



# Pennsylvania 2020 Primary Election Act 35 of 2020 Report

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## Introduction

On June 2, 2020, Pennsylvania held a primary election under unprecedented conditions. Prior to the primary, significant changes were implemented to the voting processes in Pennsylvania.

First, all Pennsylvanians voted on new, more accessible, auditable, and secure voting systems providing a voter-verifiable paper ballot. All 67 counties debuted their new voting systems in 2019 or the 2020 primary, completing a two-year initiative to bring these new systems with augmented election security and integrity to all Pennsylvanians.

Second, the Commonwealth for the first time in over 80 years significantly increased voting options, thanks to bipartisan support of Act 77 of 2019, which granted Pennsylvania voters enhanced options to participate in our democracy. One of those options provided that all eligible voters could now choose to vote by mail-in ballot.

Though unknown at the time, the timing of passage of Act 77 and mail-in voting was essential due to a third change: the spread of COVID-19. Due to the pandemic and stay-at-home orders implemented to stop the spread of the virus, Pennsylvanians embraced mail-in voting in impressive numbers. Nearly 1.5 million voters cast their vote by mail-in or absentee ballot, 17 times the number that voted absentee in the 2016 primary, when approximately 84,000 absentee ballots were cast.

And fourth, circumstances changed even further just days before our primary election, when we experienced civil unrest nationally and in regions throughout the Commonwealth in response to the tragic death of George Floyd, leading to curfews, travel restrictions, and office closures.

Yet, despite the changes and challenges, Pennsylvanians voted safely and peacefully in the primary, embracing the new mail-in voting option, and the new voting systems performed well. Reports of significant incidents were fewer than reported in many comparable prior elections, and our overall turnout was far higher than in 2012, the last time a presidential primary was not contested on both sides of the aisle. In addition to the nearly 1.5 million people who voted by mail, over 1.3 million Pennsylvanians voted in person on June 2.

We also learned some valuable lessons from the primary that we can use to ensure an even smoother voting experience in the general election in November.

In March 2020, Act 12 of 2020 was enacted, changing the date of the Primary from April 28 to June 2. Temporary changes, including allowing counties the ability to more quickly and easily appoint and staff polling places, were part of what allowed the 2020 Primary to be conducted safely and efficiently in the middle of a pandemic. While some of these Act 12 changes were temporary and expired after the primary, the Department of State and the county election offices agree that several of these temporary provisions relating to poll workers would be valuable and should be made permanent.

Other principal goals are to make it easier for counties to distribute and count mail-in ballots. The sheer volume of these ballots delayed some primary results in several counties. Our top priority is and has always been the accurate count of the ballots, and we know every voter shares this commitment. In addition, we also want to help the counties canvass these ballots as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The single most important change to accomplish this is a legislative change: We hope to work with the General Assembly to allow counties to begin pre-canvassing ballots in the weeks before Election Day. The counties overwhelmingly support this reform, and we hope the legislature shares this priority and will pass this amendment before counties finalize and begin sending ballots in early September.

Additionally, the Department is working with the counties to develop timelines and best practices, to map out the most effective processes before November, including recommendations on additional equipment, staffing, and schedules necessary to effectively process the high volume of mail-in ballots expected in November.

This report represents the fullest collection of data relating to the 2020 Primary Election, which may be helpful in mapping additional changes to Pennsylvania's Election Code that would be useful prior to the November Election. It includes some data not requested pursuant to Act 35, in order to provide more context for and a more complete presentation of the data.

The data referenced and presented in this report was obtained from two sources: The Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE), which is the statewide database used by county election officials to maintain elections and voter data, and the responses to uniform surveys that the Department sent to each county election director. Each county board of elections is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the data that it enters into SURE and for its own responses to the Department's surveys. The Department has no ability to independently verify or guarantee the accuracy of the data received solely from the county boards of elections.

## Voter Registration Statistics

Registered Voters as of June 2, 2020<sup>1</sup>

County	Registered Voters
ADAMS	67,695
ALLEGHENY	898,944
ARMSTRONG	42,128
BEAVER	110,663
BEDFORD	32,237
BERKS	256,863
BLAIR	75,535
BRADFORD	36,324
BUCKS	461,310
BUTLER	129,783
CAMBRIA	83,182
CAMERON	2,987
CARBON	44,339
CENTRE	109,015
CHESTER	359,265
CLARION	23,239
CLEARFIELD	46,523
CLINTON	20,811
COLUMBIA	38,035
CRAWFORD	53,613
CUMBERLAND	178,406
DAUPHIN	187,621
DELAWARE	404,732
ELK	19,223
ERIE	195,467
FAYETTE	77,316
FOREST	3,385
FRANKLIN	94,623
FULTON	9,124
GREENE	21,704
HUNTINGDON	26,687
INDIANA	49,874
JEFFERSON	30,256
JUNIATA	13,633
LACKAWANNA	142,575

County	Registered Voters
LANCASTER	331,820
LAWRENCE	54,204
LEBANON	86,963
LEHIGH	234,842
LUZERNE	211,276
LYCOMING	69,008
McKEAN	24,098
MERCER	70,706
MIFFLIN	25,283
MONROE	109,981
MONTGOMERY	574,403
MONTOUR	13,299
NORTHAMPTON	212,972
NORTHUMBERLAND	53,985
PERRY	28,054
PHILADELPHIA	1,076,764
PIKE	40,955
POTTER	10,687
SCHUYLKILL	85,526
SNYDER	22,180
SOMERSET	46,659
SULLIVAN	4,416
SUSQUEHANNA	25,516
TIOGA	25,221
UNION	24,050
VENANGO	31,048
WARREN	30,486
WASHINGTON	145,882
WAYNE	33,353
WESTMORELAND	239,997
WYOMING	17,209
YORK	291,334
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,599,294</b>

Table 1: Data obtained from the SURE system.

<sup>1</sup> Data not requested by Act 35 but included for informational purposes.

## Voter Registration Statistics

Voter Registration Applications Received by County Election Offices Fewer than 30 Days Before the 2020 Primary Election.

In other words, this represents voter registration applications received between May 4, 2020 and June 2, 2020.

County	Applications Received 5/4/20 – 6/2/20
ADAMS	1,522
ALLEGHENY	23,248
ARMSTRONG	951
BEAVER	2,676
BEDFORD	655
BERKS	6,589
BLAIR	1,998
BRADFORD	768
BUCKS	10,976
BUTLER	3,254
CAMBRIA	1,891
CAMERON	62
CARBON	1,061
CENTRE	2,882
CHESTER	9,515
CLARION	568
CLEARFIELD	1,430
CLINTON	614
COLUMBIA	1,057
CRAWFORD	1,259
CUMBERLAND	4,383
DAUPHIN	4,892
DELAWARE	10,611
ELK	444
ERIE	4,454
FAYETTE	1,891
FOREST	65
FRANKLIN	2,310
FULTON	205
GREENE	434
HUNTINGDON	615

County	Applications Received 5/4/20 – 6/2/20
INDIANA	1,042
JEFFERSON	779
JUNIATA	294
LACKAWANNA	3,561
LANCASTER	8,666
LAWRENCE	1,226
LEBANON	2,185
LEHIGH	6,780
LUZERNE	4,945
LYCOMING	1,698
McKEAN	636
MERCER	1,665
MIFFLIN	692
MONROE	2,629
MONTGOMERY	16,778
MONTOUR	348
NORTHAMPTON	5,222
NORTHUMBERLAND	1,362
PERRY	696
PHILADELPHIA	31,678
PIKE	941
POTTER	225
SCHUYLKILL	2,036
SNYDER	538
SOMERSET	1,067
SULLIVAN	83
SUSQUEHANNA	474
TIOGA	513
UNION	596
VENANGO	788
WARREN	417
WASHINGTON	3,463
WAYNE	659
WESTMORELAND	5,514
WYOMING	382
YORK	7,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,989</b>

Table 2: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Voter Registration Statistics

### Voter Registration Applications Fewer than 15 Days before Primary Election

Voter Registration Applications Received by County Election Offices Fewer than 15 Days Before the 2020 Primary Election. In other words, this represents voter registration applications received between May 19, 2020 and June 2, 2020.

