

# Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters County of Mercer

2019 Municipal Election (November 5, 2019)

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 11/5/2019 in Mercer County. You may register to vote and request an official absentee ballot by using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA), available at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) or [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). You may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting your FPCA by fax to (724) 662-1530 or by email to [jgreenburg@mcc.co.mercer.pa.us](mailto:jgreenburg@mcc.co.mercer.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 **all** state and local offices, and ballot initiatives. 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 a Referendum question write “yes” or “no.”

**(Please Note: Constitutional Amendment, Greenville Home Rule question and Statewide Judicial Retentions appear at the end of the ballot)**

## Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Judge of the Superior Court

**10-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

AMANDA GREEN-HAWKINS, DEMOCRATIC

DANIEL D. MCCAFFERY, DEMOCRATIC

MEGAN MCCARTHY KING, REPUBLICAN

CHRISTYLEE PECK, REPUBLICAN

## County of Mercer

### Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

**10-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

MARGARET T. LUCAS, DEMOCRATIC

RONALD AMRHEIN, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

TEDD NESBIT, REPUBLICAN

## **Commissioner**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

TIMOTHY M. MCGONIGLE, DEMOCRATIC

ROBERT D. MULTARI, DEMOCRATIC

MATT MCCONNELL, REPUBLICAN

SCOTT BOYD, REPUBLICAN

## **Clerk of Courts**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

MARY JO BASILONE DEPRETA, DEMOCRATIC

## **Coroner**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

JOHN A. LIBONATI, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

## **District Attorney**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

PETE ACKER, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

## **Prothonotary**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

RUTH A. BICE, DEMOCRATIC

## **Recorder of Deeds**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

DEE DEE ZICKAR, REPUBLICAN

## **Sheriff**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

BRUCE ROSA, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

# **School Districts**

## **School Board Directors**

### **Commodore Perry**

**Deer Creek, Sandy Creek and Sheakleyville**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

RONALD ANDREW PAYNE, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

JASON A. SNYDER, REPUBLICAN

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

### **Otter Creek and Salem**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

SARAH CLITES, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

### **Perry**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

JOHN R. RODGERS, REPUBLICAN

JOSHUA T. JONES, REPUBLICAN

### **Farrell**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

TERRENCE TERRY HARRISON, DEMOCRATIC

CHARLES BRANCA, DEMOCRATIC

GARY SATTERWHITE, DEMOCRATIC

DAN DRAGICEVIC, DEMOCRATIC

ALLEN HARRISON, DEMOCRATIC

### **Greenville**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

MARY REAMES, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

RICHARD ROSSI, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

RICHARD POWERS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

NATHAN GIBSON, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

DAN EPPLEY, DEMOCRATIC

JOHN FORBES, REPUBLICAN

## **Grove City**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

CONSTANCE NICHOLS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

RYAN THOMAS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

MICHAEL S. O'DONOVAN, DEMOCRATIC

ROBERTA M. HENSEL, DEMOCRATIC

LEE MCCRACKEN, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

ARMANDO SCIULLO, REPUBLICAN

DOUGLAS B. GERWICK, REPUBLICAN

## **Hermitage**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

CHRIS RUFFO, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

STACI PERMAN, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

ROB GELESKY, DEMOCRATIC

KEITH FUSTOS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

BETHANY BECKER, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

NICHOLE C. HAMELLE, REPUBLICAN

## **Jamestown**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

TRACIE RAE RUNYON, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

BEVERLY J. RILEY, DEMOCRATIC

KELLI S. MAYER, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

DAVID J. VOLOSIN, REPUBLICAN

## **Lakeview**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

SCOTT J. LEWIS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

JIMMY LEE ARBOGAST, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

STEVEN L. BEGGS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

DAVID PEARS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

GAGE BARTHOLOMEW, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

CHUCK GREGGS, INDEPENDENT

## **Mercer**

**Coolspring and Findley**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

SHANE NUGENT, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

## **East Lackawannock and Jefferson**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

ARTHUR W. AMOS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

RODNEY K. BOBBY, REPUBLICAN

## **Mercer**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

CEDRIC A. BUTCHY, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

JACOB PRIESTER, REPUBLICAN

## **Reynolds**

**Delaware and Fredonia**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

J. BRADLEY MILLER, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

