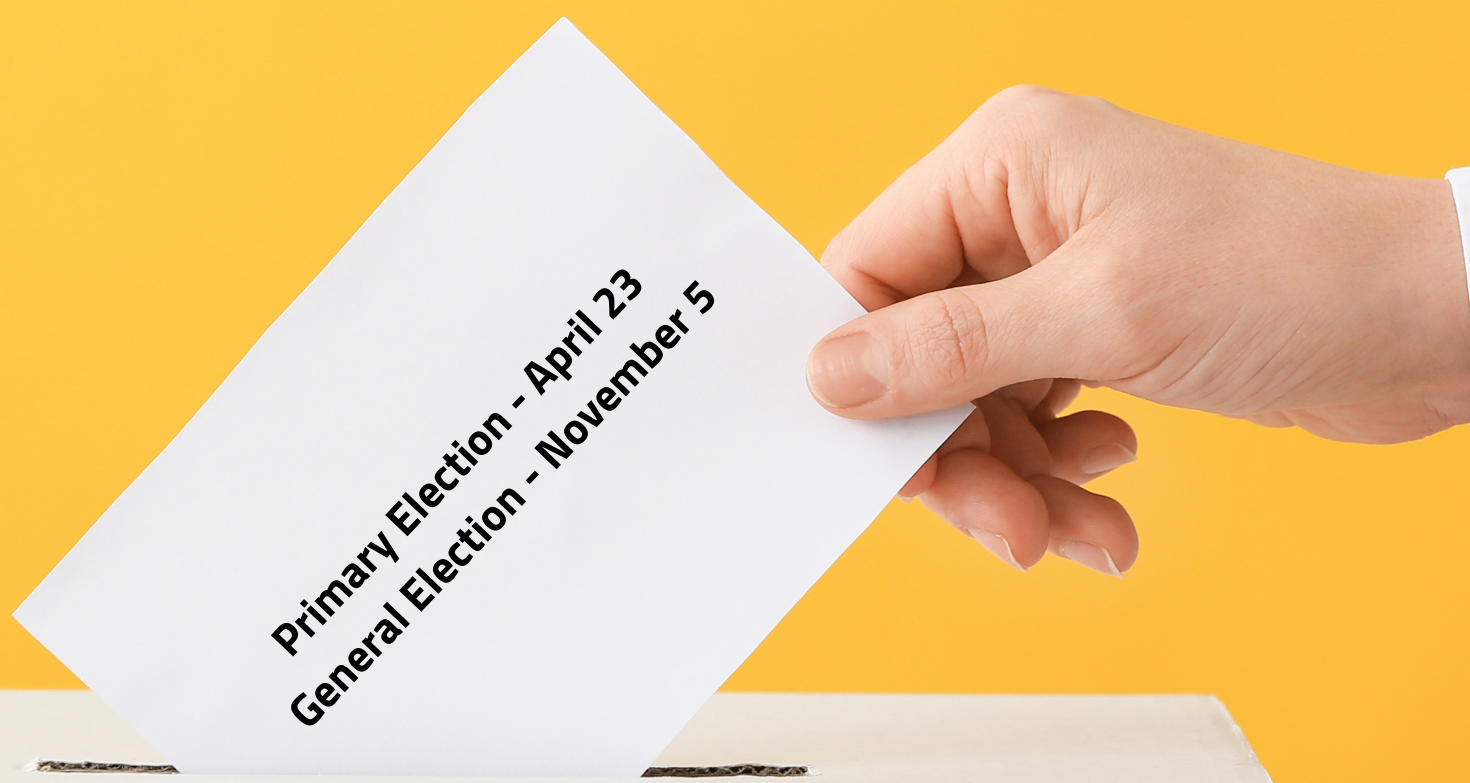


Lancaster Chamber

Elections Guide

2024 Presidential Election



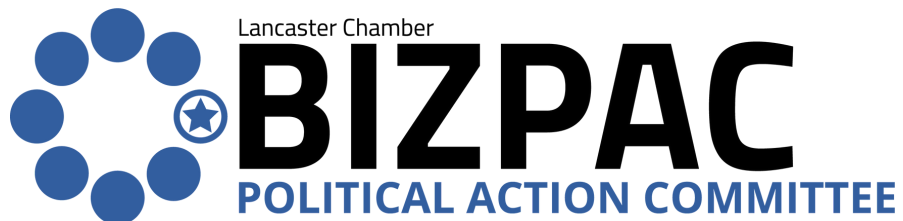
Primary Election - April 23
General Election - November 5

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How to use this elections guide!

