

Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters

County of Luzerne

2019 Municipal Election (November 5, 2019)

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted on 11/5/2019 in Luzerne County. You may register to vote and request an official absentee ballot by using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA), available at www.votespa.com or www.fvap.gov. You may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting your FPCA by fax to (570) 820 - 6399, or by email to elections@luzernecounty.org

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.

You may use the FWAB to vote for all state and local offices, and ballot initiatives.

To vote, refer to page 9 of the FWAB.

To vote for state and local offices or for 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."

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT	ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LUZERNE COUNTY		VOTE FOR	2
COUNTY COUNCIL	ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LUZERNE COUNTY	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	6
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	ALL PRECINCTS WITHIN LUZERNE COUNTY	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	11-1-03	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	11-1-04	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	11-3-07	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	BERWICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	5
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	CRESTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	5
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	HANOVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	5
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	5
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	LAKE LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION 1	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	LAKE LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION 2	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	LAKE LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION 3	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	5
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	PITTSTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	5
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	5
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	5
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION 1	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION 3	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION 4	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION 7	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT REGION 9	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	ASHLEY BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	AVOCA BOROUGH WARD 1	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	AVOCA BOROUGH WARD 2	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	AVOCA BOROUGH WARD 3	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	BEAR CREEK VILLAGE BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	BEAR CREEK VILLAGE BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	BUCK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	BUCK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	BUCK TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	BUCK TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	BUTLER TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	BUTLER TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	CONYNGHAM BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
AUDITOR	CONYNGHAM BOROUGH	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	CONYNGHAM TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	CONYNGHAM TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	COURTDALE BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	COURTDALE BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TAX COLLECTOR	COURTDALE BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	DALLAS BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	DALLAS TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	DALLAS TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	DALLAS TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	DENNISON TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	DENNISON TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	DENNISON TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	DENNISON TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	DORRANCE TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	DORRANCE TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	DORRANCE TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	DORRANCE TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	DUPONT BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
TAX COLLECTOR	DUPONT BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	DURYEA BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	EDWARDSVILLE BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
BOROUGH COUNCIL	EXETER BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	EXETER TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	EXETER TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	FAIRMOUNT TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FAIRMOUNT TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	FORTY FORT BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
BOROUGH COUNCIL	FORTY FORT BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	FOSTER TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FOSTER TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FOSTER TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	FREELAND BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	FREELAND BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER	HANOVER TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
BOROUGH COUNCIL	HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	HAZLE TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TAX COLLECTOR	HAZLE TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	HAZLE TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	HAZLE TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
CITY MAYOR	HAZLETON CITY	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
CITY COUNCIL	HAZLETON CITY	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	HOLLENBACK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	HOLLENBACK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	HUGHESTOWN BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
AUDITOR	HUGHESTOWN BOROUGH	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	HUNLOCK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	HUNLOCK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	HUNLOCK TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	HUNLOCK TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	JACKSON TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	JACKSON TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH MAYOR	JEDDO BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	JEDDO BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
BOROUGH COUNCIL	JEDDO BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	JENKINS TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	JENKINS TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	KINGSTON BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH MAYOR	LAFLIN BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1

BOROUGH COUNCIL	LAFLIN BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	3
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	LAKE TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	LAKE TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	LAKE TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	LAKE TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	LAKE TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	LARKSVILLE BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	LAUREL RUN BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	LEHMAN TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	LEHMAN TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	LUZERNE BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	2
CITY MAYOR	NANTICOKE CITY	2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
CITY COUNCIL	NANTICOKE CITY	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	NESCOPECK BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	4
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	NESCOPECK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	NESCOPECK TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	NEW COLUMBUS BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	2
TAX COLLECTOR	NEW COLUMBUS BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER	NEWPORT TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	NUANGOLA BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH MAYOR	PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	2
BOROUGH COUNCIL	PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH	2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
CITY COUNCIL	PITTSTON CITY	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	2
CITY TREASURER	PITTSTON CITY	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	PITTSTON TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	PITTSTON TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	PITTSTON TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	PITTSTON TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER	PLAINS TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	PLYMOUTH BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	3
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP	2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	PRINGLE BOROUGH	4 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	3
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	RICE TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	RICE TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	ROSS TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	ROSS TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	SALEM TOWNSHIP	6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR	1

