

The Board of Elections voted on February 9, 2022 to no longer accept letters of accumulation for write-in candidates. The Board will not group similar names together based on letters of accumulation received from candidates. For example, for a candidate having the name John C. Smith, votes cast for John C. Smith, J. Smith, J. C. Smith, and Jon Smith will all appear separately on the certification. As such, the Board of Elections will certify votes cast on ballots exactly as names are written on the ballot.

The Board of Elections recommends that all write-in candidates provide cards to voters with the candidate's name clearly printed on the card. It is also recommended that the candidate ask the voter to print the name on the ballot exactly as it appears on the information card. The use of stickers is prohibited. Self-inking stamps as a means of voting for a write-in candidate are strongly discouraged because of the potential for wet ink to transfer and damage the optical scan voting equipment.

Once the election is concluded, the Board of Elections will certify the results. The results of the certification process will appear on the Luzerne County website. For the legal requirements for persons nominated by more than one party for the same office under different names after certification by the Board of Elections, please refer to the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 3156."