

# CAMBRIA COUNTY

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS 2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY MAY 18, 2021

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on May 18, 2021 in Cambria 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 e-mail to [scrowl@co.cambria.pa.us](mailto:scrowl@co.cambria.pa.us) or by fax to 814-472-9642.

You may request an absentee ballot from this office at any time prior to a primary or election. If time does not permit you to receive and return an official absentee ballot, you are 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 questions, 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.

## **May 18, 2021 Municipal Primary**

### **DEMOCRATIC ELECTORS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY:**

**FOR THE STATE AT LARGE:** One (1) Person for Justice of the Supreme Court

One (1) Person for Judge of the Superior Court

Two (2) Persons for Judge of the Commonwealth Court

**FOR CAMBRIA COUNTY AT LARGE:** One (1) Person for Sheriff

**MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 47-1-03 - One (1) person for Magisterial District Judge – 6 Year Term – Vote for One (1)**

In the City of Johnstown –Kernville, Wards 7,8,17, Daisytown Borough, Dale Borough, Lorain Borough

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Ashville Borough, Cassandra Borough, Chest Springs Borough, Cresson Borough, Gallitzin Borough, Lilly Borough, Loretto Borough, Portage Borough, Sankertown Borough, Tunnelhill Borough, Allegheny Township, Cresson Township, Gallitzin Township, Munster Township, Portage Township, Washington Township

**MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 47-3-05 - One (1) person for Magisterial District Judge – 6 Year Term – Vote for One (1)**

Hastings Borough, Northern Cambria Borough, Patton Borough, Barr Township, Chest Township, Clearfield Township, Dean Township, Elder Township, Reade Township, Susquehanna Township, West Carroll Township, White Township

### **SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

#### **BLACKLICK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT – FOUR (4) School Directors**

**Region 1:** Blacklick Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for not more than Two (2)

**Region 2:** Nanty Glo Boro, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward - Four Year Term - Vote for One (1)

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#### **CAMBRIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT – FOUR (4) School Directors**

**Region 1:** Chest Springs Boro., Clearfield Twp., Patton Boro. - Four Year Term - Vote for One (1)

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**Region 2:** Two Year Term – Vote for One (1)

**Region 3:** Carrolltown Boro., East Carroll Twp. - South, West Carroll Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for not more than Two (2)

#### **CENTRAL CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT – Four (4) School Directors**

**Region 1:** Ebensburg Boro - Four Year Term - Vote for not more than Two (2)

**Region 2:** Cambria Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for One (1)

**Region 3:** Jackson Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for One (1)

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**At Large:** Conemaugh Twp., Daisytown Boro., East Conemaugh Boro.

East Taylor Twp. Franklin Boro - Four Year Term - Vote for not more than Four (4)

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**Region 1:** Ferndale Boro. - Four Year Term - Vote for not more than Two (2)

**Region 2:** Dale Boro. - Four Year Term - Vote for One (1)

**Region 2:** Two Year Term – Vote for One (1)

**Region 3:** Brownstown Boro., Lorain Boro., Middle Taylor Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for One (1)

#### **FOREST HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT – Four (4) School Directors**

**Region 1:** Croyle Twp. No. 1, Summerhill Boro., Summerhill Twp., Wilmore Boro. - Four Year term - Vote for One

**Region 2:** Adams Twp. - Gramlingtown, Croyle Twp. No. 2, Ehrenfeld Boro., South Fork Boro.  
Four Year Term - Vote for Two (2)

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**AT LARGE:** Barr Twp., Northern Cambria Boro., Susquehanna Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for Not More Than (4)

**PENN CAMBRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT Four (4) School Directors**

**AT LARGE:** Allegheny Twp., Ashville Boro., Cresson Boro., Cresson Twp., Dean Twp., Gallitzin Boro., Gallitzin Twp., Lilly Boro., Loretto Boro., Munster Twp., Sankertown Boro., Tunnelhill Boro., Washington Twp. -Four Year Term  
Vote for Not More Than (4)