AUDITOR	SALEM TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	SALEM TOWNSHIP		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
TAX COLLECTOR	SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH		2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	SLOCUM TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	SLOCUM TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	SLOCUM TOWNSHIP		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	SLOCUM TOWNSHIP		2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	SUGAR NOTCH BOROUGH		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP		2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	SWOYERSVILLE BOROUGH	WARD 1	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	SWOYERSVILLE BOROUGH	WARD 2	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	SWOYERSVILLE BOROUGH	WARD 3	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	UNION TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	UNION TOWNSHIP		2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	UNION TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
AUDITOR	UNION TOWNSHIP		2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WEST HAZLETON BOROUGH		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WEST PITTSTON BOROUGH		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WEST WYOMING BOROUGH		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WHITE HAVEN BOROUGH		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	4
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WHITE HAVEN BOROUGH		2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
CITY MAYOR	WILKES BARRE CITY		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
CITY COUNCIL	WILKES BARRE CITY DISTRICT A		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
CITY COUNCIL	WILKES BARRE CITY DISTRICT B		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
CITY COUNCIL	WILKES BARRE CITY DISTRICT C		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
CITY COUNCIL	WILKES BARRE CITY DISTRICT D		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
CITY COUNCIL	WILKES BARRE CITY DISTRICT E		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
CITY CONTROLLER	WILKES BARRE CITY		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP MAYOR	WILKES BARRE TOWNSHIP		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL	WILKES BARRE TOWNSHIP		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	WRIGHT TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	2
AUDITOR	WRIGHT TOWNSHIP		6 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WYOMING BOROUGH	WARD 1	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WYOMING BOROUGH	WARD 1	2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WYOMING BOROUGH	WARD 2	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	WYOMING BOROUGH	WARD 3	4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1
BOROUGH COUNCIL	YATESVILLE BOROUGH		4 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	3
TAX COLLECTOR	YATESVILLE BOROUGH		2 YEAR TERM	VOTE FOR	1

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to grant certain rights to crime victims, including to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity; considering their safety in bail proceedings; timely notice and opportunity to take part in public proceedings; reasonable protection from the accused; right to refuse discovery requests made by the accused; restitution and return of property; proceedings free from delay; and to be informed of these rights, so they can enforce them?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

The proposed amendment, if approved by the electorate, will add a new section to Article I of the Pennsylvania Constitution. That amendment will provide victims of crimes with certain, new constitutional rights that must be protected in the same way as the rights afforded to individuals accused of committing a crime.

The proposed amendment defines “victim” as both a person against whom the criminal act was committed and any person who was directly harmed by it. The accused or any person a court decides is not acting in the best interest of a victim cannot be a victim.

Generally, the proposed amendment would grant victims the constitutional right to receive notice and be present and speak at public proceedings involving the alleged criminal conduct. It would also grant victims the constitutional right to receive notice of any escape or release of the accused and the right to have their safety and the safety of their family considered in setting the amount of bail and other release conditions. It would also create several other new constitutional rights, such as the right to timely restitution and return of property, the right to refuse to answer questions asked by the accused, and the right to speak with a government attorney.

Specifically, the proposed amendment would establish the following new rights for victims:

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- *To be treated with fairness and respect for the victim’s safety, dignity and privacy*
 - *To have the safety of the victim and the victim’s family considered in fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the accused*
 - *To reasonable and timely notice of and to be present at all public proceedings involving the criminal or delinquent conduct*
 - *To be notified of any pretrial disposition of the case*
 - *With the exception of grand jury proceedings, to be heard in any proceeding where a right of the victim is implicated, including, but not limited to, release, plea, sentencing, disposition, parole and pardon*
 - *To be notified of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified of the parole of the offender*
 - *To reasonable protection from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused*
 - *To reasonable notice of any release or escape of the accused*
 - *To refuse an interview, deposition or other discovery request made by the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused*
 - *Full and timely restitution from the person or entity convicted for the unlawful conduct*
 - *Full and timely restitution as determined by the court in a juvenile delinquency proceeding*
 - *To the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence*

- *To proceedings free from unreasonable delay and a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-conviction proceedings*
 - *To confer with the attorney for the government*
 - *To be informed of all rights enumerated in this section*
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The proposed amendment would allow a victim or prosecutor to ask a court to enforce these constitutional rights but would not allow a victim to become a legal party to the criminal proceeding or sue the Commonwealth or any political subdivision, such as a county or municipality, for monetary damages.

Once added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, these specific rights of victims cannot be eliminated, except by a judicial decision finding all or part of the amendment unconstitutional or the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment. If approved, the General Assembly may pass a law to implement these new, constitutional rights, but it may not pass a law eliminating them. If approved, State and local governments will need to create new procedures to ensure that victims receive the rights provided for by the amendment.

RETENTION QUESTIONS

Judge of the Superior Court

Shall Anne E Lazarus be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Judge of the Superior Court

Shall Judy Olson be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Judge of the Commonwealth Court

Shall Kevin Brobson be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Judge of the Commonwealth Court

Shall Patricia A McCullough be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Shall William H Amesbury be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 11th Judicial District, Luzerne County?

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Shall Thomas F Burke, Jr be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 11th Judicial District, Luzerne County?

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Shall Tina Polachek Gartley be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 11th Judicial District, Luzerne County?