County	Applications Received 5/19/20 – 6/2/20
ADAMS	553
ALLEGHENY	9,063
ARMSTRONG	355
BEAVER	961
BEDFORD	222
BERKS	2,339
BLAIR	773
BRADFORD	269
BUCKS	4,257
BUTLER	1,213
CAMBRIA	725
CAMERON	18
CARBON	368
CENTRE	1,058
CHESTER	3,330
CLARION	169
CLEARFIELD	513
CLINTON	225
COLUMBIA	382
CRAWFORD	423
CUMBERLAND	1,613
DAUPHIN	1,775
DELAWARE	4,316
ELK	161
ERIE	1,535
FAYETTE	659
FOREST	23
FRANKLIN	917
FULTON	64
GREENE	173
HUNTINGDON	213

County	Applications Received 5/19/20 – 6/2/20
INDIANA	361
JEFFERSON	278
JUNIATA	102
LACKAWANNA	1,077
LANCASTER	3,023
LAWRENCE	487
LEBANON	735
LEHIGH	2,451
LUZERNE	1,753
LYCOMING	616
McKEAN	247
MERCER	611
MIFFLIN	248
MONROE	1,072
MONTGOMERY	6,570
MONTOUR	109
NORTHAMPTON	2,054
NORTHUMBERLAND	455
PERRY	228
PHILADELPHIA	12,892
PIKE	346
POTTER	77
SCHUYLKILL	704
SNYDER	177
SOMERSET	396
SULLIVAN	30
SUSQUEHANNA	122
TIOGA	177
UNION	195
VENANGO	241
WARREN	137
WASHINGTON	1,303
WAYNE	214
WESTMORELAND	2,037
WYOMING	123
YORK	2,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,924</b>

Table 3: Data obtained from the SURE system.



## Total Number of Voters in 2020 Primary Election<sup>2</sup>

County	Votes
ADAMS	21,656
ALLEGHENY	316,376
ARMSTRONG	15,513
BEAVER	38,330
BEDFORD	11,342
BERKS	78,851
BLAIR	25,741
BRADFORD	11,827
BUCKS	157,090
BUTLER	47,129
CAMBRIA	30,151
CAMERON	1,114
CARBON	12,835
CENTRE	32,986
CHESTER	121,902
CLARION	9,351
CLEARFIELD	17,811
CLINTON	7,781
COLUMBIA	12,028
CRAWFORD	15,602
CUMBERLAND	60,260
DAUPHIN	67,118
DELAWARE	138,838
ELK	7,932
ERIE	59,698
FAYETTE	23,093
FOREST	1,274
FRANKLIN	33,806
FULTON	3,060
GREENE	7,878
HUNTINGDON	9,551
INDIANA	17,355
JEFFERSON	11,912
JUNIATA	5,256
LACKAWANNA	53,141
LANCASTER	104,382

County	Votes
LAWRENCE	17,862
LEBANON	28,292
LEHIGH	70,409
LUZERNE	65,634
LYCOMING	24,709
McKEAN	8,101
MERCER	21,564
MIFFLIN	8,320
MONROE	28,454
MONTGOMERY	218,034
MONTOUR	3,517
NORTHAMPTON	63,310
NORTHUMBERLAND	15,871
PERRY	11,277
PHILADELPHIA	345,591
PIKE	10,331
POTTER	4,384
SCHUYLKILL	31,118
SNYDER	8,108
SOMERSET	17,877
SULLIVAN	1,724
SUSQUEHANNA	9,131
TIOGA	9,835
UNION	8,577
VENANGO	11,061
WARREN	7,934
WASHINGTON	48,440
WAYNE	12,025
WESTMORELAND	85,164
WYOMING	6,598
YORK	87,277
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,880,499</b>

Table 4: Data obtained from the SURE system.

<sup>2</sup> Data not requested by Act 35 but included for informational purposes.

## Total Mail-in and Absentee Ballots Cast in 2020 Primary Election<sup>3</sup>

County	Votes
ADAMS	10,492
ALLEGHENY	213,873
ARMSTRONG	4,985
BEAVER	18,603
BEDFORD	3,840
BERKS	39,339
BLAIR	10,241
BRADFORD	3,443
BUCKS	78,798
BUTLER	19,779
CAMBRIA	11,873
CAMERON	538
CARBON	5,603
CENTRE	19,112
CHESTER	74,469
CLARION	2,987
CLEARFIELD	5,401
CLINTON	2,898
COLUMBIA	4,964
CRAWFORD	5,653
CUMBERLAND	31,745
DAUPHIN	34,109
DELAWARE	59,405
ELK	2,778
ERIE	29,651
FAYETTE	9,952
FOREST	604
FRANKLIN	12,505
FULTON	740
GREENE	3,241
HUNTINGDON	3,143
INDIANA	7,301
JEFFERSON	3,584
JUNIATA	1,639
LACKAWANNA	29,453

County	Votes
LANCASTER	52,273
LAWRENCE	8,003
LEBANON	13,031
LEHIGH	39,769
LUZERNE	40,038
LYCOMING	7,543
McKEAN	2,575
MERCER	8,312
MIFFLIN	3,012
MONROE	14,813
MONTGOMERY	126,843
MONTOUR	1,710
NORTHAMPTON	36,867
NORTHUMBERLAND	4,708
PERRY	3,792
PHILADELPHIA	174,472
PIKE	5,572
POTTER	1,108
SCHUYLKILL	11,044
SNYDER	2,695
SOMERSET	5,818
SULLIVAN	625
SUSQUEHANNA	3,605
TIOGA	3,271
UNION	3,687
VENANGO	3,963
WARREN	3,094
WASHINGTON	22,220
WAYNE	5,050
WESTMORELAND	40,437
WYOMING	2,824
YORK	40,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,459,555</b>

Table 5: Data obtained from the SURE system.

<sup>3</sup> Data not requested by Act 35 but included for informational purposes.

## Absentee Ballot Statistics

Absentee Ballot Applications Received for the 2020 Primary Election regardless of how the application was processed.

