

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 COURT --	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	4	4
School Director	1	2
Berwick Boro,BriarCreek Twp and Boro Nescopeck Twp and Boro Hollenback Twp/Salem Twp		
Bloomsburg Area School District	4	4
School Director	2	2
Beaver Twp/ Town of Bloomsburg Hemlock Twp/Main Twp/Montour Twp		
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	4	4
School Director		
Greenwood, Madison and Pine Twp Millville Boro		
Southern Columbia Area School District		
Ralpho Twp. Northumberland County Catawissa Boro and Twp	5	4
Cleveland/Franklin/Locust/Roaring...Twp		
Mount Carmel Area School District	4	4
School Director		
Centralia		
North Schuylkill Area School District	5	4
School Director		
Beaver Township		
Auditor	1	6
Auditor	1	2
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4

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

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

Franklin Township		
Auditor	1	6
Supervisor	1	6
Tax Collector	1	4
Judge of Election	1	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		
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

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

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

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?

Superior Court

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