

Official Notice of Election for Military and Overseas Voters Philadelphia County

2026 General Primary and Special Election May 19, 2026

This is an official notice of a General Primary and Special Election to be conducted on May 19, 2026 in all Election Districts within Philadelphia County. You may register to vote and request an official absentee ballot by using the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA), available at www.vote.pa.gov, www.fvap.gov or download here: [Download Fillable FPCA](#) *

This application is acceptable for General, Primary, and Special elections for which you are eligible in that calendar year alone. We recommend you send in a new FPCA every January and each time you move.

You may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting your FPCA by fax to (215) 686-3398, or by email to phillyelection@phila.gov. You may request an absentee ballot from this office at any time prior to a primary or general election.

All voted Military and Civilian Overseas Absentee Ballots must be **mailed back**, along with the voter's declaration, no later than 11:59 pm on the day before the election **and must be received** by the County Board of Elections no later than the Tuesday following the election.

If time does not permit you to receive and return an official absentee ballot and you have **already applied** for an absentee ballot, you are also entitled to vote using the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Military electors may also use the FWAB to register to vote and vote simultaneously.

You may use the FWAB to vote for **ALL** state and local offices, and ballot initiatives.

To vote for state and local offices or for ballot initiatives, write the names of candidates or ballot initiatives in the Addendum section of the FWAB. Under the **Office/Ballot Initiative** heading, enter the office the candidate is running for or the title of the Ballot Initiative (referendum). Under the **Candidate Name, Party Affiliation, or Initiative Vote** heading, list the name of the candidate you wish to vote for, or if you are voting on a Referendum question write "yes" or "no."

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

Governor – Statewide – Vote for 1

Lieutenant Governor – Statewide – Vote for 1

Representative in Congress – Vote for 1

Elected by Congressional District – All Wards & Divisions

Senator in the General Assembly – Vote for 1

Elected by Senatorial District – Even – Numbered Districts Only

Representative in the General Assembly – Vote for 1

Elected by Representative District – All Wards & Divisions

Member of the Democratic State Committee – Elected by Senatorial District – All Wards & Divisions

- **1st Senatorial District** – Vote for not more than 9: Electing 4 Male, 4 Female, 1 either
- **2nd Senatorial District** – Vote for not more than 6: Electing 3 Male, 3 Female
- **3rd Senatorial District** – Vote for not more than 9: Electing 4 Male, 4 Female, 1 either
- **4th Senatorial District** – Vote for not more than 6: Electing 3 Male, 3 Female
- **5th Senatorial District** – Vote for not more than 5: Electing 2 Male, 2 Female, 1 either
- **7th Senatorial District** – Vote for not more than 8: Electing 4 Male, 4 Female
- **8th Senatorial District** – Vote for not more than 7: Electing 3 Male, 3 Female, 1 either

Member of the Ward Executive Committee – Vote for not more than 2

Elected by Electoral District (Ward & Division) – All Wards & Divisions

PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE QUESTIONS – Vote “Yes” or “No”

See the ballot questions in the section below

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

Governor – Statewide – Vote for 1

Lieutenant Governor – Statewide – Vote for 1

Representative in Congress – Vote for 1

Elected by Congressional District – All Wards & Divisions

Senator in the General Assembly – Vote for 1

Elected by Senatorial District – Even-Numbered Districts Only

Representative in the General Assembly – Vote for 1

Elected by Representative District – All Wards & Divisions

Member of the Republican State Committee – Elected by Congressional District – All Wards & Divisions

- **2nd Congressional District** – Vote for not more than 7: 3 Male, 4 Female
- **3rd and 5th Congressional Districts** – Vote for not more than 5: 3 Male, 2 Female

Member of the Ward Executive Committee – Vote for not more than 2

Elected by Electoral District (Ward & Division) – All Wards & Divisions

PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE QUESTIONS – Vote “Yes” or “No”
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Question #1

Proposed Charter Change 1

Submitted to the Voters By:

Bill No. 250950 (approved January 20, 2026);

Resolution No. 250970 (adopted December 11, 2025)

Ballot Question:

Shall the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to provide for the creation of the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board to oversee a defined contribution retirement program for the benefit of eligible private-sector workers, and to authorize City Council to determine the composition, powers and duties of the board?

Statement:

The City's Home Rule Charter sets up the framework of City government. The Charter is the City's constitution.

A "yes" vote means you approve the creation of the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board as an independent board within the City's government. The Board would oversee creation and administration of a retirement program for certain eligible workers whose employers do not offer them a retirement plan. Contributions to the plan would only come from the participating workers. Details of the retirement program may be established by ordinance.