CHRISTOPHER G. OSBORNE, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

## **Pymatuning**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

BRIAN M. HILLS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

BRIAN PAOLUCCI, REPUBLICAN

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

MICHAEL T. GEARHART, REPUBLICAN

## **West Salem**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

CHRISTOPHER REEHER, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

## **Sharon**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

BRIAN FABER, DEMOCRATIC

JUDY MENSURATI-ROGERS, DEMOCRATIC

DEBORAH L. ROBERSON, DEMOCRATIC

SONJA M. HEARD, DEMOCRATIC

MELVIN L. BANDZAK, DEMOCRATIC

## **Sharpsville**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

NICHOLAS D. HANAHAN, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

DEANNA THOMAS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

WILLIAM J. HENWOOD, DEMOCRATIC

DARLA J. GRANDY, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

JOSEPH MICHAEL TOTH, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

JERRY TRONTEL, REPUBLICAN

## **West Middlesex**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

RYAN T. GELESKY, DEMOCRATIC

ANDREW ERB, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

THEODORE W. HENNESSY, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

RACHELLE NEWTON, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

MICHAEL C. SEECH, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

## **Crawford Central**

**French Creek Township**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

MELISSA BURNETT, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

KEVIN G. MERRITT, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

JEFFREY S. ROSE, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

BRYAN J. MILLER, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

DELWOOD J. SMITH, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

FRANK J. SCHRECK, REPUBLICAN

## **Wilmington**

**Wilmington Township**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than five**

CAROL SHAW HARRIS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

JULIANA OCHS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

NANCY PHILLIPS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

VANESSA RUSSO, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

KATHRYN KATHY RILEY, REPUBLICAN

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

CAROL SHAW HARRIS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

## **Municipalities**

### **Clark**

#### **Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than three**

CLARK EBERHART, DEMOCRATIC

DOUGLAS ROBBINS, DEMOCRATIC

MICHAEL YEATTS, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

CAMERON W. MCCONAHY, REPUBLICAN

#### **Council**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

### **Coolspring Township**

#### **Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

RICHARD C. FILER, DEMOCRATIC

DALE A. BESTWICK, REPUBLICAN

#### **Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

JAMES A. JANZIG, REPUBLICAN

### **Deer Creek Township**

#### **Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

MICHAEL D. CASTONA, REPUBLICAN

#### **Supervisor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

DANIEL J. BEACHY, REPUBLICAN

#### **Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

VICTORIA L. HUSTON, REPUBLICAN

## **Delaware Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

JOHN E. LESNETT, DEMOCRATIC

DANIEL P. NAGEL, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **East Lackawannock Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

JAMES E. AMMER, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

BETSY H. RUST, REPUBLICAN

## **Fairview Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

BARRY R. STRUTHERS, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

SHERRY L. MCDOWELL, REPUBLICAN

## **Farrell**

**Mayor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

KIMBERLY A. DOSS, DEMOCRATIC

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

TERRENCE L. CRUMBY, DEMOCRATIC

ALBERT S. ROCK, DEMOCRATIC

**Treasurer**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

MELISSA KUCIK-CANNONE, DEMOCRATIC

**Findley Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

ANDREW W. TOMSON, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Fredonia**

**Mayor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

JOHN M. STRAUB, DEMOCRATIC

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than three**

RONALD E. ANTHONY, DEMOCRATIC

F. JOSEPH GEIGER, DEMOCRATIC

ROBERT H. REAGLE, DEMOCRATIC

**Tax Collector**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

ERIN M. KISER, REPUBLICAN

**French Creek Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

JOHN H. SLEMENDA JR., DEMOCRATIC

JACOB KARNS, REPUBLICAN

**Supervisor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

GAVIN M. KORINKO, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

CAROL BURT, REPUBLICAN

## **Greene Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Greenville**

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than three**

JEAN CARR, DEMOCRATIC

ANNE O. BUTCHER, DEMOCRATIC

TRACY BEIL, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

PAUL R. HAMILL, REPUBLICAN

SEAN A. HALL, REPUBLICAN

**Council**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

JESSICA LYNN GRINNELL, DEMOCRATIC  
TRACY BEIL, REPUBLICAN

**Home Rule Charter**

Shall the Home Rule Charter contained in the report, dated August, 22, 2019, of the government study commission, prepared in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, be adopted by the Borough of Greenville?

