Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters

County of COLUMBIA

2017 Municipal Election (Nov 7, 2017)

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 11/7/2017 in Columbia 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 (570) 784-0257, or by email to mrepasky@columbiapa.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 all state and local offices, and ballot initiatives.

To vote, refer to page 8 of the FWAB.

Candidate Listing can be found at http://www.columbiapa.org/voter/index.php

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 question write "yes" or "no."

	Elect this many	Term
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT	1	
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	4	
JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COU	JRT 2	
SHERIFF	1	4
Benton Area School District Region I Benton Boro/Jackson Twp	2	4
Region II Benton Twp/Sugarloaf Twp	1	4
Region III	1	4

FishingCreek Twp/Stillwater Boro	1	2
Berwick Area School District School Director	4 1	4 2
Berwick Boro,BriarCreek Twp and Boro Nescopeck Twp and Boro Hollenback Twp/Salem Twp		
Bloomsburg Area School District School Director Beaver Twp/ Town of Bloomsburg Hemlock Twp/Main Twp/Montour Twp	4 2	4 2
Central Columbia Area School District Region I Scott Twp	2	4
Region II Mifflin Twp/South Centre	1	4
Region III North Centre/Mt. Pleasant Orange Twp/Orange Boro	1	4
Millville Area School District School Director Greenwood, Madison and Pine Twp Millville Boro	4	4
Southern Columbia Area School District		
Ralpho Twp. Northumberland County Catawissa Boro and Twp	5	4
Cleveland/Franklin/Locust/RoaringTwp		
Mount Carmel Area School District School Director	4	4
Centralia		
North Schuylkill Area School District School Director	5	4
Beaver Township Auditor Auditor	1 1	6 2
Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector	1 1 1	6 4

Judge of Election Inspector	1 1	4 4
Benton Township Auditor Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1	6 2 6 4 4 4
Benton Borough Mayor Member of Council Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 3 1 1	4 4 4 4 4
Berwick Borough Mayor Member of Council Tax Collector Judge of Election Ward 1 Inspector Ward 1 Judge of Election Ward 2 Inspector Ward 2 Judge of Election Ward 3 Inspector Ward 3 Judge of Election Ward 4 Inspector Ward 4	1 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
Town of Bloomsburg Mayor Member of Council Member of Council Tax Collector Judge of Election Ward 1 Inspector Ward 1 Judge of Election Ward 2 Inspector Ward 2 Judge of Election Ward 3-1 Inspector Ward 3-1 Judge of Election Ward 3-2 Inspector Ward 3-2 Judge of Election Ward 4 Inspector Ward 4	1 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	4 4 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
Briar Creek Township Auditor Auditor Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector	1 1 1 2 1	6 4 2 6 4

Judge of Election North East Inspector North East Judge of Election West Inspector West	1 1 1 1	4 4 4 4
Briar Creek Borough Mayor Member of Council Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1	4 3 4 4 4
Catawissa Township Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1	6 6 4 4 4
Catawissa Borough Mayor Member of Council Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 4 1 1	4 4 4 4
Centralia Borough Mayor Member of Council Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1	4 4 4 4
Cleveland Township Auditor Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1	6 2 6 4 4 4
Conygham Township Auditor Supervisor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1	6 6 2 4 4 4
Fishing Creek Township Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1	6 6 4 4 4

Franklin Township Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election	1 1 1	6 6 4 4
Inspector	1	4
Greenwood Township Auditor	1	6
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Hemlock Township		
Auditor	1	6
Supervisor	2	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Jackson Township		_
Auditor	1	6
Auditor	1	2
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Locust Township		
Auditor	1	6
Auditor	1	4
Auditor	1	2
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Madison Township	4	_
Auditor	1	6
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Main Township		
Auditor	1	6
Auditor	1	4
Supervisor	1	6
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Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Mifflin Township		
Auditor	1	6
Auditor	1	4
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Millville Borough		
Mayor	1	4
Member of Council	4	4
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Montour Township		
Auditor	1	6
Auditor	1	4
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
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Mount Pleasant Township	1	6
Auditor	1	6 2
Auditor	1	6
Supervisor Tax Collector	1	4
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Judge of Election Inspector	1	4
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North Centre Township		
Auditor	1	6
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Orange Township		
Auditor	1	6
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	4
Inspector	1	4
Orangeville Borough		
Auditor	1	6
Auditor	1	4
Mayor	1	4
Member of Council	2	4
Member of Council	2	2

Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1	4 4 4
Pine Township Auditor Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1 1	6 2 6 4 4
Roaring Creek Township Auditor Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1	6 4 6 4 4 4
Scott Township Auditor Supervisor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election East Inspector East Judge of Election West Inspector West	1 2 1 1 1 1 1	6 6 2 4 4 4 4 4
South Centre Township Auditor Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1	6 2 6 4 4 4
Stillwater Borough Auditor Auditor Mayor Member of Council Member of Council Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 4 1 1 1	6 4 4 4 2 4 4 4
Sugarloaf Township Auditor Supervisor Tax Collector Judge of Election Inspector	1 1 1 1 1	6 6 4 4 4

Official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

Vote by writing the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote. Some States allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult the Voting Assistance Guide to determine your State's policy.

President/Vice President:

U.S. Senator*:

U.S. Representative/Delegate**/Resident Commissioner**:

Office / Ballot Initiative

- * Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.
- ** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

Addendum

If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices other than those listed above or for ballot initiatives, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.). You may also indicate the ballot initiative and your vote for the initiative.

Candidate Name, Party Affiliation,

Enter the office the candidate is running for here

Vote for candidates

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Standard Form 186 (Rev 08-2013)

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AMENDING THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT EXCLUSION

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to permit the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of each homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction, rather than limit the exclusion to one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead property, which is the existing law?

YES	NO
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Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend Article VIII, Section 2(b)(vi) of the Pennsylvania Constitution to permit the General Assembly to pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to increase the amount of assessed value of homestead property that may be excluded when determining the real estate tax owed for homestead property. If the ballot question is approved, the General Assembly could then pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property when calculating the real estate tax owed on homestead property.

The Pennsylvania Constitution currently permits the General Assembly to pass a law authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude only a portion of the assessed value of homestead property when determining the amount of real estate tax owed. Under current law, the amount of assessed value that may be excluded from taxation cannot exceed one-half the amount of the median assessed value of all homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction. Local taxing authorities may not increase the millage rate of its real property tax to pay for homestead property exclusions.

The effect of the ballot question would allow the General Assembly to pass a law increasing the amount of assessed value that local taxing authorities may exclude from real estate taxation for homestead property. Currently, local taxing authorities can exclude from taxation only up to one-half the amount of the median assessed value of all homestead property located in the local taxing jurisdiction. But if the ballot question is approved, the General Assembly would have authority to pass a law permitting local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property. Local taxing authorities would continue to be prohibited from increasing the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for the homestead exclusions.

The ballot question, by itself, does not authorize local taxing authorities to exclude up to one-hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of each homestead property from real estate taxation. Local taxing authorities could not take such action unless and until the General Assembly passes a law authorizing them to do so. The ballot question authorizes the General Assembly to pass that law.

Pennsylvania Judicial Retentions
Supreme Court
Shall Thomas G Saylor be retained for an additional term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?
Shall Debra Todd be retained for an additional term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?
<u>Superior Court</u>

Shall Jaqueline O Shogan be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?