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – Four (4) School Directors**

**AT LARGE:** Cassandra Boro., Portage Boro., Portage Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for Not More Than Four (4)

**RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT – Four (4) School Directors**

**AT LARGE:** Geistown Boro., Richland Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for Not More Than Four (4)

**WESTMONT HILLTOP SCHOOL DISTRICT – Four (4) School Directors**

**AT LARGE:** Southmont Boro., Upper Yoder Twp., Westmont Boro. - Four Year Term - Vote for Not More Than (4)

**WINDBER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Region 3 – Scalp Level Borough** (Petitions filed in Somerset County) - Four Year Term - Vote for One (1)

**JOHNSTOWN CITY:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), CONSTABLE in the following wards: - Center Town, Kernville, 7<sup>th</sup> Wd, 8<sup>th</sup> Wd, Old Conemaugh/Woodvale, Prospect, Cambria City, 17<sup>th</sup> Wd, 18<sup>th</sup> Wd, 19<sup>th</sup> Wd, 20<sup>th</sup> Wd, 21<sup>st</sup> Wd

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**ASHVILLE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (3), COUNCIL - 2 Year (3), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**BARR TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**BLACKLICK TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**BROWNSTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL 4 Year (4), COUNCIL 2 Year (1) TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**CARROLLTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CASSANDRA BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CHEST SPRINGS BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (3), COUNCIL - 2 Year (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CHEST TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**CLEARFIELD TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**CRESSON BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CRESSON TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**CROYLE TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**DAISYTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 2 Year Term, CONSTABLE

**DALE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**DEAN TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS- 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**EAST CARROLL TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**EAST CONEMAUGH BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**EAST TAYLOR TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**EBENSBURG BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**EHRENFELD BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS - 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**ELDER TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**FERNDALE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (4), COUNCIL - 2 Year Term (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**FRANKLIN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**GALLITZIN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS 6, 4, 2, Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**GALLITZIN TOWNSHIP:** 3 SUPERVISORS 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**GEISTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**HASTINGS BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (4), COUNCIL - 2 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**JACKSON TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**LILLY BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL – **\*\*Second Ward\*\*** (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**LORAIN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (3), COUNCIL - 2 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**LORETTO BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**LOWER YODER TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**MIDDLE TAYLOR TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**MUNSTER TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**NANTY GLO BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL 1st Ward (2), COUNCIL 2nd Ward (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**NORTHERN CAMBRIA BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**PATTON BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL – WARD 1 (1), COUNCIL – WARD 2 (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**PORTAGE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, WARD 1 – COUNCIL - 2 Year Term - Vote for One (1)  
WARD 2 – COUNCIL - 4 Year Term - Vote for One (1) WARD 2 – COUNCIL - 2 Year Term - Vote for One (1)  
WARD 3 – COUNCIL - 4 Year Term - Vote for One (1) WARD 3 – COUNCIL - 2 Year Term - Vote for One (1)  
TAX COLLECTOR - 4 Year Term - Vote for One (1), CONSTABLE - 6 Year Term - Vote for One (1)  
**PORTAGE TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**READE TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR (2), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2, Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**SANKERTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (4), COUNCIL - 2 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**SCALP LEVEL BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**SOUTH FORK BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL – 4 Year (4), COUNCIL – 2 Year (2), TAX COLLECTOR  
2 AUDITORS – 6, 2, Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**SOUTHMONT BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP:** WARD 1 – COMMISSIONER - 2 Year Term (1), WARD 2 –COMMISSIONER (1),  
WARD 4 – COMMISSIONER (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE (2)  
**SUMMERHILL BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL 4 Year (4), COUNCIL - 2 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**SUMMERHILL TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**TUNNELHILL BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR - 6 Year (1), SUPERVISOR - 4 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR,  
2 AUDITORS – 6, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**VINTONDALE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL 4 Year (4), COUNCIL 2 Year (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**WEST CARROLL TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**WESTMONT BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**WEST TAYLOR TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**WHITE TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**WILMORE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**JUDGE OF ELECTION FOR EACH PRECINCT: 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE**  
**INSPECTOR OF ELECTION FOR EACH PRECINCT: 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE**

