

# UMOVA Notice to Military and Overseas Voters

# 2021

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 05/18/2021 in Bradford 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 (570) 265 - 1738, or by email to [smithkorsr@bradfordco.org](mailto:smithkorsr@bradfordco.org)

Military and overseas electors 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, available at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) and this website. Military electors may use the FWAB to register to vote and vote simultaneously.

The FWAB can be used to vote for ALL federal, state, and local offices and ballot initiatives.

To vote, refer to the instructions and page 3 of the FWAB application.

To vote for state and local offices and 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."



# MUNICIPAL PRIMARY NOTICE

In accordance with 25 P.S. §3041 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, notice is hereby given that there will be voted for at the Municipal Primary Election, May 18, 2021 the following offices in the various Polling Places of Election Districts, in the Boroughs, Townships, and Wards of Bradford County, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM prevailing time:

## **DEMOCRATIC BALLOT**

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Bradford County

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Bradford County

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT -- Vote for Two -- All Precincts within Bradford County

## **BOROUGH OFFICES**

Mayor – Vote for One (1)

Tax Collector – Vote for One (1)

Member of Council -- Number and Terms can vary (due to vacancies) by Borough

Auditor -- Number and Terms can vary (due to vacancies) by Borough

## **TOWNSHIP OFFICES**

Supervisor – Number and Terms can vary (due to vacancies) by Township

Tax Collector – Vote for One (1)

Auditor – Number and Terms can vary (due to vacancies) by Township

## **SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

In the various School Districts

Number varies by School District and terms can vary due to vacancies

## **BOARDS OF ELECTION**

Judge of Election – Vote for One (1)

Inspector of Election – Vote for One (1)

Constables – Vote for One (1)

## **REPUBLICAN BALLOT**

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Bradford County

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT -- Vote for One -- All Precincts within Bradford County

JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT -- Vote for Two -- All Precincts within Bradford County

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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.

# Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

- If you do not receive your absentee ballot in enough time to meet your State's deadlines, use this ballot as a backup. If you send in this ballot and receive your State's ballot later, you should fill out and return your State ballot as well. Your election office will count only one ballot.
- The following require you to register and request an absentee ballot before filling out this form: AL, AS, AR, CT, FL, GU, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, MI, NH, NJ, NM, NY, PA, PR, RI, TX, VT, WV, and WY. If your State or territory is listed, complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) online at FVAP.gov.
- If you already registered and requested a ballot, send in the *Voter Information* page and the *Official Backup Ballot*.

## Use this form if you are:

- On active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine
- An eligible spouse or dependent
- On active duty in the National Guard under State orders (some States only)
- A U.S. citizen living outside the United States

## You can vote wherever you are. This is how.

1. Fill out your *Voter Information* page completely and accurately.
  - Your U.S. voting residence address is used to determine where you are eligible to vote absentee. For military voters, it is usually your last address in your State of legal residence. For overseas citizens, it is usually the last place you lived before moving overseas. You do not need to have any current ties with this address.
  - Most States allow you to provide a Driver's License number or the last 4 digits of your SSN. Some States require a full SSN. See your State's guidelines at FVAP.gov.
  - Most States require you to specify a political party to vote in primary elections. This information may be used to register you with a party.
  - Remember to sign the bottom of the *Voter Information* page!
2. Carefully fill out your *Official Backup Ballot*.
  - DO NOT sign your ballot or include any personal information. Keep your ballot anonymous.
  - Remove the adhesive liner from the top and sides of your ballot.
  - Fold and seal tightly.
3. Assemble your documents for mailing.
  - Put your *Voter Information* page and *Official Backup Ballot* into the envelope.
  - You can find the address for your election office at FVAP.gov.
  - All States accept this form by mail, but they vary on email and fax. See your State's rules in the *Voting Assistance Guide* online at FVAP.gov.

### Agency Disclosure Statement

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time to review instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Dr., East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100, [OMB Control #0704-0502]. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. DO NOT RETURN YOUR FORM TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

### Privacy Act Statement

**Authority:** The authority to collect your personal information on this form comes from 52 U.S.C. § 20301, "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)."

**Principal purpose:** This form serves as a write-in absentee ballot for elections for Federal office or other elections provided by State law or special provisions for all persons covered by UOCAVA.

**Routine use(s):** There is no retention of this information by the Federal government. Completed forms are sent by you to an appropriate State election official.

**Disclosure:** Your disclosure of personal information is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may result in the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot not being recognized and therefore not counted.

**Questions? Email [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov)**

# Voter Information

## Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Have you already registered and requested an absentee ballot?

Yes

No

Some States allow you to use this form to register and request ballots for future elections. Visit [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) for more details.

Print clearly in blue or black ink.

### 1. Who are you? Pick one.

For absent Uniformed Service members, their families, and citizens residing outside the United States.

- I am on active duty in the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine **-OR-**  I am an eligible spouse or dependent.  
 I am an activated National Guard member on State orders.  
 I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I intend to return.  
 I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and my return is uncertain.  
 I am a U.S. citizen living outside the country, and I have never lived in the United States.

Last name	Suffix (Jr., II)	Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
First name	Previous names (if applicable)		
Middle name	Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY)	/	/
Social Security Number	Driver's license or State ID #		

### 2. What is your U.S. voting residence address?

Your voting materials will not be sent to this address. See instructions on other side of form.

Street address	Apt #
City, town, village	State
County	ZIP

### 3. Where are you now? You must give your CURRENT contact information.

Your mailing address. (Different from above)	Your mail forwarding address. (If applicable)

### 4. What is your contact information? This is so election officials can reach you about your request.

Provide the country code and area code with your phone and fax number. Do not use a Defense Switched Network (DSN) number.

Email:	Phone:
Alternate email:	Fax:

### 5. What is your voting preference for future elections?

Do you want to register and request a ballot for all elections you are eligible to vote in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How do you want to receive voting materials from your election office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Email or online <input type="checkbox"/> Fax	What is your political party for primary elections?
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### 6. What additional information must you provide?

The following need more information: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Puerto Rico, Virginia, and Wisconsin. (Ex. Witness signature, etc.) You may also use this space to clarify your voter information. See the Voting Assistance Guide online at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

### 7. You must read and sign this statement.

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and I am not disqualified to vote due to having been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense, nor have I been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States, except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.
- In voting, I have marked and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except those authorized to assist voters under State and Federal law.

Sign here **X**

Today's date  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

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# Official Backup Ballot

## Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

**Vote by writing the NAME or PARTY of the candidates you choose. To find out about specific candidates and races go to [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).**

Print clearly in blue or black ink.

### Instructions

- This ballot can be used to vote for federal offices.
- DO NOT write your name or any identifying number (SSN, driver's license) on this ballot.
- Photocopy this page if you require additional room for candidates or ballot initiatives.
- If you are voting in American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, you may vote for Delegate or Resident Commissioner, and in presidential primaries. State laws vary about using the FWAB for other offices like Governor or Mayor. Learn more online at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

### Federal offices

President and Vice President

U.S. Senator

U. S. Representative, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner to Congress

### Non-federal offices

Office

Candidate name

Political party

### Ballot initiatives

# Official Ballot

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

**Private**

Fold your ballot and keep it private. Put it in the envelope.