

## Instructions

*The notice must contain the following instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot:*

- 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).
- You may use the FWAB to vote for a candidate 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 the ballot initiative 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 Retention or Referendum question write “yes” or “no.”

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

2017 Municipal Election (November 7, 2017)

This is an official notice of a General election to be conducted on 11/7/2017 in Butler 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) 284 - 5311, or by email to [mherrit@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:mherrit@co.butler.pa.us) or [cmccurdy@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:cmccurdy@co.butler.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.

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## **BALLOT**

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT -- VOTE FOR ONE -- ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN BUTLER COUNTY

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: DWAYNE WOODRUFF*

*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: SALLIE MUNDY*

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT -- VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN -- ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN BUTLER COUNTY

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: MARIA MCLAUGHLIN*

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: CAROLYN H NICHOLS*

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: DEBBIE KUNSELMAN*

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: GEOFF MOULTON*

*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: CRAIG STEDMAN*

*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: EMIL GIORDANO*

*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: WADE A KAGARISE*

*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: MARY MURRAY*

*GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE: JULES MERMELSTEIN*

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT -- Vote for Not more than Two -- All Precincts within Butler County

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: ELLEN CEISLER*

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: IRENE M CLARK*

*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: PAUL LALLEY*

*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: CHRISTINE FIZZANO CANNON*

CLERK OF COURTS -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Butler County

*REPUBLICAN: LISA WEILAND LOTZ*

CONTROLLER – Vote for One – All Precincts within Butler County  
*REPUBLICAN: BEN HOLLAND*

CORONER-- Vote for One – All Precincts within Butler County  
*REPUBLICAN: WM. F YOUNG, III*

SHERIFF-- Vote for One – All Precincts within Butler County  
*REPUBLICAN: MIKE SLUPE*

DISTRICT JUDGE—Vote for One—For all Precincts within the following Magisterial Districts:

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 50-1-01 includes all of BUTLER TOWNSHIP

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: KEVIN P O'DONNELL*

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 50-2-03 includes:

BOROUGHES -BRUIN, CHERRY VALLEY, CHICORA, EAST BUTLER, EAU CLAIRE,  
FAIRVIEW, KARNS. CITY, PETROLIA, WEST SUNBURY

TOWNSHIPS -ALLEGHENY, CENTER 1, CENTER 2, CENTER 3, CHERRY, CLAY, CLEARFIELD,  
CONCORD, DONEGAL, FAIRVIEW, MARION, OAKLAND, PARKER, SUMMIT NORTH, SUMMIT  
SOUTH, VENANGO, WASHINGTON.

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: LEWIS STOUGHTON*

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 50-3-03 includes:

BOROUGHES -SAXONBURG

TOWNSHIPS -BUFFALO 1, BUFFALO 2, BUFFALO 3, CLINTON, JEFFERSON I, JEFFERSON II,  
MIDDLESEX NORTH, MIDDLESEX SOUTH, PENN EAST, PENN WEST, WINFIELD.

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: SUE HAGGERTY*

SCHOOL DIRECTOR—

Butler Area School District- Vote for Not more than 4 – 4 year terms: Includes City of Butler (Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4-1, 4-2, & 5), Boroughs of East Butler and Connoquenessing, Townships of Butler (Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 North, and 6 South), Center (Precincts 1, 2, & 3), Clearfield, Connoquenessing, Oakland, and Summit (Precincts North and South).

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: ALICE NUNES*

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: GARY B SHINGLETON*

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: ALVIN P VAVRO*

*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: JOHN W CONRAD*

Karns City Area School District-Vote for Not more than 4 – 4 year terms: Includes Precincts in Boroughs of Bruin, Chicora, Fairview, Karns City, and Petrolia. Townships of Donegal, Fairview, Parker and Perry Township in Armstrong County.

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: CHARLES JOHNS*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: JEFFERY HOGAN*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: RICHAEAL BARGER-ANDERSON*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: ANITA OROZCO*

South Butler Area School District Vote for Not more than 4—4 year terms. Includes Borough of Saxonburg and Townships of Clinton, Jefferson (Precincts 1 & 2), Penn (Precincts East and West), and Winfield.

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: REBECCA FREEHLING BOYD*  
*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: MICHAEL E ARCHER*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: BOB GOODLIN*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: GEORGE J ZACHERL*  
*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: JILL M MCDONALD*

Freeport Area School District Vote for 4 – 4 year terms. Includes Township of Buffalo (Precincts 1, 2, & 3).

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: CHRISTINE DAVIES*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: RICHARD G HILL, JR*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: JOHN K HAVEN*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: DANIEL P LUCOVCH*

Mars Area School District Vote for 4 – 4 year terms. Includes Boroughs of Mars and Valencia and Townships of Adams (Precincts 1, 2, & 3), and Middlesex (Precincts North and South)

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: RITA A DORSCH*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: CHRISTINE VALENTA*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: GORDON L MARBURGER*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: J. DAYLE FERGUSON*

Moniteau School District Vote for 4 – 4 year terms. Includes Boroughs of Cherry, Eau Claire, and West Sunbury and Townships of Cherry, Clay, Concord, Marion, Venango, and Washington.

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: TRIXIE FOREMAN HECK*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: MICHAEL PANZA*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: LINDA DILLAMAN*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: JOANN D DUKE*

Slippery Rock Area School District:

Region 1 Vote for 1—4 year terms. Includes Borough of Harrisville and Townships of Mercer and Slippery Rock.

