



# McKEAN COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

## 2017 Election Information

- Election Dates
  - Primary – May 16, 2016**
  - General – November 7, 2017**
- Voting Hours: **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- Offices on the ballot in 2017:
  - Statewide:** Supreme Court – 1 vacancy, 2 retentions; Superior Court – 4 vacancies, 1 retention; Commonwealth Court – 2 vacancies (retentions appear only on November ballot and this list is unofficial until certified by the Department of State)
  - Countywide:** Controller, Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts, Sheriff and Treasurer
  - County Judicial:** Magisterial District Judges 48-1-01; 48-3-02; 48-3-03; 48-3-04
  - Bradford City:** Controller, Council
  - Municipal & School District:** Mayor, Borough Council, Township Supervisor, Tax Collector, Auditor, School Director, Judge of Election, Inspector of Election
- Those voting for the first time in a new precinct are required to show some form ID
  - Photo Identification (MUST be current & valid)**
    - PA Driver's License or ID Card issued by PennDOT
    - ID issued by any other Commonwealth agency
    - US Passport
    - ID issued by US government
    - Student ID card
    - Employee ID
  - Non-Photo Identification (MUST be current & show name & address of elector)**
    - Voter Registration issued ID card
    - ID issued by any Commonwealth agency
    - ID issued by any US Government agency
    - Firearm permit
    - Current Utility bill
    - Current bank statement
    - Paycheck
    - Government check

- If you wish to have instruction using the county's touch screen voting system, visit the election office at the courthouse just before each election for an opportunity to receive instruction
- Expect lines at certain times of the day, especially first thing in the morning, around lunch time and then after dinner. The shortest waits usually occur mid-morning or mid-afternoon
- Pennsylvania law allows candidates and campaigners to electioneer, pass out campaign materials and talk to you as long as they are 10 feet from the polling location. There is nothing, however, that requires you to answer them or take their materials. But, if you do take any campaign literature, DO NOT leave it in the polling place. You MUST have a clear path to the polling room and if you believe campaigners are impeding or blocking that path, please inform a poll worker
- Voters can wear political attire into the polling place. Voters cannot, however, do or say anything beyond simply wearing the item or they will be asked to leave. Poll workers and poll watchers are not permitted to wear political attire.
- ALL voters **in line** at 8 p.m. (even if that line stretches outside the building) are permitted by law to vote. If you are NOT in line at 8 p.m. when the Judge of Elections announces the polls are closed, you are NOT allowed to vote.
- Election returns will be posted on the county's Web site ([www.mckeancountypa.org](http://www.mckeancountypa.org)) as they arrive at the courthouse and are processed

### **PETITION INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- First day to circulate and file a petition is **February 14, 2017**. The last day to circulate and file a petition is **March 7, 2017**.
- First day to circulate and file nominating papers for minor party and independent candidates is **March 8, 2017**. The last day to circulate and file nominating papers is **August 1, 2017**.

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

- Voter Registration deadlines:  
**Primary – April 17, 2017**  
**General – October 10, 2017**
- If you have moved since you last voted, you need to register your current address with the Voter Registration Office. If your name has changed as a result of marital status or some other reason, you need to register your new name. This can be done online or by filling out and submitting a new Voter Registration Mail Application to the Voter Registration Office, 500 W Main St, Smethport PA 16749. Both can be found at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com).
- If you have not voted in more than five years, it is possible your voting status has been made inactive or canceled. If you are inactive, you can vote but you are required to show a proper form of identification and sign an affirmation.

- If you have been canceled, you must register again by the registration deadline listed above.
- If you have any question about your voting status, it is worth the time to check on it now. Stop in the Voter Registration office at the Courthouse or call us at 814-887-3203. Our hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

- If you are going to be out of your precinct on Election Day or you have an illness or disability that prevents you from going to the polls, you can vote by absentee ballot. Applications are available at the Elections Office as well as online.
- The deadline to apply for a regular absentee ballot for the Primary is **May 9, 2017**. The ballot **MUST** be **received** in the Election Office by **5:00 p.m. May 12, 2017**. The deadline to apply for a regular absentee ballot for the General Election is **October 31, 2017** and the ballot **MUST** be **received** in the Election Office by **5:00 p.m. November 3, 2017**.