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## Your Vote Matters!

October 2019 brought new changes to modernize our state election laws beginning with the Tuesday, April 28, 2020 primary.

To make the voting process more secure and convenient, Governor Tom Wolf signed Act 77 of 2019, which created the following:

- No excuse mail-in voting.
- 50-day mail-in voting period.
- Permanent mail-in and absentee ballot list.
- 15 more days to register to vote.
- Extended mail-in and absentee submission deadlines.

In the 2018 election cycle, it's estimated that 51% of the eligible voting population participated. These changes under Act 77 are intended to generate even greater engagement and participation.

## ✓ Modernizing the vote for 2020

Effective for the April 2020 Primary Election  
 More info | [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) | Register online



### More ways to vote



**No-excuse mail-in voting**  
 New option to vote by mail without providing an excuse



**Permanent mail-in ballot list**  
 Receive applications for mail-in or absentee ballots for all elections

### More accessible elections



**More time to register**  
 Deadline to register to vote is now 15 days before an election



**Extended voting period**  
 Request a mail-in or absentee ballot up to 50 days before an election

**Extended deadline**  
 Submit mail-in or absentee ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day

# No Excuse Mail-In Voting

Allows voters to cast a ballot in the mail without providing an excuse. There are three ways to apply: in person, online, and by mail. Voters are permitted to deliver a mail-in or absentee ballot in person at a county elections office up to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

# 50-Day Mail-In Voting Period

A voter can request and submit their mail-in or absentee ballot up to 50 days before the election, which is the longest vote-by-mail period in the country.

# Permanent Mail-In and Absentee Ballot List

A voter can request to receive an application for mail-in or absentee ballot for all primary, general and special elections held in a given year. Counties will mail an application to a voter on the list by the first Monday of each February. A voter who returns an application will receive a ballot for each election scheduled through the next February. Pennsylvania is the 12th state to provide a voter with the automatic option.

# 15 More Days to Register to Vote

The deadline to register to vote is extended to 15 days before an election. This cuts the previous registration deadline in half.

# Extended Mail-In and Absentee Submission Deadlines

Under the new law, ballots will be accepted until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Under previous law, mail-in and absentee ballots were only accepted until 5 p.m. the Friday before an election.

## Want to learn more?

These are the first significant changes to our election code in more than 80 years. If you have questions or need assistance, contact my district office at (412) 881-4208, or visit [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com).

## No-Excuse Mail-In Voting

- You can now apply to vote by mail - no excuse needed.
- Convenient and on your own schedule.
- You can return your completed ballot by mail in the envelope provided or drop it off in person to your county board of election's office.
- Apply for a mail-in ballot by 5pm on the Tuesday before the election.



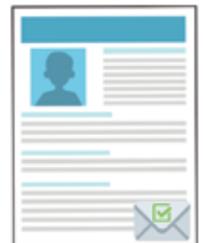
## More Time to Register

- Deadline to register is now 15 days before an election, instead of 30 days previously.
- More time to register means you can do so when it works for YOU.
- More time to remind your friends to register!



## Permanent Mail-In Ballot List

- You can request to be added to the permanent mail-in ballot list (this is not automatic).
- If on the list, a mail-in ballot application will be mailed to you by the first Monday in February each year.
- If on the list, you will also receive mail-in ballots for all other elections taking place that year.
- Convenient way to ensure you don't forget to request a ballot.



## Extended Deadline

- Mail-in and absentee ballots must be submitted by 8pm on Election Day.
- More time to fill out your ballot and turn it in at a convenient time.



# Pennsylvania Counts 2020

Mandated by the Constitution, the U.S. Census is conducted every ten years and is an essential means of determining how billions of federal dollars will be distributed to our local communities. The data is also used to determine the number of seats allocated to each state in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The first census was conducted in 1790. At that time, our state's population was

just under 435,000 people. As of 2010, our population was more than 12.5 million - that's about 4 percent of the nation's total population!

As the 2020 census gets underway, it's important that you and your families are ready to participate, as the data collected helps the government, businesses, nonprofits, and others determine how funds will be allocated and services delivered. The census

data is also used to evaluate current programs and make predictions about future needs from our neighborhoods to our counties, the commonwealth and beyond.

So be sure to keep an eye on your mailboxes for important correspondence from the U.S. Census Bureau this March; your response is required by law.

## *Get Counted* **2020 Census**

**The Census starts in April**

More info | [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) | Job opportunities

## How to complete the 2020 Census



**Online**



**Phone**



**Mail**

## Why it Matters

### **Federal funding**

For local programs and organizations

### **Better planning**

For roads, schools, healthcare and emergency services

### **Determines representation**

In Congress and the state legislature

### **Helps businesses**

Locate factories and stores, recruit employees and conduct market research

## Shape Your Future Your Community, Your Voice

## Want to learn more?

If you have questions or need assistance, contact my district office at (412) 881-4208, or visit [PennsylvaniaCounts2020.info](http://PennsylvaniaCounts2020.info).

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## Voting and Census UPDATE

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## Ways My District Office Can Serve You

- Process applications for birth and death certificates
- Provide you with Pennsylvania state tax forms
- Print out federal tax forms whenever possible
- Provide you with and help you fill out Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms
- Notarize any state form for free
- Help you find and claim unclaimed money in your name through the Pennsylvania Treasurer's Office
- Notarize and process applications for disability parking plates and placards
- Field questions or handle problems concerning PennDOT, including complaints about road conditions
- Explain the Real ID application process
- Assist you with unemployment compensation questions or problems
- Field questions or complaints about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Provide you with recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- Provide you with any state form or brochure
- Send state forms for you to their appropriate departments in Harrisburg to expedite their processing
- Schedule tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Answer questions about proposed legislation