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE III, SECTION 9  
RELATING TO TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

***Ballot Question***

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law and increase the power of the General Assembly to unilaterally terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration—and the powers of Commonwealth agencies to address the disaster regardless of its severity pursuant to that declaration—through passing a concurrent resolution by simple majority, thereby removing the existing check and balance of presenting a resolution to the Governor for approval or disapproval?

***Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General***

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1**

**RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes to amend Article III, Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide a new exception to traditional legislative procedure by allowing the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration or a portion of such declaration without needing the Governor’s approval.

Currently, Article III, Section 9 establishes a general rule that all orders, resolutions or votes requiring approval by both the House of Representatives and Senate must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto. Resolutions for the adjournment of the General Assembly are exempted from this process. If the order, resolution or vote is approved by the Governor, it becomes law. If the Governor vetoes the resolution, it does not become law unless two-thirds of the House and Senate vote to override the veto. The proposed amendment would create an additional exception to this customary legislative procedure for concurrent resolutions to terminate or extend, in whole or in part, a disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor.

The proposed amendment will also have the effect of reversing a recent ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which held the Pennsylvania Constitution prohibited the General Assembly from passing a concurrent resolution to terminate the Governor’s Covid-19 disaster emergency declaration without presenting it to the Governor for his approval. It will change the law to allow the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration through a concurrent resolution approved by only a majority of the members of the House and Senate, without having to present the resolution to the Governor for his approval or veto.

The proposed amendment is limited in that it only changes the traditional legislative process for terminating or extending disaster emergency declarations issued by the Governor. The amendment will not alter the current legislative procedure with respect to which orders, resolutions or votes of the General Assembly must be presented to the Governor for his approval on any other subject matter.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE IV  
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND MANAGEMENT**

***Ballot Question***

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law so that: a disaster emergency declaration will expire automatically after 21 days, regardless of the severity of the emergency, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend the disaster emergency; the Governor may not declare a new disaster emergency to respond to the dangers facing the Commonwealth unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution; the General Assembly enacts new laws for disaster management?

***Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General***

**Joint Resolution No. 2021-1**

**Disaster Emergency Declaration and Management**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes adding a new section to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment incorporates disaster emergency declaration and management powers directly into the Constitution by:

- Granting the Governor authority to declare a disaster emergency declaration by proclamation or executive order;

- Requiring each declaration to indicate the nature, location and type of disaster;
- Granting the General Assembly authority to pass laws providing for the manner in which each disaster shall be managed;
- Limiting the duration of a Governor’s declaration to 21 days, unless otherwise extended, in whole or in part, by a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly;
- Preventing the Governor, upon the expiration of a declaration, from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts, unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution expressly approving a new declaration.

Currently, disaster emergency declaration and management powers are delegated by statute to the Governor. The Governor has the sole authority to issue and manage all disaster emergency declarations, which cannot extend beyond 90 days unless renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may override a Governor’s disaster emergency declaration by concurrent resolution that must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto.

If approved, the amendment would transfer certain of the Governor’s existing authority to respond to and manage disaster emergencies to the General Assembly. The Governor would retain the authority to issue an initial disaster emergency declaration but the declaration’s permissible length would be reduced from 90 to 21 days. The sole authority to extend a declaration would lie with the General Assembly; presently, this power rests with the Governor. Upon expiration of the initial declaration, the amendment prohibits the Governor from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts without the approval of the General Assembly. The Governor would no longer have unilateral authority to manage disasters, but would have to do so consistent with the laws passed by the General Assembly.