**YES**

**NO**

**Grove City**

**Council (5 wards)**

**Grove City 1**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

JAMES P. HENRY, REPUBLICAN

**Grove City 2**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

AMY L. GALLAGHER, REPUBLICAN

**Grove City 3**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

SHAWN P. MYERS, REPUBLICAN

**Grove City 4**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

WILLIE CALDWELL, DEMOCRATIC

JEFFREY L. HODGE, REPUBLICAN

**Grove City 5**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

SCOTT A. JAILLET, REPUBLICAN

**Hempfield Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

TODD P. HITTLE, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for one**

## **Hermitage**

**Commissioner**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than three**

DUANE J. PICCIRILLI, DEMOCRATIC  
WILLIAM J. MODER III, DEMOCRATIC  
MICHAEL T. MUHA, DEMOCRATIC

## **Jackson Center**

**Mayor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

**Tax Collector**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Jackson Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

EUGENE K. SWARTZ, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

SHIRLEY A. MCINTIRE, REPUBLICAN

**Jamestown**

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

DOUG MCELHANEY, DEMOCRATIC

MICHAEL F. RILEY, DEMOCRATIC

**Council**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

BARBARA D. MARLEY, DEMOCRATIC

**Jefferson Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

GARTH FALKNER, DEMOCRATIC

RICHARD H. MCCULLOUGH, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Lackawannock Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

HOMER JOHNSON, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for one**

## **Lake Township**

**Supervisor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
HARRY FAIRLAMB, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

## **Liberty Township**

**Supervisor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
JOSEPH MATTHEWS, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

## **Mercer**

**Council**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for not more than four**  
KATLIN J. BYERS, DEMOCRATIC  
HARLOWE W. MATTOCKS, DEMOCRATIC  
JOHN A. CARTER JR., REPUBLICAN  
CLIFFORD L. HUGHES, REPUBLICAN  
WILLIAM E. REDMOND III, REPUBLICAN

## **Mill Creek Township**

**Supervisor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
STACY R. MAYNE, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**New Lebanon**  
**Council**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for not more than three**

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
KATHY A. LEWIS, REPUBLICAN

**New Vernon Township**  
**Supervisor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
ROBERT GREGGS, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**2-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Otter Creek Township**  
**Supervisor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
BONNIE L. LONG, REPUBLICAN

## **Perry Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

GARY W. KING, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

LINDA L. DAILEY, DEMOCRATIC

**Auditor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

MARLA K. CHESS, REPUBLICAN

## **Pine Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

BILL PRITCHARD, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Pymatuning Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

JOHN R. MILLER, DEMOCRATIC

JAMES F. ROWE, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Salem Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
MARTIN THEISS, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
LAWRENCE G. HELSTERN JR., REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
SARAH L. CHESS, REPUBLICAN

## **Sandy Creek Township**

**Supervisor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Supervisor**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**2-year term**  
**Vote for one**

## **Sandy Lake Borough**

**Council**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for not more than three**  
DOUGLAS MAYS, REPUBLICAN  
GLENN A. LEECH, REPUBLICAN

**Council**  
**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Sandy Lake Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

RAYMOND G. SCOFIELD, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Sharon**

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than three**

CARL AARON SIZER, DEMOCRATIC

SHARRONDA FABER, DEMOCRATIC

MOLLY CORBETT BUNDRANT, DEMOCRATIC

## **Sharpsville**

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than three**

CHRISTOPHER COMBINE, DEMOCRATIC

JOHN D. ALFREDO, DEMOCRATIC

LEONARD D. GRANDY, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

## **Sheakleyville**

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Shenango Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for not more than two**

CAROL BUDANKA, DEMOCRATIC

MICHAEL WEISER, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN

JIM STEWART, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

PATRICIA A. SWEESY, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**4-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **South Pymatuning Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

LAUREL L. ALEXANDER, DEMOCRATIC

MATTHEW D. CHALUPKA, REPUBLICAN

**Supervisor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

LAUREL L. ALEXANDER, DEMOCRATIC

MATTHEW D. CHALUPKA, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

MATTHEW R. LOVE, REPUBLICAN

## **Springfield Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

RICK DILLAMAN, DEMOCRATIC

JOSEPH P. MATTACE, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**4-year term**  
**Vote for one**

**Auditor**  
**2-year term**  
**Vote for one**

## **Stoneboro**

### **Council**

**4-year term**  
**Vote for not more than four**  
GLENN MOELLER, DEMOCRATIC  
CHRIS EWING, REPUBLICAN  
ROGER PATTERSON, REPUBLICAN

## **Sugar Grove Township**

### **Supervisor**

**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
TIMOTHY F. KALTENBAUGH, DEMOCRATIC  
GORDON RILEY, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**  
**6-year term**  
**Vote for one**

## **West Middlesex**

### **Mayor**

**2-year term**  
**Vote for one**  
DEBRA G. LAROUCHE, DEMOCRATIC

### **Council**

**4-year term**  
**Vote for not more than two**  
ROBERT F. LARK, DEMOCRATIC  
MALEIA P. JAMES, DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN  
ERIC LUCICH, REPUBLICAN