County	Applications Received
ADAMS	2,071
ALLEGHENY	46,229
ARMSTRONG	989
BEAVER	4,166
BEDFORD	695
BERKS	7,138
BLAIR	2,000
BRADFORD	767
BUCKS	21,979
BUTLER	4,740
CAMBRIA	2,255
CAMERON	82
CARBON	1,306
CENTRE	4,386
CHESTER	19,163
CLARION	689
CLEARFIELD	1,252
CLINTON	468
COLUMBIA	1,169
CRAWFORD	1,429
CUMBERLAND	6,746
DAUPHIN	7,362
DELAWARE	18,691
ELK	494
ERIE	5,895
FAYETTE	2,536
FOREST	102
FRANKLIN	2,440
FULTON	161
GREENE	874
HUNTINGDON	633
INDIANA	1,238
JEFFERSON	558
JUNIATA	319
LACKAWANNA	6,072
LANCASTER	10,915

County	Applications Received
LAWRENCE	1,961
LEBANON	2,620
LEHIGH	8,944
LUZERNE	5,513
LYCOMING	1,667
McKEAN	459
MERCER	2,170
MIFFLIN	549
MONROE	4,709
MONTGOMERY	34,317
MONTOUR	402
NORTHAMPTON	8,227
NORTHUMBERLAND	1,411
PERRY	685
PHILADELPHIA	52,258
PIKE	1,788
POTTER	226
SCHUYLKILL	2,626
SNYDER	505
SOMERSET	1,258
SULLIVAN	134
SUSQUEHANNA	829
TIOGA	529
UNION	563
VENANGO	878
WARREN	780
WASHINGTON	5,386
WAYNE	1,238
WESTMORELAND	8,600
WYOMING	562
YORK	9,906
<b>Total</b>	<b>349,709</b>

Table 6: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Absentee Ballot Statistics

Absentee Ballot Applications Approved for the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Applications Approved
ADAMS	1,837
ALLEGHENY	41,269
ARMSTRONG	945
BEAVER	3,862
BEDFORD	661
BERKS	6,182
BLAIR	1,790
BRADFORD	704
BUCKS	19,396
BUTLER	4,273
CAMBRIA	2,108
CAMERON	53
CARBON	1,175
CENTRE	4,019
CHESTER	17,251
CLARION	640
CLEARFIELD	1,181
CLINTON	420
COLUMBIA	1,049
CRAWFORD	1,339
CUMBERLAND	6,094
DAUPHIN	6,745
DELAWARE	16,197
ELK	454
ERIE	5,512
FAYETTE	2,385
FOREST	92
FRANKLIN	2,259
FULTON	146
GREENE	839
HUNTINGDON	565
INDIANA	1,228
JEFFERSON	499
JUNIATA	273
LACKAWANNA	5,695
LANCASTER	9,809

County	Applications Approved
LAWRENCE	1,790
LEBANON	2,388
LEHIGH	7,972
LUZERNE	4,886
LYCOMING	1,476
McKEAN	427
MERCER	1,908
MIFFLIN	487
MONROE	4,067
MONTGOMERY	29,704
MONTOUR	364
NORTHAMPTON	7,418
NORTHUMBERLAND	1,298
PERRY	634
PHILADELPHIA	48,938
PIKE	1,556
POTTER	210
SCHUYLKILL	2,427
SNYDER	471
SOMERSET	1,172
SULLIVAN	123
SUSQUEHANNA	749
TIOGA	464
UNION	515
VENANGO	815
WARREN	734
WASHINGTON	5,034
WAYNE	1,121
WESTMORELAND	7,940
WYOMING	525
YORK	8,629
<b>Total</b>	<b>315,188</b>

Table 7: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Absentee Ballot Statistics

Absentee Ballots Voted in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Ballots Voted
ADAMS	1,338
ALLEGHENY	28,494
ARMSTRONG	781
BEAVER	3,197
BEDFORD	540
BERKS	4,841
BLAIR	1,451
BRADFORD	535
BUCKS	13,642
BUTLER	3,310
CAMBRIA	1,732
CAMERON	43
CARBON	965
CENTRE	3,366
CHESTER	13,400
CLARION	525
CLEARFIELD	956
CLINTON	323
COLUMBIA	807
CRAWFORD	965
CUMBERLAND	4,878
DAUPHIN	5,546
DELAWARE	11,215
ELK	380
ERIE	4,579
FAYETTE	1,936
FOREST	80
FRANKLIN	1,706
FULTON	112
GREENE	712
HUNTINGDON	449
INDIANA	1,060
JEFFERSON	329
JUNIATA	230
LACKAWANNA	4,776
LANCASTER	7,631
LAWRENCE	1,470

County	Ballots Voted
LEBANON	1,935
LEHIGH	6,162
LUZERNE	3,630
LYCOMING	1,071
McKEAN	328
MERCER	1,323
MIFFLIN	401
MONROE	3,109
MONTGOMERY	22,027
MONTOUR	306
NORTHAMPTON	5,813
NORTHUMBERLAND	898
PERRY	516
PHILADELPHIA	35,009
PIKE	1,262
POTTER	173
SCHUYLKILL	1,885
SNYDER	383
SOMERSET	872
SULLIVAN	108
SUSQUEHANNA	595
TIOGA	370
UNION	440
VENANGO	643
WARREN	555
WASHINGTON	3,935
WAYNE	959
WESTMORELAND	6,632
WYOMING	423
YORK	5,977
<b>Total</b>	<b>236,040</b>

Table 8: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Absentee Ballot Statistics

Absentee Ballot Applicants Who Voted a Provisional Ballot in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Provisional Ballots Voted
ADAMS	40
ALLEGHENY	1,079
ARMSTRONG	25
BEAVER	74
BEDFORD	10
BERKS	176
BLAIR	47
BRADFORD	33
BUCKS	938
BUTLER	219
CAMBRIA	37
CAMERON	0
CARBON	22
CENTRE	62
CHESTER	448
CLARION	12
CLEARFIELD	36
CLINTON	11
COLUMBIA	16
CRAWFORD	28
CUMBERLAND	159
DAUPHIN	221
DELAWARE	966
ELK	5
ERIE	125
FAYETTE	49
FOREST	1
FRANKLIN	61
FULTON	9
GREENE	16
HUNTINGDON	17
INDIANA	11
JEFFERSON	35
JUNIATA	3
LACKAWANNA	138

County	Provisional Ballots Voted
LANCASTER	301
LAWRENCE	21
LEBANON	42
LEHIGH	243
LUZERNE	155
LYCOMING	82
McKEAN	12
MERCER	107
MIFFLIN	11
MONROE	142
MONTGOMERY	1,092
MONTOUR	1
NORTHAMPTON	152
NORTHUMBERLAND	38
PERRY	1
PHILADELPHIA	657
PIKE	37
POTTER	10
SCHUYLKILL	42
SNYDER	9
SOMERSET	56
SULLIVAN	2
SUSQUEHANNA	17
TIOGA	21
UNION	11
VENANGO	23
WARREN	19
WASHINGTON	88
WAYNE	16
WESTMORELAND	161
WYOMING	14
YORK	435
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,147</b>

Table 9: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Absentee Ballot Statistics

Absentee Ballot Applications Filed Prior to Receipt of Voter Registration in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Applications Filed
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	4
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	1
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	3
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	1
DAUPHIN	1
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	1
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0

County	Applications Filed
LAWRENCE	0
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	2
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	2
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	1
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	3
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

Table 10: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Absentee Ballot Statistics

Total Absentee Ballots Reported by Counties as Challenged in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Ballots Challenged
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	0
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0
LAWRENCE	0

County	Ballots Challenged
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	0
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
Total	0

Table 11: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.



## Absentee Ballot Statistics

Absentee Ballots Successfully Challenged in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Ballots Challenged
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	0
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0
LAWRENCE	0

County	Ballots Challenged
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	0
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
Total	0

Table 12: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

## Absentee Ballot Statistics

Challenged Absentee Ballots Not Canvassed  
in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Ballots Not Canvassed
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	0
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0

County	Ballots Not Canvassed
LAWRENCE	0
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	0
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Table 13: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

## Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Mail-in Ballot Applications Received for the 2020 Primary Election regardless of how the application was processed.