If approved, the General Assembly would be required to pass new laws establishing the manner in which each type of disaster shall be managed. If added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the proposed amendment cannot be modified or repealed except by a judicial decision finding all or part of the proposed amendment unconstitutional or by the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE I  
PROHIBITION AGAINST DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT  
OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BECAUSE OF RACE OR ETHNICITY**

***Ballot Question***

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended by adding a new section providing that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of an individual's race or ethnicity?

***Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General***

**Joint Resolution No. 2021-1**

Prohibition Against Denial or Abridgment of Equality of Rights Because of Race and Ethnicity

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1, if approved by the electorate, will add a new section to Article I of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment creates a constitutional prohibition against restricting or denying an individual’s equal rights under Pennsylvania law because of race or ethnicity.

Generally, inclusion of this amendment within the Pennsylvania Constitution signifies that freedom from discrimination based on race or ethnicity is an essential principle of liberty and free government. This amendment applies to all Pennsylvania state, county and local governmental entities, and guarantees equality of rights under the law. The amendment, if enacted, will become a part of the Pennsylvania Constitution. As such, its provisions must be applied consistent with the other provisions of the Constitution.

This equal right to be free from racial or ethnic discrimination will exist independent from any such rights under the United States Constitution or corresponding federal law. If the current federal protections proscribing racial or ethnic discrimination are abolished, the prohibition against such discrimination will remain in the Pennsylvania Constitution. The amendment is limited in that it creates a right only under Pennsylvania law.

Once added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the right to be free from racial or ethnic discrimination under the law cannot

be eliminated except by a judicial decision finding the amendment unconstitutional or the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment. If approved, the General Assembly may pass new laws to implement the amendment, but it may not pass a law inconsistent with it.

**STATEWIDE REFERENDUM**  
**MAKING MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS**  
**Ballot Question**

Do you favor expanding the use of the indebtedness authorized under the referendum for loans to volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads under 35 PA.C.S. §7378.1 (related to referendum for additional indebtedness) to include loans to municipal fire departments or companies that provide services through paid personnel and emergency medical services companies for the purpose of establishing and modernizing facilities to house apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles, and for purchasing apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles, protective and communications equipment and any other accessory equipment necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the fire companies and emergency medical services companies?

**PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT**  
**STATEWIDE REFERENDUM – ACT 2020-91**  
**MAKING MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMPANIES ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS**

The purpose of the ballot question is to determine whether Pennsylvania voters authorize making municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies eligible to apply for loans from an already existing state loan program.

Pennsylvania voters approved the incurring of indebtedness of up to \$100,000,000 in four previous statewide referenda: \$10,000,000 on November 4, 1975; \$15,000,000 on November 3, 1981; \$25,000,000 on November 6, 1990; and \$50,000,000 on November 5, 2002. Originally, this indebtedness funded a loan program for volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads.

Currently, municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies are not authorized to apply for loans from this program. The Pennsylvania General Assembly has determined that municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies are most in need of loans to replace outmoded or unsafe equipment and buildings to meet the increased demands for a higher level of service in the communities they serve. If approved, the referendum will allow municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies to apply for loans from the program, consistent with the existing law and regulations.

The Office of the State Fire Commissioner administers the loan program, and has promulgated regulations to govern the loan application process. Upon successful application, the Office authorizes loans for the purposes and in amounts specified by the Emergency Management Service Code and the Office's regulations. These loans may be used for establishing or modernizing facilities to house firefighting apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles. They may also be used for the purchase of new firefighting apparatus equipment, ambulances and rescue vehicles, protective and communications equipment and any other accessory equipment necessary for the proper performance of these organizations' duties.

This referendum does not authorize incurring any additional debt to fund the loan program; it only expands the class of eligible loan applicants. It also does not expand the purposes for which loans may be made; municipal fire departments or companies with paid personnel and emergency medical services companies may only apply for the type of loans already provided for by law and regulation.