Federal, statewide, and local elections have a significant impact on how we do business. Before you head to the polls, make sure you have all the knowledge needed to make an educated decision. Browse this elections guide to learn more about the current election landscape, the elections process, and how to ensure your vote is counted. Feel free to share this with your colleagues/employees to double the impact!



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Primary Election

Purpose of the primary election

Primaries are elections that political parties use to select candidates for a general election. Each party's candidates run against each other in the general election.

Pennsylvania runs a “closed primary”

In a closed primary, voters may only vote in the primary of the party they are registered with. For example, a voter registered as a Republican can only vote in a Republican primary. Unaffiliated or independent voters are not able to participate in the primary.

“Winner takes all” system

In Pennsylvania, the winner of a primary election is the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes, even if he or she does not win an outright majority of votes cast. The parties determine the number of delegates in each state, with Republicans awarding 67 delegates and Democrats awarding 173 delegates to their respective nominating conventions.



Important Dates

APRIL 8

Register to vote by April 8. If you've moved, changed your name, or wish to change your party affiliation, you can update your registration status online, by mail, or in person using the [voter registration application form](#).

APRIL 16

Mail-in ballot or absentee ballots must be requested by 5pm. Registered voters can apply for a [Mail-in Ballot](#) online, download, print, and mail in an application, or fill out an application in-person at the Lancaster County Office of Elections.

APRIL 23

Completed mail-in ballots must be received by the Lancaster County Office of Elections by 8pm. Ballots may be mailed to: P.O. Box 2139 Lancaster, PA 17608. You can track the progress of your absentee or mail-in ballot at vote.pa.gov/MailBallotStatus. Voters may drop off their own ballots at 150 N Queen St. Suite 117 Lancaster, PA 17603.



VOTER STATUS

You can [register to vote](#) if you're:

- A U.S. citizen at least 30 days before the next election.
- A resident of Pennsylvania and your election district for at least 30 days before the next election.
- At least 18 years of age on the day of the next election.

[Check your registration status](#) using your name, your PennDOT Driver's License, or PennDOT ID.

Terms and Elections

Pennsylvania

Governing Body	2024	2023	2022	Term Length
President	X			4
U.S. Senate	X		X	6
U.S. House	X		X	2
Governor			X	4
Other State Executive	X		X	2
State Senate	X		X	4
State House	X		X	2
State Supreme Court		X		10
Appellate Court		X		10
Municipal Government		X		Varies
School Board		X		Varies
Ballot Measures		X		N/A



Overview of Congress

How many members of Congress are there?

There are a total of 535 Members of Congress. 100 serve in the U.S. Senate and 435 serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How long do members of Congress' terms last?

Members of the House of Representatives serve two-year terms and are considered for reelection every even year. Senators however, serve six-year terms and elections to the Senate are staggered over even years so that only about 1/3 of the Senate is up for reelection during any election.

How many members of Congress come from each state?

Each state sends two Senators to represent their state in the U.S. Senate. However, in the House of Representatives, a state's representation is based on its population. For example, smaller states like Vermont and Delaware have one representative, while large states like California have 53 representatives. Pennsylvania has 17 representatives, with 1 representing Lancaster County, known as the 11th District.

How many people do congressmen and senators represent?

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives each represent a portion of their state known as a Congressional District; Lancaster County is in the 11th district, which covers over 760,000 people. Senators however, represent the entire state.

Overview of State Government

How many members of the General Assembly are there?