County	Applications Received
ADAMS	11,846
ALLEGHENY	255,281
ARMSTRONG	5,077
BEAVER	18,817
BEDFORD	4,079
BERKS	43,844
BLAIR	11,293
BRADFORD	4,094
BUCKS	88,393
BUTLER	21,946
CAMBRIA	12,265
CAMERON	586
CARBON	5,906
CENTRE	19,097
CHESTER	79,624
CLARION	2,943
CLEARFIELD	5,564
CLINTON	3,335
COLUMBIA	5,318
CRAWFORD	6,768
CUMBERLAND	32,854
DAUPHIN	34,857
DELAWARE	75,180
ELK	2,945
ERIE	30,414
FAYETTE	10,036
FOREST	602
FRANKLIN	13,364
FULTON	824
GREENE	3,037
HUNTINGDON	3,328
INDIANA	6,984
JEFFERSON	4,431
JUNIATA	1,740
LACKAWANNA	29,414
LANCASTER	57,550

County	Applications Received
LAWRENCE	8,202
LEBANON	13,676
LEHIGH	43,579
LUZERNE	51,135
LYCOMING	9,151
McKEAN	2,974
MERCER	10,140
MIFFLIN	3,235
MONROE	15,143
MONTGOMERY	142,881
MONTOUR	1,780
NORTHAMPTON	39,744
NORTHUMBERLAND	5,794
PERRY	3,957
PHILADELPHIA	182,074
PIKE	5,687
POTTER	1,209
SCHUYLKILL	11,446
SNYDER	2,773
SOMERSET	6,069
SULLIVAN	584
SUSQUEHANNA	3,682
TIOGA	3,653
UNION	3,823
VENANGO	4,231
WARREN	3,208
WASHINGTON	23,532
WAYNE	4,856
WESTMORELAND	41,716
WYOMING	2,914
YORK	49,257
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,615,741</b>

Table 14: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Mail-in Ballot Applications Approved for the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Applications Approved
ADAMS	11,142
ALLEGHENY	238,504
ARMSTRONG	4,863
BEAVER	17,835
BEDFORD	3,910
BERKS	41,120
BLAIR	10,488
BRADFORD	3,913
BUCKS	81,907
BUTLER	20,281
CAMBRIA	11,820
CAMERON	562
CARBON	5,475
CENTRE	17,816
CHESTER	72,525
CLARION	2,831
CLEARFIELD	5,277
CLINTON	3,153
COLUMBIA	4,932
CRAWFORD	6,369
CUMBERLAND	30,987
DAUPHIN	33,096
DELAWARE	69,247
ELK	2,781
ERIE	28,984
FAYETTE	9,628
FOREST	583
FRANKLIN	12,780
FULTON	772
GREENE	2,930
HUNTINGDON	3,155
INDIANA	6,964
JEFFERSON	4,226
JUNIATA	1,614
LACKAWANNA	28,087
LANCASTER	53,426

County	Applications Approved
LAWRENCE	7,719
LEBANON	13,031
LEHIGH	39,601
LUZERNE	48,105
LYCOMING	8,632
McKEAN	2,833
MERCER	9,378
MIFFLIN	3,069
MONROE	13,840
MONTGOMERY	129,168
MONTOUR	1,627
NORTHAMPTON	36,497
NORTHUMBERLAND	5,351
PERRY	3,791
PHILADELPHIA	176,003
PIKE	5,155
POTTER	1,174
SCHUYLKILL	11,022
SNYDER	2,632
SOMERSET	5,855
SULLIVAN	561
SUSQUEHANNA	3,466
TIOGA	3,427
UNION	3,639
VENANGO	3,998
WARREN	3,061
WASHINGTON	22,250
WAYNE	4,598
WESTMORELAND	39,290
WYOMING	2,769
YORK	45,426
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,510,951</b>

Table 15: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Mail-in Ballots Voted in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Ballots Voted
ADAMS	9,154
ALLEGHENY	185,379
ARMSTRONG	4,204
BEAVER	15,406
BEDFORD	3,300
BERKS	34,498
BLAIR	8,790
BRADFORD	2,908
BUCKS	65,156
BUTLER	16,469
CAMBRIA	10,141
CAMERON	495
CARBON	4,638
CENTRE	15,746
CHESTER	61,069
CLARION	2,462
CLEARFIELD	4,445
CLINTON	2,575
COLUMBIA	4,157
CRAWFORD	4,688
CUMBERLAND	26,867
DAUPHIN	28,563
DELAWARE	48,190
ELK	2,398
ERIE	25,072
FAYETTE	8,016
FOREST	524
FRANKLIN	10,799
FULTON	628
GREENE	2,529
HUNTINGDON	2,694
INDIANA	6,241
JEFFERSON	3,255
JUNIATA	1,409
LACKAWANNA	24,677
LANCASTER	44,642
LAWRENCE	6,533

County	Ballots Voted
LEBANON	11,096
LEHIGH	33,607
LUZERNE	36,408
LYCOMING	6,472
McKEAN	2,247
MERCER	6,989
MIFFLIN	2,611
MONROE	11,704
MONTGOMERY	104,816
MONTOUR	1,404
NORTHAMPTON	31,054
NORTHUMBERLAND	3,810
PERRY	3,276
PHILADELPHIA	139,463
PIKE	4,310
POTTER	935
SCHUYLKILL	9,159
SNYDER	2,312
SOMERSET	4,946
SULLIVAN	517
SUSQUEHANNA	3,010
TIOGA	2,901
UNION	3,247
VENANGO	3,320
WARREN	2,539
WASHINGTON	18,285
WAYNE	4,091
WESTMORELAND	33,805
WYOMING	2,401
YORK	34,063
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,223,515</b>

Table 16: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Mail-in Ballot Applicants Who Voted a Provisional Ballot in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Provisional Ballots Voted
ADAMS	248
ALLEGHENY	4,337
ARMSTRONG	146
BEAVER	459
BEDFORD	129
BERKS	1,146
BLAIR	316
BRADFORD	263
BUCKS	3,335
BUTLER	1,001
CAMBRIA	298
CAMERON	12
CARBON	131
CENTRE	304
CHESTER	1,468
CLARION	71
CLEARFIELD	195
CLINTON	139
COLUMBIA	90
CRAWFORD	227
CUMBERLAND	676
DAUPHIN	1,058
DELAWARE	5,916
ELK	53
ERIE	710
FAYETTE	289
FOREST	14
FRANKLIN	364
FULTON	34
GREENE	92
HUNTINGDON	92
INDIANA	83
JEFFERSON	355
JUNIATA	41
LACKAWANNA	544

County	Provisional Ballots Voted
LANCASTER	1,689
LAWRENCE	87
LEBANON	233
LEHIGH	1,132
LUZERNE	1,513
LYCOMING	649
McKEAN	163
MERCER	567
MIFFLIN	56
MONROE	397
MONTGOMERY	4,170
MONTOUR	22
NORTHAMPTON	566
NORTHUMBERLAND	165
PERRY	10
PHILADELPHIA	1,874
PIKE	132
POTTER	72
SCHUYLKILL	255
SNYDER	83
SOMERSET	165
SULLIVAN	13
SUSQUEHANNA	88
TIOGA	125
UNION	68
VENANGO	139
WARREN	65
WASHINGTON	254
WAYNE	43
WESTMORELAND	1,029
WYOMING	58
YORK	2,156
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,674</b>

Table 17: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Mail-in Ballot Applications Filed Prior to Receipt of Voter Registration in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Applications Filed
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	16
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	2
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	2
BUTLER	1
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	1
CENTRE	1
CHESTER	2
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	1
CLINTON	1
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	2
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	4
ELK	0
ERIE	3
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	2
FULTON	1
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	2
INDIANA	4
JEFFERSON	2
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	1
LANCASTER	3

County	Applications Filed
LAWRENCE	0
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	1
LUZERNE	1
LYCOMING	1
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	2
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	1
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	21
PIKE	2
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	1
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	1
UNION	0
VENANGO	2
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	2
WYOMING	0
YORK	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

Table 18: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Total Mail-in Ballots Reported by Counties as Challenged in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Ballots Challenged
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	0
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0
LAWRENCE	0

County	Ballots Challenged
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	0
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
Total	0

Table 19: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.



## Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Mail-in Ballots Reported by Counties as Successfully Challenged in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Ballots Challenged
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	0
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0

County	Ballots Challenged
LAWRENCE	0
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	0
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
Total	0

Table 20: Data obtained from the SURE system.

## Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Challenged Mail-in Ballots Not Canvassed in the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Ballots Not Canvassed
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	0
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0
LAWRENCE	0

County	Ballots Not Canvassed
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	0
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
Total	0

Table 21: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

## Absentee Ballot and Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Ballots Sent to Wrong Individual or Wrong Address in the 2020 Primary Election.<sup>4</sup>

County	Ballots Sent
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	3,000
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	2
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	19
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	2
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0

<sup>4</sup> Counties responding to this question noted that ballots were sent to the wrong address because the

County	Ballots Sent
LACKAWANNA	1
LANCASTER	0
LAWRENCE	0
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	1
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	8
PERRY	11
PHILADELPHIA	0
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	3
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	235
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,282</b>

Table 22: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

voters' address was incomplete or needed to be updated.

## Absentee Ballot and Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Ballots Voted by Individual Other than Voter in the 2020 Primary Election.<sup>5</sup>

County	Ballots Voted
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	0
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	1
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0

County	Ballots Voted
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	1
LANCASTER	0
LAWRENCE	0
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	0
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	1
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

Table 23: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

<sup>5</sup> In every instance where a voter received a wrong ballot as indicated above, the county reported they were able to correct the matter and reissue a ballot

to the appropriate voter while ensuring the incorrect ballot was cancelled and not counted.

## Absentee Ballot and Mail-in Ballot Statistics

Ballots Returned Not by Mail or In Person in the 2020 Primary Election.<sup>6</sup>

County	Ballots Returned
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	0
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	1
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	4
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0

County	Ballots Returned
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	1
LANCASTER	2
LAWRENCE	0
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	20
McKEAN	0
MERCER	9
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	112
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	2
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	2
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>

Table 24: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

<sup>6</sup> In the above reports, figures include emergency ballots, ballots returned through a voter-designated

agent, or other persons that were not the voter. For more information, see pp. 38 -39.

## Act 12 of 2020 Statistics

Election Officers Appointed in Districts  
Outside District of Residence for the 2020  
Primary Election.<sup>7</sup>

County	Election Officers Appointed
ADAMS	23
ALLEGHENY	296
ARMSTRONG	58
BEAVER	No data provided
BEDFORD	5
BERKS	413
BLAIR	86
BRADFORD	34
BUCKS	372
BUTLER	52
CAMBRIA	35
CAMERON	8
CARBON	25
CENTRE	203
CHESTER	139
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	5
CLINTON	14
COLUMBIA	Data not available at this time
CRAWFORD	15
CUMBERLAND	167
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	Data not available at this time
ELK	0
ERIE	138
FAYETTE	32
FOREST	2
FRANKLIN	40
FULTON	1
GREENE	44
HUNTINGDON	40
INDIANA	18

<sup>7</sup> Several counties did not have this data readily  
available at this time.

County	Election Officers Appointed
JEFFERSON	5
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	186
LANCASTER	341
LAWRENCE	3
LEBANON	No data provided
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	168
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	14
MERCER	56
MIFFLIN	8
MONROE	88
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	1
NORTHAMPTON	169
NORTHUMBERLAND	11
PERRY	1
PHILADELPHIA	Data not available at this time
PIKE	0
POTTER	2
SCHUYLKILL	36
SNYDER	1
SOMERSET	13
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	5
TIOGA	0
UNION	10
VENANGO	31
WARREN	25
WASHINGTON	238
WAYNE	25
WESTMORELAND	350
WYOMING	0
YORK	167
Total	<b>4,217</b>

Table 25: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey  
requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

## Act 12 of 2020 Statistics

Number of Polling Places Consolidated that did Not Require DOS Approval for the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Polling Places Consolidated
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	N/A
ARMSTRONG	3
BEAVER	1
BEDFORD	2
BERKS	0
BLAIR	9
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	9
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	6
CAMERON	N/A
CARBON	13
CENTRE	4
CHESTER	73
CLARION	2
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	11
CUMBERLAND	8
DAUPHIN	6
DELAWARE	151
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	N/A
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	5
HUNTINGDON	42
INDIANA	2
JEFFERSON	1
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	14

County	Polling Places Consolidated
LANCASTER	6
LAWRENCE	8
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	86
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	1
MIFFLIN	12
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	212
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	8
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	N/A
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	9
SNYDER	2
SOMERSET	5
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	11
WAYNE	2
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
Total	<b>724</b>

Table 26: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

## Act 12 of 2020 Statistics

Polling Place Consolidation Requiring DOS Approval for the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Polling Places Consolidated
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	830 into 211
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	10 into 3
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	0
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	9 into 2
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0

County	Polling Places Consolidated
LAWRENCE	0
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	0
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	0
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	0
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	850 into 190
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	0
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	0
WYOMING	0
YORK	0

Table 27: Data in this table is based on the request for approval the referenced counties submitted to the Department of State.



## Act 12 of 2020 Statistics

Polling Places Located Subject to Section 1803-B during the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Polling Places
ADAMS	0
ALLEGHENY	1
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	0
BEDFORD	2
BERKS	0
BLAIR	0
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	0
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	0
CAMERON	0
CARBON	0
CENTRE	0
CHESTER	0
CLARION	0
CLEARFIELD	0
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	0
CUMBERLAND	0
DAUPHIN	1
DELAWARE	0
ELK	0
ERIE	0
FAYETTE	0
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	0
HUNTINGDON	0
INDIANA	0
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	0
LANCASTER	0
LAWRENCE	0

County	Polling Places
LEBANON	0
LEHIGH	5
LUZERNE	0
LYCOMING	0
McKEAN	3
MERCER	0
MIFFLIN	0
MONROE	0
MONTGOMERY	0
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	10
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	10
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	0
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	0
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	0
VENANGO	0
WARREN	0
WASHINGTON	11
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	74
WYOMING	0
YORK	0
Total	<b>117</b>

Table 28: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

## Polling Places Located in a School

Polling places located in schools for the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Polling Places
ADAMS	1
ALLEGHENY	30
ARMSTRONG	0
BEAVER	4
BEDFORD	0
BERKS	28
BLAIR	6
BRADFORD	0
BUCKS	65
BUTLER	0
CAMBRIA	5
CAMERON	8
CARBON	0
CENTRE	8
CHESTER	93
CLARION	2
CLEARFIELD	1
CLINTON	0
COLUMBIA	0
CRAWFORD	4
CUMBERLAND	8
DAUPHIN	28
DELAWARE	73
ELK	0
ERIE	15
FAYETTE	12
FOREST	0
FRANKLIN	0
FULTON	0
GREENE	3
HUNTINGDON	19
INDIANA	1
JEFFERSON	0
JUNIATA	0
LACKAWANNA	20
LANCASTER	8
LAWRENCE	3

