

ACT 77 CHANGES

➤ **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

- The deadline for registering to vote in any election is now 15 days before Election Day as opposed to 30 days previously.
- The application **MUST** be in the County Election Office by close of business on the day of the deadline. Postmarks are no longer considered timely.

➤ **PETITION CHANGES**

- The changes to the petitions involve the “Circulators”
- Circulators no longer need to be residents of the election district in which they are circulating petitions.
- Circulators now need only to complete a statement for signature pages, rather than a notarized affidavit.
- Do not use “old” petitions, as they are no longer valid. Always get your petition packets from the local County Election Office.

➤ **STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING**

- Voters will no longer have a shortcut option to vote straight party, (this only applies to November elections as Primary ballots are “party” ballots)
- Voters do have the option to individually select only candidates from one party.

➤ **STICKERS FOR WRITE-IN BALLOTS**

- The use of stickers and paste-on labels for write-in candidates is now prohibited. Write-in names must be either written or stamped.

➤ **ABSENTEE BALLOTING**

- Absentee ballots are available for anyone who;
 - Will be out of the municipality on Election day
 - Due to illness or permanent disability
- Voters with a permanent disability may request to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list. These individuals will have an application mailed to them by the first week in February each year, which, if completed and returned, entitles them to receive ballots in the mail for all elections taking place in the remainder of the calendar year and for any special elections through the third week in February of the following year.
- These “permanent” voters will require a Doctors affidavit, which will be found on the second page of the Absentee application.
- Deadlines for absentee ballots are as follows:
 - Applications must be in the correct county Election office by 5:00 PM the Tuesday before any election.
 - Voted ballots must be received in the correct county Election Office by 8:00 PM on Election Day
- A voter who votes a timely received absentee ballot now **MAY NOT** vote at the polling place. If the voter requests but does **NOT** mail back their absentee ballot in time, they may still deliver the absentee ballot, **IN PERSON**, to the county election office until 8:00 PM on Election Day, or if they cannot do so, may vote by **Provisional Ballot** at the polling place.

➤ **MAIL-IN BALLOTING**

- This is a new ballot option available to the voters in Pennsylvania
- Unlike Absentee Ballots, voters requesting a Mail-in ballot do not have to provide any reason or excuse for voting by mail
- Voters may request to be placed on a permanent mail-in voter list. These individuals will have an application mailed to them by the first week in February each year, which, if completed and returned, entitles them to receive ballots in the mail for all elections taking place in the remainder of the calendar year and for any special elections through the third week in February of the following year.
- Unlike Absentee voters, you do not need a Doctors affidavit to be placed on the Permanent Mail-in voter list. Just simply check the box in section 7 of the application and you will be placed on the Permanent list.
- Deadlines for Mail-in ballots are as follows:
 - Applications must be in the **correct** county Election office by 5:00 PM the Tuesday before any election.
 - Voted ballots must be received in the **correct** county Election Office by 8:00 PM on Election Day
- A voter who votes a timely received Mail-in ballot now **MAY NOT** vote at the polling place. If the voter requests but does **NOT** mail back their Mail-in ballot in time, they may still deliver the Mail-in ballot, **IN PERSON**, to the county election office until 8:00 PM on Election Day, or if they cannot do so, may vote by **Provisional Ballot** at the polling place.

➤ **APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE OR MAIL-IN BALLOT**

- Voters can apply for either of these ballots on line at votesPA.com
- Applications are available by request through the Election Office
- Clearfield County Voters can print off the applications that can be found on our website at clearfieldco.org
- Be sure to contact the county election office in the county that you live in to receive proper instructions for voting in that county.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONTACT THE COUNTY OF YOUR RESIDENCE

IN GREENE COUNTY:

Greene County Election/Voter Registration Office

93 East High Street, Room 102

Waynesburg, PA 15370

(724)852-5230

e-mail: jsnyder@co.greene.pa.us or kdugan@co.greene.pa.us