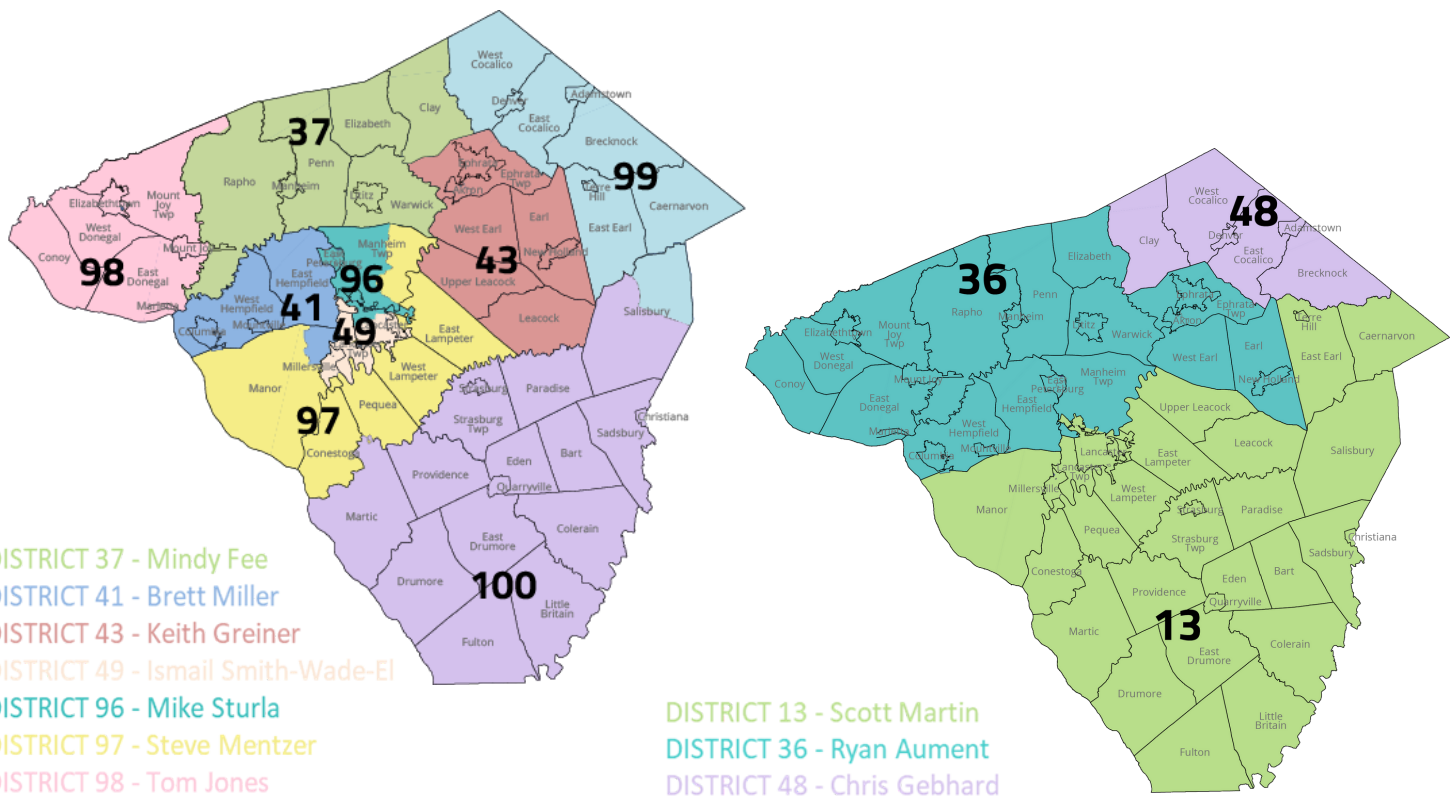
There are 203 members of the House of Representatives and 50 members of the Senate. Pennsylvania has the second largest state legislature in the country and the largest full-time legislature!

How long do Assembly members' terms last?

Members of the House of Representatives are elected for two-year terms from single member districts. Senators are elected for four-year terms, with elections staggered every two years. Even numbered seats and off numbered seats are contested in separate election years.

How many Assembly members come from each county?

Pennsylvania is divided into 50 Senatorial districts, each with approximately 250,000 people. Each district has one state senator. The state is divided into smaller 203 House districts, each with approximately 60,000 people. There are nine state representatives and three state senators that represent parts of Lancaster County in the state legislature.



Thank you for making a plan to vote!



See what's on your ballot

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Impact Report

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