County	Polling Places
LEBANON	2
LEHIGH	17
LUZERNE	26
LYCOMING	1
McKEAN	1
MERCER	8
MIFFLIN	10
MONROE	2
MONTGOMERY	140
MONTOUR	0
NORTHAMPTON	29
NORTHUMBERLAND	6
PERRY	0
PHILADELPHIA	99
PIKE	0
POTTER	0
SCHUYLKILL	1
SNYDER	0
SOMERSET	3
SULLIVAN	0
SUSQUEHANNA	0
TIOGA	0
UNION	2
VENANGO	0
WARREN	2
WASHINGTON	8
WAYNE	0
WESTMORELAND	29
WYOMING	0
YORK	10
Total	<b>841</b>

Table 29: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

## Pre-Canvassing and Canvassing Statistics

### Date and Time of Pre-Canvass Meeting<sup>8</sup>

County	Date/Time of Meeting
ADAMS	6/2/2020 9:00am
ALLEGHENY	6/2/2020 7:00am
ARMSTRONG	6/2/2020 9:00am
BEAVER	N/A
BEDFORD	6/2/2020 7:30am
BERKS	N/A
BLAIR	6/2/2020 9:00am
BRADFORD	N/A
BUCKS	6/2/2020 10:00am
BUTLER	6/2/2020 7:00am
CAMBRIA	6/2/2020 8:00am
CAMERON	6/2/2020 10:00am
CARBON	N/A
CENTRE	6/2/2020 9:00am
CHESTER	6/2/2020 7:00am
CLARION	6/2/2020 4:30pm
CLEARFIELD	6/2/2020 10:00am
CLINTON	N/A
COLUMBIA	6/2/2020 7:00am
CRAWFORD	6/2/2020 10:00am
CUMBERLAND	N/A
DAUPHIN	N/A
DELAWARE	6/2/2020 9:00 am
ELK	6/2/2020 1:00pm
ERIE	6/2/2020 10:00 am
FAYETTE	6/2/2020 8:00am
FOREST	6/2/2020 3:00pm
FRANKLIN	6/2/2020 8:30am
FULTON	6/2/2020 1:00pm
GREENE	N/A
HUNTINGDON	6/2/2020 10:00am
INDIANA	6/2/2020 9:00am
JEFFERSON	6/2/2020 7:00am

<sup>8</sup> If N/A is listed, it means that the county did not participate in pre-canvassing events.

<sup>9</sup> In the survey responses, Montour County reported they began on 6/1/2020 when they started

County	Date/Time of Meeting
JUNIATA	N/A
LACKAWANNA	6/2/2020 9:00am
LANCASTER	6/2/2020 8:00am
LAWRENCE	6/2/2020 8:10am
LEBANON	N/A
LEHIGH	6/2/2020 7:00am
LUZERNE	6/2/2020 7:00am
LYCOMING	6/2/2020 7:00am
McKEAN	6/2/2020 9:00am
MERCER	N/A
MIFFLIN	6/2/2020 9:30am
MONROE	N/A
MONTGOMERY	6/2/2020 8:00am
MONTOUR <sup>9</sup>	6/1/2020 9:00am
NORTHAMPTON	6/2/2020 7:00am
NORTHUMBERLAND	6/2/2020 8:00am
PERRY	6/2/2020 9:30am
PHILADELPHIA	N/A
PIKE	N/A
POTTER	6/2/2020 10:00am
SCHUYLKILL	6/2/2020 1:00am
SNYDER	6/2/2020 8:00am
SOMERSET	N/A
SULLIVAN	6/2/2020 11:00am
SUSQUEHANNA	6/2/2020 7:00pm
TIOGA	6/2/2020 1:00pm
UNION	6/2/2020 9:00am
VENANGO	6/2/2020 7:00am
WARREN	6/2/2020 9:00am
WASHINGTON	6/2/2020 7:00am
WAYNE	6/2/2020 8:00am
WESTMORELAND	6/2/2020 9:00am
WYOMING	6/2/2020 7:00am
YORK	6/2/2020 7:00am

Table 30: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

preliminary sorting and slicing envelopes opening without removing ballots nor counting ballots.

## Pre-Canvassing and Canvassing Statistics

Date and Time of Canvass Meeting for the 2020 Primary Election.

County	Date and Time of Meeting
ADAMS	6/2/2020 9:00am
ALLEGHENY	6/2/2020 8:00pm
ARMSTRONG	6/5/2020 9:00am
BEAVER	6/3/2020 9:00am
BEDFORD	6/2/2020 7:30am
BERKS	6/2/2020 9:00am
BLAIR	6/3/2020 8:00am
BRADFORD	6/2/2020 1:00pm
BUCKS	6/3/2020 9:00am
BUTLER	6/5/2020 9:00am
CAMBRIA	6/2/2020 8:30am
CAMERON	6/5/2020 9:00am
CARBON	6/3/2020 9:00am
CENTRE	6/2/2020 9:00am
CHESTER	6/3/2020 7:00am
CLARION	6/3/2020 9:00am
CLEARFIELD	6/2/2020 8:00pm
CLINTON	6/5/2020 9:00am
COLUMBIA	6/2/2020 8:00pm
CRAWFORD	6/2/2020 8:30pm
CUMBERLAND	6/3/2020 9:00am
DAUPHIN	6/4/2020 9:00am
DELAWARE	6/2/2020 8:30am
ELK	6/3/2020 9:00am
ERIE	6/5/2020 9:00am
FAYETTE	6/5/2020 9:00am
FOREST	6/2/2020 3:00pm
FRANKLIN	6/3/2020 9:00am
FULTON	6/5/2020 9:00am
GREENE	6/3/2020 9:00am
HUNTINGDON	6/2/2020 8:00pm
INDIANA	6/3/2020 8:30am
JEFFERSON	6/2/2020 9:00am
JUNIATA	6/3/2020 9:00am
LACKAWANNA	6/2/2020 5:30pm

County	Date and Time of Meeting
LANCASTER	6/3/2020 9:00am
LAWRENCE	6/2/2020 8:00pm
LEBANON	6/3/2020 9:00am
LEHIGH	6/3/2020 10:00am
LUZERNE	6/2/2020 8:00pm
LYCOMING	6/2/2020 8:00pm
McKEAN	6/5/2020 9:00am
MERCER	6/3/2020 9:00am
MIFFLIN	6/5/2020 9:00am
MONROE	6/3/2020 at 9:30am
MONTGOMERY	6/2/2020 8:00am
MONTOUR	6/3/2020 9:00am
NORTHAMPTON	6/5/2020 9:00am
NORTHUMBERLAND	6/2/2020 3:45pm
PERRY	6/2/2020 10:00am
PHILADELPHIA	6/5/2020 9:00am
PIKE	6/3/2020 7:00am
POTTER	6/3/2020 9:00am
SCHUYLKILL	6/2/2020 1:00pm
SNYDER	6/2/2020 9:00pm
SOMERSET	6/2/2020 9:00am
SULLIVAN	6/5/2020 9:00am
SUSQUEHANNA	6/2/2020 8:00pm
TIOGA	6/3/2020 8:30am
UNION	6/5/2020 9:00am
VENANGO	6/5/2020 8:00am
WARREN	6/5/2020 9:00am
WASHINGTON	6/3/2020 9:00am
WAYNE	6/2/2020 8:00pm
WESTMORELAND	6/5/2020 5:00pm
WYOMING	6/2/2020
YORK	6/2/2020 8:00pm

Table 31: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey requesting the data required pursuant to Act 35.

