



## Pennsylvania Government and The 2024 Primary Election



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# Pennsylvania Government

Government in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania follows the Federal model. There are 3 separate branches of government. Each of these offices are elected by the people through election.

- The Executive Branch with the Governor serving as the executive
- The Legislative Branch composed of the Senate and the House
- The Judicial Branch (the Supreme, Superior, Commonwealth, Common pleas, and magisterial courts).

# Pennsylvania Governor



**The Executive Branch** has many key responsibilities, including managing for all state agencies and services

Signs laws passed by the General Assembly

Provides the state budget for consideration by the General Assembly

# The Pennsylvania General Assembly

There are 2 chambers the Senate and the House



Writes and passes the laws

Has responsibility for funding all state activities

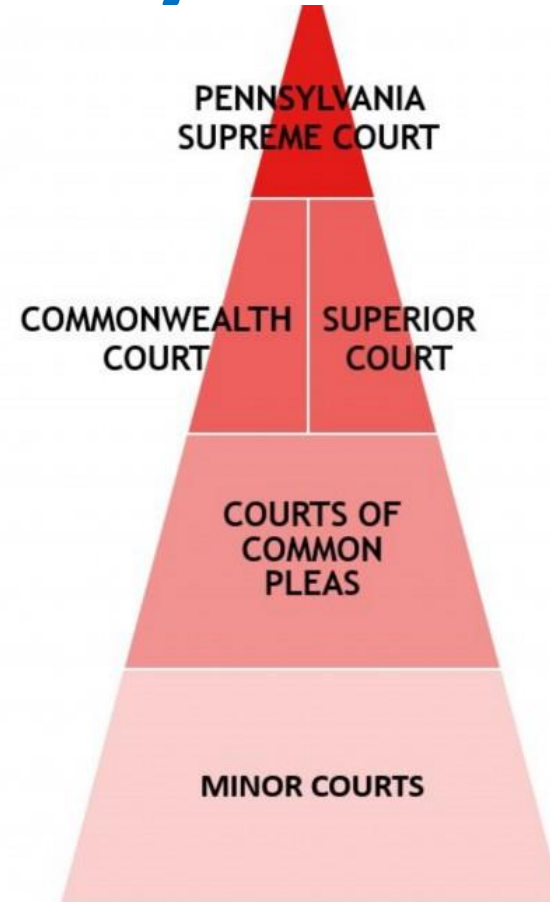
# The Pennsylvania General Assembly

The PA General Assembly (Legislature) writes and passes the laws and has key responsibility that include funding all state activities – human services, regulation, revenue collection, business regulation, and voting to name a few

A wide range of organizations – business, nonprofits, other governmental units – spend a great deal of time advocating the Legislature on issues that are important to them and their constituents

PHAN focuses resources on the Legislature on an ongoing basis. Currently, we are working on eliminating medical debt and the cost of prescription drugs.

# The Pennsylvania Court Structure



# Voting

Voting is both a right and a responsibility. This right is guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution under the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment:

*“The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.”*

# Voting – 2024 Elected Offices

## At the Federal level, we will elect

The President and Vice President of the United States (4 year term)

One of the 2 US Senators (6 year term)

## At the State level, we will elect

Representatives to Congress (2 year term)

State Attorney General (4 year term)

Auditor General (4 year term)




State Treasurer (4 year term)

Some State Senators (4 years) and all Representatives of the House (2 years)





## To register to vote in Pennsylvania you must be...

-  A United States citizen
-  A PA resident at least 30 days before the next election
-  18 years old by the next election

vote.pa.gov



# Register to Vote

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# Ways to Register to Vote

The quickest and easiest way to register is online

[WWW.Vote.PA.Gov](http://WWW.Vote.PA.Gov)