## **West Salem Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

JAMES A. CARLSON, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Wheatland**

**Mayor**

**2-year term**

**Vote for one**

RONALD VIGLIO, DEMOCRATIC

**Council**

**4-year term**

**Vote for not more than three**

TERRY M. THOMPSON, DEMOCRATIC

DARLA MARCHANT, REPUBLICAN

PATRICIA LEE LEWIS, REPUBLICAN

## **Wilmington Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

RAYBURN CAMPBELL, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **Wolf Creek Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

**Auditor**

**2-year term**  
**Vote for one**

## **Worth Township**

**Supervisor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

ROBERT MINOR, REPUBLICAN

**Auditor**

**6-year term**

**Vote for one**

## **BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**All precincts**

**Proposed Constitutional Amendment**

**Crime Victim Rights**

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to grant certain rights to crime victims, including to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity; considering their safety in bail proceedings; timely notice and opportunity to take part in public proceedings; reasonable protection from the accused; right to refuse discovery requests made by the accused; restitution and return of property; proceedings free from delay; and to be informed of these rights, so they can enforce them?

**YES**

**NO**

### **Plain English Statement**

The proposed amendment, if approved by the electorate, will add a new section to Article I of the Pennsylvania Constitution. That amendment will provide victims of crimes with certain, new constitutional rights that must be protected in the same way as the rights afforded to individuals accused of committing a crime.

The proposed amendment defines “victim” as both a person against whom the criminal act was committed and any person who was directly harmed by it. The accused or any person a court decides is not acting in the best interest of a victim cannot be a victim.

Generally, the proposed amendment would grant victims the constitutional right to receive notice and be present and speak at public proceedings involving the alleged criminal conduct. It would also grant victims the constitutional right to receive notice of any escape or release of the accused and the right to have their safety and the safety of their family considered in setting the amount of bail and other release conditions. It

would also create several other new constitutional rights, such as the right to timely restitution and return of property, the right to refuse to answer questions asked by the accused, and the right to speak with a government attorney.

Specifically, the proposed amendment would establish the following new rights for victims:

- To be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's safety, dignity and privacy
- To have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the accused
- To reasonable and timely notice of and to be present at all public proceedings involving the criminal or delinquent conduct
- To be notified of any pretrial disposition of the case
- With the exception of grand jury proceedings, to be heard in any proceeding where a right of the victim is implicated, including, but not limited to, release, plea, sentencing, disposition, parole and pardon
- To be notified of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified of the parole of the offender
- To reasonable protection from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused
- To reasonable notice of any release or escape of the accused
- To refuse an interview, deposition or other discovery request made by the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused
- Full and timely restitution from the person or entity convicted for the unlawful conduct
- Full and timely restitution as determined by the court in a juvenile delinquency proceeding
- To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence
- To proceedings free from unreasonable delay and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related postconviction proceedings
- To confer with the attorney for the government

- To be informed of all rights enumerated in this section

The proposed amendment would allow a victim or prosecutor to ask a court to enforce these constitutional rights but would not allow a victim to become a legal party to the criminal proceeding or sue the Commonwealth or any political subdivision, such as a county or municipality, for monetary damages.

Once added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, these specific rights of victims cannot be eliminated, except by a judicial decision finding all or part of the amendment unconstitutional or the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment. If approved, the General Assembly may pass a law to implement these new, constitutional rights, but it may not pass a law eliminating them. If approved, State and local governments will need to create new procedures to ensure that victims receive the rights provided for by the amendment.

## **Greenville**

### **Home Rule Charter**

Shall the Home Rule Charter contained in the report, dated August, 22, 2019, of the government study commission, prepared in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, be adopted by the Borough of Greenville?

**YES**

**NO**

### **Plain English Statement**

A YES vote means you support adopting the proposed Home Rule Charter for the Borough of Greenville, which will change the existing form of government.

A NO vote means you do not support the adoption of a Home Rule Charter for the Borough of Greenville, which will keep the existing form of government.

## **OFFICIAL RETENTION BALLOT**

### **Judge of the Superior Court Retention Election**

Shall ANNE E. LAZARUS be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

**YES**

**NO**

### **Judge of the Superior Court Retention Election**

Shall JUDY OLSON be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

**YES**

**NO**

**Judge of the Commonwealth Court Retention Election**

Shall KEVIN BROBSON be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

**YES**

**NO**

**Judge of the Commonwealth Court Retention Election**

Shall PATRICIA A. MCCULLOUGH be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

**YES**

**NO**