# Pennsylvania 36th District Special Election

March 25, 2025

# What is a special election?

Pennsylvania holds special elections when a public official can no longer serve. This may occur due to resignation, death, or removal from office. In these instances, voters choose a replacement to complete the remainder of the term. In this case, former Senator Ryan Aument resigned, and the elected candidate will serve the remainder of his term, which lasts approximately two years.

# Who can vote in a special election?

You are eligible to vote in this election if you're a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and reside in one of the following municipalities: Conoy, Earl, East Donegal, East Hempfield, Elizabeth, Ephrata, Manheim, Mount Joy, Penn, Rapho, Warwick, West Donegal, West Earl and West Hempfield townships, as well as Akron, Columbia, East Petersburg, Elizabethtown, Ephrata, Lititz, Manheim, Marietta, Mount Joy, Mountville and New Holland boroughs. Voters must be registered. Voters can check their registration status including State Senate District, Municipality and Polling Precinct online at: pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx.

# How do I vote in a special election?

## If you're voting IN-PERSON...

- Figure out where your polling location is, and if you've recently moved, make sure to update your voter registration information to get your new polling place.
- Confirm what time you'll vote and how you'll get there. In Pennsylvania, polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are in line at or before 8 p.m. (when polls close), you will be allowed to cast your vote.
- Think about what you'll need to bring to the polls. When voting at a polling place for the first time, you must show proof of identification. That can be a driver's license, passport, student ID, or utility bill.

Find your polling place here! pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx



## If you're voting by MAIL-IN BALLOT...

- Make sure to apply for your mail-in ballot early and to return it before election day. You can mail it in or deliver your ballot to the Lancaster County Board of Elections office.
- All registered PA voters can cast their ballot by mail. Applications are available in multiple languages.
- You do not need an excuse to apply for a mail-in ballot.
- When you're ready to vote, follow this step-by-step:
  - · Mark your ballot, following the instructions.
  - Place your ballot in the provided secrecy envelope marked only "official election ballot" and then seal and put the secrecy envelope into the official return envelope. Make sure you complete and sign the back of the official return envelope or the ballot may not be counted.
  - Return your ballot to the Lancaster County Board of Elections by the deadline of 8 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots may be mailed to: P.O. Box 2139 Lancaster, PA 17608 or voters can drop off their own ballots at 150 N Queen St. Suite 117 Lancaster, PA 17603.

Check the status of your mail-in ballot at this link: pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/ballottracking.aspx

# If I am a permanent mail-in voter, will I need to apply for both a Special Election and Primary mail-in ballot?

On your 2025 Mail-in Ballot Application, if you select the box to be a permanent mail-in voter OR if you are already a permanent mail-in voter, you will automatically receive, when available, the Special Election, Primary and General Election Mail-in Ballots for 2025.

Any voter not already on the permanent mail-in ballot list, who completes an application and does not check the box to be on the permanent list will be required to complete another Mail-in Ballot Application after March 18, 2025 if they wish to receive a ballot for the Municipal Primary.

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!

Ask yourself WHEN you plan to vote: Add it to your calendar today! Ask yourself HOW you plan to vote: By mail or on election day? **Important Dates: March 2025** 

#### **MARCH 10:**

Last day to register to vote for the special election

#### **MARCH 18:**

Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot

#### **MARCH 25:**

36th Senatorial District Special Election Day

# **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!

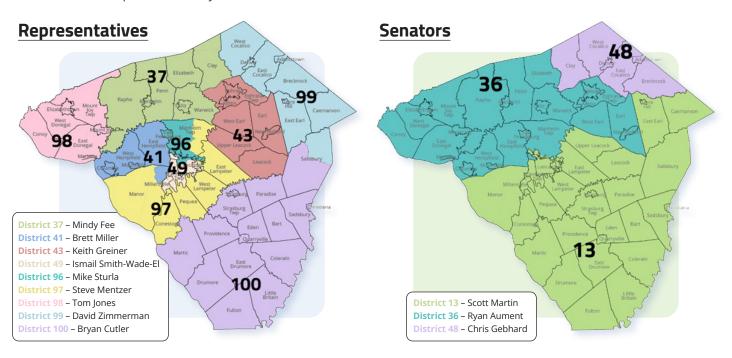
## How long do Assembly members' terms last?

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.

# What are the qualifications to run for office in the General Assembly?

**House of Representatives:** Must be at least 21 years old, a citizen of Pennsylvania for at least four years, and a resident of the district they wish to represent for at least one year before the election.

**Senate:** Must be at least 25 years old, a citizen of Pennsylvania for at least four years, and a resident of the district they wish to represent for at least one year before the election.



# **About the Lancaster Chamber**

Vision: Lancaster County. A thriving community for all.

Mission: Create the environment, facilitate partnerships, and lead on issues that elevate business success.

At the Lancaster Chamber, we believe that a strong community and economy are built on the foundation of informed and active citizenship. We are dedicated to promoting civic learning and engagement through a non-partisan approach, ensuring that all Lancastrians are equipped to make knowledgeable decisions in local, state, and federal elections. By fostering an environment where civic participation is encouraged and valued, we aim to empower individuals and strengthen our community's overall vitality.

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