**REPUBLICAN ELECTORS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY:**

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**AT LARGE:** Barr Twp., Northern Cambria Boro., Susquehanna Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for Not More Than (4)

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**AT LARGE:** Allegheny Twp., Ashville Boro., Cresson Boro., Cresson Twp., Dean Twp., Gallitzin Boro., Gallitzin Twp., Lilly Boro., Loretto Boro., Munster Twp., Sankertown Boro., Tunnelhill Boro., Washington Twp. -Four Year Term  
Vote for Not More Than (4)



**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – Four (4) School Directors**

**AT LARGE:** Cassandra Boro., Portage Boro., Portage Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for Not More Than Four (4)

**RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT – Four (4) School Directors**

**AT LARGE:** Geistown Boro., Richland Twp. - Four Year Term - Vote for Not More Than Four (4)

**WESTMONT HILLTOP SCHOOL DISTRICT – Four (4) School Directors**

**AT LARGE:** Southmont Boro., Upper Yoder Twp., Westmont Boro. - Four Year Term - Vote for Not More Than (4)

**WINDBER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Region 3 – Scalp Level Borough** (Petitions filed in Somerset County) - Four Year Term - Vote for One (1)

**JOHNSTOWN CITY:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), CONSTABLE in the following wards: - Center Town, Kernville, 7<sup>th</sup> Wd, 8<sup>th</sup> Wd, Old Conemaugh/Woodvale, Prospect, Cambria City, 17<sup>th</sup> Wd, 18<sup>th</sup> Wd, 19<sup>th</sup> Wd, 20<sup>th</sup> Wd, 21<sup>st</sup> Wd

**ADAMS TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**ASHVILLE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (3), COUNCIL - 2 Year (3), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**BARR TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**BLACKLICK TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**BROWNSTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL 4 Year (4), COUNCIL 2 Year (1) TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**CARROLLTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CASSANDRA BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CHEST SPRINGS BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (3), COUNCIL - 2 Year (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CHEST TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**CLEARFIELD TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**CRESSON BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**CRESSON TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**CROYLE TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**DAISYTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 2 Year Term, CONSTABLE

**DALE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**DEAN TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS- 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**EAST CARROLL TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**EAST CONEMAUGH BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**EAST TAYLOR TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**EBENSBURG BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**EHRENFELD BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS - 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**ELDER TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**FERNDALE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (4), COUNCIL - 2 Year Term (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**FRANKLIN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**GALLITZIN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS 6, 4, 2, Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**GALLITZIN TOWNSHIP:** 3 SUPERVISORS 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**GEISTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**HASTINGS BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (4), COUNCIL - 2 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**LILLY BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL – **\*\*Second Ward\*\*** (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**LORAIN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (3), COUNCIL - 2 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**LORETTO BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE

**LOWER YODER TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE

**MIDDLE TAYLOR TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE

**MUNSTER TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**NANTY GLO BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL 1st Ward (2), COUNCIL 2nd Ward (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**NORTHERN CAMBRIA BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**PATTON BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL – WARD 1 (1), COUNCIL – WARD 2 (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**PORTAGE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, WARD 1 – COUNCIL - 2 Year Term - Vote for One (1)  
WARD 2 – COUNCIL - 4 Year Term - Vote for One (1) WARD 2 – COUNCIL - 2 Year Term - Vote for One (1)  
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TAX COLLECTOR - 4 Year Term - Vote for One (1), CONSTABLE - 6 Year Term - Vote for One (1)  
**PORTAGE TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**READE TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR (2), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2, Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**SANKERTOWN BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL - 4 Year (4), COUNCIL - 2 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**SCALP LEVEL BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**SOUTH FORK BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL – 4 Year (4), COUNCIL – 2 Year (2), TAX COLLECTOR  
2 AUDITORS – 6, 2, Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**SOUTHMONT BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP:** WARD 1 – COMMISSIONER - 2 Year Term (1), WARD 2 – COMMISSIONER (1),  
WARD 4 – COMMISSIONER (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE (2)  
**SUMMERHILL BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL 4 Year (4), COUNCIL - 2 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**SUMMERHILL TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 2 AUDITORS – 6, 4 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**TUNNELHILL BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (3), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR - 6 Year (1), SUPERVISOR - 4 Year (1), TAX COLLECTOR,  
2 AUDITORS – 6, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**VINTONDALE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL 4 Year (4), COUNCIL 2 Year (2), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**WEST CARROLL TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**WESTMONT BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (4), TAX COLLECTOR, CONSTABLE  
**WEST TAYLOR TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**WHITE TOWNSHIP:** SUPERVISOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AUDITOR, CONSTABLE  
**WILMORE BOROUGH:** MAYOR, COUNCIL (2), TAX COLLECTOR, 3 AUDITORS – 6, 4, 2 Year Terms, CONSTABLE  
**JUDGE OF ELECTION FOR EACH PRECINCT: 4 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE**  
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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE III, SECTION 9  
RELATING TO TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

