor.

The proposed amendment will also have the effect of reversing a recent ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which held the Pennsylvania Constitution prohibited the General Assembly from passing a concurrent resolution to terminate the Governor's Covid-19 disaster emergency declaration without presenting it to the Governor for his approval. It will change the law to allow the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration through a concurrent resolution approved by only a majority of the members of the House and Senate, without having to present the resolution to the Governor for his approval or veto.

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**Proposed constitutional amendment – ARTICLE IV
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND MANAGEMENT**

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law so that: a disaster emergency declaration will expire automatically after 21 days, regardless of the severity of the emergency, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend the disaster emergency; the Governor may not declare a new disaster emergency to respond to the dangers facing the Commonwealth unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution; the General Assembly enacts new laws for disaster management?

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**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1
Disaster Emergency Declaration and Management**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes adding a new section to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment incorporates disaster emergency declaration and management powers directly into the Constitution by:

- Granting the Governor authority to declare a disaster emergency declaration by proclamation or executive order;
- Requiring each declaration to indicate the nature, location and type of disaster;
- Granting the General Assembly authority to pass laws providing for the manner in which each disaster shall be managed;
- Limiting the duration of a Governor's declaration to 21 days, unless otherwise extended, in whole or in part, by a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly;
- Preventing the Governor, upon the expiration of a declaration, from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts, unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution expressly approving a new declaration.

Currently, disaster emergency declaration and management powers are delegated by statute to the Governor. The Governor has the sole authority to issue and manage all disaster emergency declarations, which cannot extend beyond 90 days unless renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may override a Governor's disaster emergency declaration by concurrent resolution that must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto.

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE I
PROHIBITION AGAINST DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT
OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BECAUSE OF RACE OR ETHNICITY**

Ballot Question

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