## Pre-Canvassing and Canvassing Statistics

Last Date County Reported Counting all Domestic Ballots for the 2020 Primary Election.<sup>10</sup>

County	Date and Time of Meeting
ADAMS	6/4/2020
ALLEGHENY	6/17/2020
ARMSTRONG	6/11/2020
BEAVER	6/11/2020
BEDFORD	6/3/2020
BERKS	6/9/2020
BLAIR	6/8/2020
BRADFORD	6/17/2020
BUCKS	6/17/2020
BUTLER	6/8/2020
CAMBRIA	6/5/2020
CAMERON	6/5/2020
CARBON	6/18/2020
CENTRE	6/5/2020
CHESTER	6/15/2020
CLARION	6/17/2020
CLEARFIELD	6/5/2020
CLINTON	6/9/2020
COLUMBIA	6/9/2020
CRAWFORD	6/18/2020
CUMBERLAND	6/16/2020
DAUPHIN	Not provided
DELAWARE	6/18/2020
ELK	6/3/2020
ERIE	6/12/2020
FAYETTE	6/22/2020
FOREST	6/5/2020
FRANKLIN	6/9/2020
FULTON	6/5/2020
GREENE	6/17/2020
HUNTINGDON	6/5/2020

County	Date and Time of Meeting
INDIANA	6/16/2020
JEFFERSON	6/5/2020
JUNIATA	6/5/2020
LACKAWANNA	6/8/2020
LANCASTER	6/16/2020
LAWRENCE	6/9/2020
LEBANON	week of 6/8/20
LEHIGH	6/12/2020
LUZERNE	6/18/2020
LYCOMING	6/15/2020
McKEAN	6/5/2020
MERCER	6/9/2020
MIFFLIN	6/10/2020
MONROE	6/5/2020
MONTGOMERY	6/17/2020
MONTOUR	6/4/2020
NORTHAMPTON	6/5/2020
NORTHUMBERLAND	6/3/2020
PERRY	6/5/2020
PHILADELPHIA	6/17/2020
PIKE	6/5/2020
POTTER	6/4/2020
SCHUYLKILL	6/11/2020
SNYDER	6/4/2020
SOMERSET	6/10/2020
SULLIVAN	6/5/2020
SUSQUEHANNA	6/5/2020
TIOGA	6/5/2020
UNION	6/11/2020
VENANGO	6/5/2020
WARREN	6/5/2020
WASHINGTON	6/12/2020
WAYNE	6/8/2020
WESTMORELAND	6/9/2020
WYOMING	6/5/2020
YORK	6/12/2020

Table 32: Data obtained from each county via a uniform survey as well as other county post-election reporting regarding ballot counting status.

<sup>10</sup> Data not requested by Act 35 but included for informational purposes.

## Review of Actions Taken

The General Assembly's enactment of the election reforms contained in Act 2019-77 and Act 2020-12 and election officials' subsequent implementation of those legislative reforms enabled Pennsylvania to respond effectively to the unique challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The mail-in voting option in Act 77 and the emergency polling place and poll worker provisions in Act 12 gave voters expanded access to voting by mail and helped county election officials protect public health for in-person voting.

As mentioned in the introduction to this report, the confluence of circumstances leading up the June 2 Primary, including the closures and restrictions caused by COVID-19 and the unprecedented volume of voters voting by mail, resulted in some unavoidable challenges. Delays and errors in fulfilling some ballot requests in several counties required those counties not only to take quick actions to correct errors, but also to provide individualized outreach to correct any confusion among voters experiencing these issues.

Counties collectively reported that 3,288 ballots were sent to the wrong voter or to the wrong address. Of this total, 3,000 were reported by a single county (Allegheny). That county reported that 3,000 ballots were returned as undeliverable because the voters provided an incorrect or no longer valid address. In about half of these cases, the county was able to reissue ballots, but in some cases the undeliverable ballots arrived too late for the county to reissue ballots.

The causes of the remaining errors and irregularities include the following:

- mail house vendor errors;
- mailing addresses on some address labels without an apartment number due to an anomaly in the Online Absentee Ballot application that did not require applicants to enter apartment information in the correct field;
- human error when inserting balloting materials into envelopes;
- mail delivery errors that resulted in individuals receiving another voter's balloting materials; and
- timing issues that resulted in voters receiving ballots at an address after they moved or returned to a previous address.

Counties reported that three (3) ballots (of the nearly 2.9 million ballots voted in the Primary Election) were voted by someone other than the voter. In each of these three cases, the person who voted the ballot received it in error, and in each case county election officials voided the ballots and re-issued them to the appropriate voter. Based on the information reported by the counties, these situations were reviewed by the counties, who reported that the facts did not appear to be willful nor attempted fraud, and thus they were dealt with administratively.

Counties reported that a total of 153 ballots were returned by means other than the voter sending it by mail or delivering it in person to a site designated by the county board of elections. Of those 153 ballots, 117 ballots were delivered on behalf of voters with disabilities by duly

designated agents. The remaining 36 instances appear to be the result of confusion regarding the requirements for delivering balloting materials. For example, Mercer County reported that a care home administrator delivered the ballots of nine (9) residents on Election Day because they had failed to timely mail the ballots. The county reported that it informed the care home administrator that the ballots could not be counted. Lycoming County reported that it allowed approximately 20 ballots to be delivered by the voters' spouses. That county has taken steps to ensure that its staff does not accept this type of delivery in the future.

In addition to the issues reported in response to the Act 35 inquiries, in Montgomery County approximately 1,900 voters were sent ballots for the incorrect political party. The county cancelled the ballots and issued new ballots to each affected voter. Also, in Montgomery County, about 4,000 additional voters received the wrong ballot style. Unfortunately, the county became aware of this issue late in the process, at which point there was no longer time to issue new ballots and send them by mail. The county cancelled all the incorrect ballots and contacted the affected voters to inform them that they could vote provisionally at the polls or come to the county in person to request a replacement ballot. In both these circumstances, the county's mail house vendor did not employ adequate quality control measures to prevent such errors from occurring. The county is no longer using this vendor and will ensure stricter quality control measures going forward.

In the lead up to the June 2, 2020 Primary, the Department worked with the counties that experienced delays and/or errors in the fulfillment of ballot requests to aid them in assessing the causes and identifying appropriate solutions for any problems that occurred. Immediately following the conclusion of the Primary, the Department reached out to the counties to follow up on all issues and begin working with them on ways to prevent future occurrences, and expanded our work with them on process improvement and implementation of best practices. The Department also engaged experts to work directly with counties to break down and evaluate their internal processes and external dependencies to identify specific actions that the counties must take to avoid similar delays and errors for the November general election.

The data provided by the counties reinforces numerous independent studies that conclude that mail ballot fraud is exceedingly rare, and it demonstrates that the errors that occurred accounted for a very small fraction of the nearly 1.5 million absentee and mail-in ballots requested and cast by voters. Nonetheless, it also demonstrates the need for additional education and outreach to ensure that the issues experienced during the primary do not recur.