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: HEATHER SCOTT*

Region 2 Vote for Not more than 2—4 year term. Includes Boroughs of Portersville and Prospect and Townships of Franklin and Muddycreek.

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: VITO PILOSI III*  
*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: DIANE DOUBLE*

Region 3 Vote for 1—4 year terms. Includes Boroughs of Slippery Rock and West Liberty and Townships of Brady and Worth.

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: SARA A WHITMAN*

Seneca Valley School District: All are Vote for 1—4 year term.

Region 1 Includes (Precincts Cranberry Township East 1 &

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: LESLIE A BREDL*

Region 4 Includes (Precincts Cranberry Township West 4 & 6)

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: FREDERICK V PETERSON*

Region 5 Includes (Precincts Cranberry Township East 3 & West 5)

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: TIMOTHY HESTER*

Region 8 Includes (Precincts in Lancaster and Forward Townships)

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: ERIC O DITULLIO*

Region 9 Includes (Precincts in Callery and Harmony Borough and Jackson Township)

*DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: JEFFREY L WIDDOWSON*

**CITY OF BUTLER:**

CITY MAYOR Vote for One:

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: JAMIE LEE GOEHRING*  
*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: BENJAMIN A SMITH*

CITY COUNCIL Vote for Not more than 2:

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: KATHY D KLINE*  
*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: KENNETH BONUS*  
*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: JAMES KEMPLE*  
*REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: JEFF SMITH*

CITY CONTROLLER Vote for 1:

*DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: GRETCHEN EHLMAN*

Offices in municipalities are as follows:

TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER 4 YEAR TERM (Vote for Not more than 2): Butler Township

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR 6 YEAR TERM (Vote for Not more than 2): Adams, Buffalo, Center, and Cranberry Townships

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR 6 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): Allegheny, Brady, Cherry, Clay, Clearfield, Clinton, Concord, Connoquenessing, Donegal, Fairview, Forward, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lancaster, Marion, Mercer, Middlesex, Muddycreek, Oakland, Parker, Penn, Slippery Rock, Summit, Venango, Washington, Winfield, and Worth Townships.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR 4 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): Lancaster Township

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR 2 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): Center Township

BOROUGH MAYOR 4 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): There will be one position in each Borough within Butler County.

COUNCILMEMBER 4 YEAR TERM (Vote for Not more than 4): The Boroughs of Bruin, Callery, Harrisville, Mars, Prospect, Saxonburg, West Sunbury, and Zelienople.

COUNCILMEMBER 4 YEAR TERM (Vote for Not more than 3): The Boroughs of Cherry Valley, Connoquenessing, East Butler, Eau Claire, Evans City, Fairview, Harmony, Karns City, Petrolia, Portersville, Seven Fields, and Slippery Rock.

COUNCILMEMBER 4 YEAR TERM (Vote for Not more than 2): The Boroughs of Chicora and West Liberty.

COUNCILMEMBER 2 YEAR TERM (Vote for Not more than 3): The Boroughs of Fairview and Portersville.

COUNCILMEMBER 2 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): The Boroughs of Bruin, Cherry Valley, Harrisville, Prospect, Slippery Rock, and West Liberty.

TAX COLLECTOR 4 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): There will be one position in each Borough and Township within Butler County.

AUDITOR 6 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): All Townships within Butler County and the following Boroughs with Butler County: Cherry Valley, East Butler, Eau Claire, Fairview, Harrisville, Karns City, Petrolia, Valencia, West Liberty, and West Sunbury.

AUDITOR 4 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): Adams, Allegheny, Buffalo, Clay, Donegal, Jackson, Jefferson, Muddycreek, Parker, Summit, and Washington Townships and the Boroughs of East Butler, Fairview, Harrisville, Karns City, Petrolia, Valencia, West Liberty, and West Sunbury.

AUDITOR 2 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): The Townships of Buffalo, Center, Cherry, Clay, Concord, Connoquenessing, Donegal, Jefferson, Parker, and Washington. The Boroughs of East Butler, Eau Claire, Fairview, Karns City, Petrolia, Valencia, West Liberty, and West Sunbury.

CONSTABLE 6 YEAR TERM (Vote for 1): The Townships of Brady, Butler, Fairview, Forward, Lancaster, Middlesex, Oakland, Washington, and Winfield and the Boroughs of

ALSO FOR ALL 89 VOTING PRECINCTS WITHIN BUTLER COUNTY THERE WILL BE ONE JUDGE OF ELECTIONS AND ONE INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS POSITION ON EACH BALLOT. BOTH ARE A 4 YEAR TERM AND ARE VOTE FOR ONE.

**[FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR EACH MUNICIPAL AND PRECINCT POSITION PLEASE CLICK HERE!](#)**

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
AMENDING THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT EXCLUSION

*Ballot Question*

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 OR 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.

## **JUDICIAL RETENTIONS STATEWIDE COURTS**

### **Supreme Court**

Shall THOMAS G SAYLOR be retained for an additional term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania? YES OR NO

Shall DEBRA TODD be retained for an additional term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania? YES OR NO

### **Superior Court**

Shall JACQUELINE O SHOGAN be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania? YES OR NO

## **COUNTY COURTS**

Shall MARILYN JEAN HORAN be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 50<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District, Butler County? YES OR NO

Shall KELLEY STREIB be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 50<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District, Butler County? YES OR NO