***Ballot Question***

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***Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General***

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1**

**RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes to amend Article III, Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide a new

exception to traditional legislative procedure by allowing the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration or a portion of such declaration without needing the Governor's approval.

Currently, Article III, Section 9 establishes a general rule that all orders, resolutions or votes requiring approval by both the House of Representatives and Senate must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto. Resolutions for the adjournment of the General Assembly are exempted from this process. If the order, resolution or vote is approved by the Governor, it becomes law. If the Governor vetoes the resolution, it does not become law unless two-thirds of the House and Senate vote to override the veto. The proposed amendment would create an additional exception to this customary legislative procedure for concurrent resolutions to terminate or extend, in whole or in part, a disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor.

The proposed amendment will also have the effect of reversing a recent ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which held the Pennsylvania Constitution prohibited the General Assembly from passing a concurrent resolution to terminate the Governor's Covid-19 disaster emergency declaration without presenting it to the Governor for his approval. It will change the law to allow the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration through a concurrent resolution approved by only a majority of the members of the House and Senate, without having to present the resolution to the Governor for his approval or veto.

The proposed amendment is limited in that it only changes the traditional legislative process for terminating or extending disaster emergency declarations issued by the Governor. The amendment will not alter the current legislative procedure with respect to which orders, resolutions or votes of the General Assembly must be presented to the Governor for his approval on any other subject matter.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE IV  
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND MANAGEMENT**

***Ballot Question***

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law so that: a disaster emergency declaration will expire automatically after 21 days, regardless of the severity of the emergency, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend the disaster emergency; the Governor may not declare a new disaster emergency to respond to the dangers facing the Commonwealth unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution; the General Assembly enacts new laws for disaster management?

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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1 proposes adding a new section to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment incorporates disaster emergency declaration and management powers directly into the Constitution by:

- Granting the Governor authority to declare a disaster emergency declaration by proclamation or executive order;
- Requiring each declaration to indicate the nature, location and type of disaster;
- Granting the General Assembly authority to pass laws providing for the manner in which each disaster shall be managed;
- Limiting the duration of a Governor's declaration to 21 days, unless otherwise extended, in whole or in part, by a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly;
- Preventing the Governor, upon the expiration of a declaration, from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts, unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution expressly approving a new declaration.

Currently, disaster emergency declaration and management powers are delegated by statute to the Governor. The Governor has the sole authority to issue and manage all disaster emergency declarations, which cannot extend beyond 90 days unless renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may override a Governor's disaster emergency declaration by concurrent resolution that must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto.

If approved, the amendment would transfer certain of the Governor's existing authority to respond to and manage disaster emergencies to the General Assembly. The Governor would retain the authority to issue an initial disaster emergency

declaration but the declaration's permissible length would be reduced from 90 to 21 days. The sole authority to extend a declaration would lie with the General Assembly; presently, this power rests with the Governor. Upon expiration of the initial declaration, the amendment prohibits the Governor from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts without the approval of the General Assembly. The Governor would no longer have unilateral authority to manage disasters, but would have to do so consistent with the laws passed by the General Assembly.

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