## Issues or Incidents Involving Voting Machines

The counties reported relatively few voting system errors or issues in the 2020 Primary Election. Of the 27 counties that reported experiencing any voting system issue, all but three (3) counties reported only isolated issues with scanners or ballot-marking devices that were quickly resolved through maintenance or replacement. For example, nine (9) counties had to replace or take offline approximately 30 scanners on Election Day and one (1) county had to replace a defective power cord on a scanner. The remaining counties experienced isolated errors related to needing to replace the paper roll or ink cartridge for the printers, cleaning and calibration adjustments, paper jams, battery failures and errors in opening the polls and other minor poll worker errors. In the overwhelming majority of counties these routine issues were reported in fewer numbers in the 2020 primary than voting system issues reported in comparable prior years with older voting systems.

In the three (3) counties that experienced more significant issues, voters were able to continue voting with little to no interruption throughout the day. In each instance, the issues were not actually voting system issues; rather, they concerned printing vendor errors resulting in some ballots that did not fit through the scanners or were too lightly printed to be successfully scanned, or the use of incorrect markers resulting in write-in votes unable to be scanned.

Each of these issues was addressed at the time and additional corrective action is being taken, as described below:

Bucks County, whose printing vendor cut some ballots too large to be scanned by the precinct scanners, addressed the issue immediately by instructing voters to cast their ballots in the emergency ballot box on the scanner so they could be secured and returned to the county to be tabulated centrally. The county is implementing changes to ensure this does not recur in the future, including evaluating a change in print vendor and augmenting quality control and testing measures.

Similarly, in Lancaster County, where some ballots were too lightly printed to be read by the scanner, the county addressed the immediate issue by instructing voters to insert the improperly printed ballots into the emergency ballot box on the scanner so they could be secured and returned to the county to be tabulated centrally. The county has cancelled its contract with the print vendor and is in the process of rebidding the contract and will implement changes to ensure this does not recur.

Clarion County experienced issues with the scanners' reading of write-in votes on election day ballots and determined that the issue was caused by the pens used to mark the ballots, not the voting system itself. Though the issue did not impede voting, it did significantly slow the canvassing of write-in votes after election day. Because they could not be effectively scanned and captured at the precinct on election day, all ballots with write-in votes had to be rescanned at the county and reconciled manually. The county will be implementing improved training to address this prior to the November election.



The Department will continue working with all counties to ensure that their pre-election logic and accuracy testing is completed as broadly and effectively as possible. Additionally, the Department will work with counties to conduct additional education for poll workers and voters alike. COVID-19 significantly affected both poll worker recruitment and training, and also prevented many counties from holding in-person voting system demonstrations to give poll workers, voters, and other stakeholders an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with new voting systems.

The Department's Ready to Vote 2020 campaign will continue to serve as an important resource for information about each county's voting system. This resource includes online step-by-step instructions for each county's voting system, as well as video demonstrations of voting on each voting system. These resources are supplemented by poll worker training resources provided by both the Department and voting system vendors to ensure that poll workers have access to training materials that they can review in their own homes. The Ready to Vote 2020 campaign also includes a toolkit that candidates, legislators, parties, and other stakeholders can use to generate awareness about these resources. It is essential that all stakeholders work to expand knowledge of these resources, to increase voter education, poll worker recruitment, and poll worker training, to ensure the most accessible and secure participation by eligible voters in this November's election.

## Conclusions

The 2020 Primary Election provided some clarity on additional changes that the General Assembly should consider regarding the administration of elections.

### **Delivery of Ballots to Voters**

Section 1305 of the Election Code requires a county board of elections to begin delivering or mailing ballots to voters no later than 14 days before a primary or election. Based on the experiences of the primary election, we believe this is not nearly enough.

Therefore, the Department recommends that the deadline for counties to begin delivering or mailing ballots to voters be increased to at least 28 days before the election, and if a third-party vendor is used, counties should be required to submit the initial list of approved applicants to its third-party vendor(s) no fewer than 35 days prior to an election. These changes would help ensure that voters receive their ballot earlier and have an appropriate amount of time to complete and return their ballot.

### **Return of Ballots to Counties**

Requiring ballots to be sent to voters earlier will only solve part of this problem, however. Some voters will not receive their ballots until only a day or two before an election; others will receive their ballot earlier but may not return it until closer to the election. To allow for all of these votes to be counted, the Department recommends that counties be required to count votes that are received by the county board of elections no later than the Friday following an election, provided that the envelopes have been postmarked by Election Day. Allowing ballots to be returned by the Friday after Election Day will allow ample time for all votes to be counted prior to the statutory deadline to order a statewide recount of any race that is decided by less than a 0.5% margin. Coupled with a change of date for counties to begin delivering or mailing ballots to voters, this change would provide eligible voters the greatest ability to cast their vote.

### **Pre-Canvass Timeline**

As mentioned earlier in this report, the Department also supports counties beginning the pre-canvassing process as early as three weeks before Election Day. To illustrate why this is important, we can look to the Democratic Primary on June 2: At midnight on June 3, 2020, the Democratic race for Auditor General was led by one candidate. Due to delays in canvassing of ballots, it was not until days later that a different candidate, Nina Ahmad, took the lead as ballots continued to be counted. This same process occurred in nine (9) House and Senate races. Even with Act 12 of 2020 moving back the pre-canvassing period from 8pm on Election Day to 7am, it was still not enough time, and in approximately half the counties, ballots were still being counted over a week later. Allowing counties to begin taking these steps earlier would allow them to report accurate and nearly complete results in a timely manner.

The Department recommends that this period be extended to three weeks prior to the primary or election. The Department further recommends that counties be required to conduct at least one pre-canvass meeting, and as many meetings as necessary to pre-canvass all ballots received

prior to the Friday before a primary or election. Counties would be required to follow procedures already in place to notify the public, political parties, and campaigns about these pre-canvass meetings. Furthermore, the law already prohibits any person attending or participating in a pre-canvass meeting from disclosing the results of a pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls. The penalty for doing so is enumerated in Section 1853 of the Election Code, which provides for a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or up to two years in jail. Thus, the Department believes that changes can be implemented that would ensure that counties would be able to report accurate and more complete results on election night without risking the release of results beforehand.

### **Poll Worker Flexibility**

Act 12 of 2020 authorized counties to appoint poll workers for the 2020 Primary Election who were not specifically registered electors of the election district they were serving in on the day of the primary. This flexibility allowed for the counties to appoint thousands of poll workers in order to fill vacancies in advance of the primary. The Department believes that making this provision of Act 12 permanent would enhance poll worker recruitment and is of urgent need given the continuance of COVID 19 precautions.

Additionally, the Department would recommend that Section 405 of the Election Code be modified to provide a county Board of Elections with a greater amount of time prior to an election in which they may appoint poll workers to fill vacancies. Currently, a county must wait until five days before an election to appoint poll workers to fill vacancies. Prior to those five days the county must seek Court approval to appoint them. The Department believes that this should be changed to allow counties the authority to fill vacancies beginning at least 60 days before Election Day. Like the other recommendation described above, this would provide counties with greater flexibility in ensuring that all polling places are properly staffed on election day.

The Pennsylvania Department of State and all 67 counties have demonstrated the strength of our election officials' commitment to ensuring the integrity, accessibility, and security of our elections. On June 2, 2020, Pennsylvanians reaffirmed the durability of our democracy when we exercised our right to vote amid a worldwide pandemic and nationwide social unrest, and overwhelmingly embraced new, more secure voting systems and expanded options for voting safely by mail. We have our dedicated county election officials and poll workers, as well as our resilient voters, to thank for the success of the primary election. With their continued commitment and collaboration, we look forward to holding another successful election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.