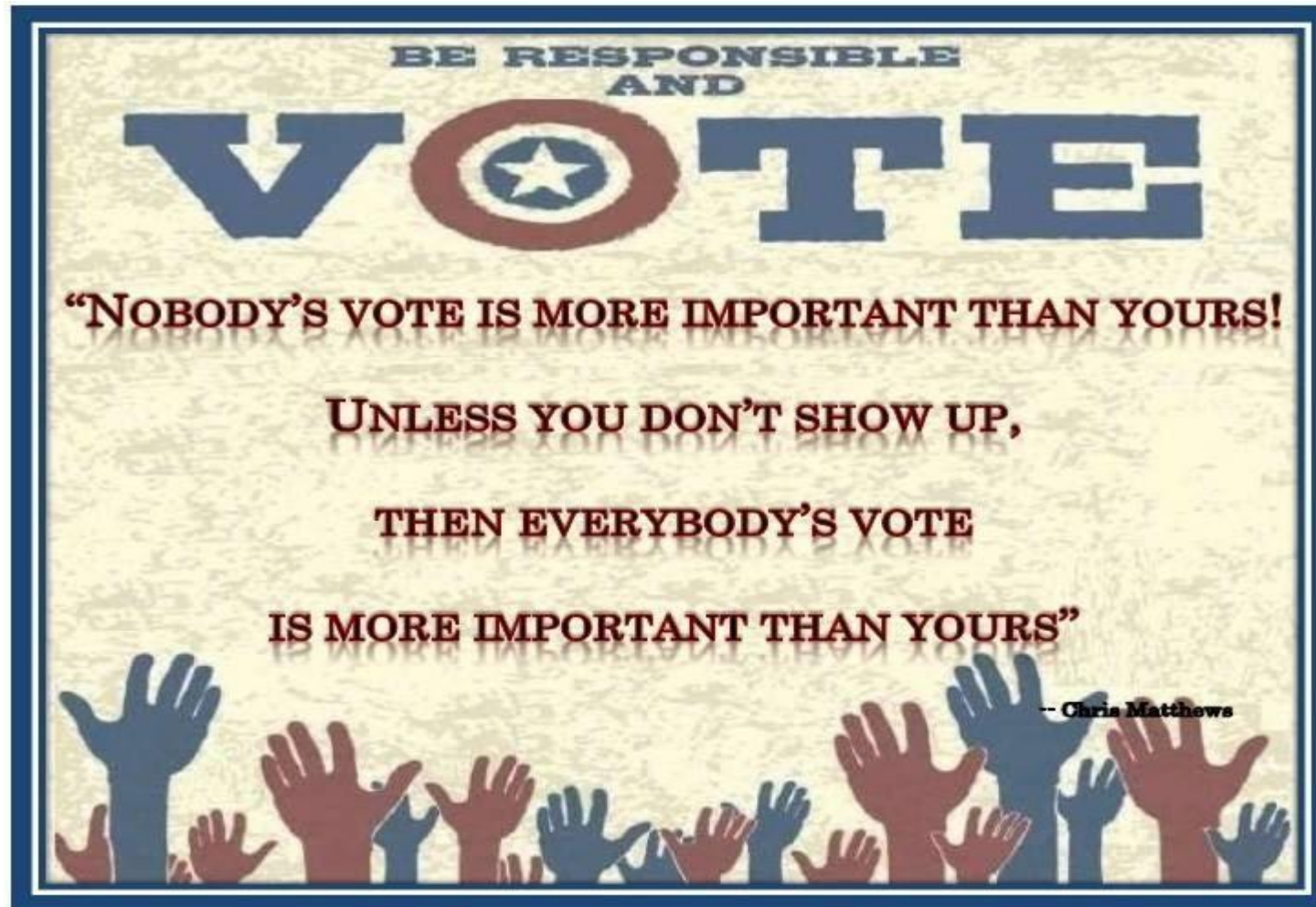


Voter registration can also be done by using a paper Voter Registration Form available at Pennsylvania State Stores, Libraries, the offices of State Senators and State Representatives

# Key Dates for the 2024 Primary Election

- **April 8, 2024:** Last Day to Register to Vote ~ [Vote.pa.gov](https://Vote.pa.gov)
- **April 16, 2024:** Last Day to Apply for Mail-In or Civilian Absentee Ballot
- **April 23, 2024:** Election Day! Polls are open from 7am to 8pm.
- **April 23, 2024:** Mail-in and absentee ballots must be received

# Make your plan and make sure to vote



**Thank You!**

Questions and Discussion