



Defend Democracy at Home

Why Run for Poll Worker?

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Free & Fair Elections in Pennsylvania

Who is responsible? **YOU ARE!**

Who has the **right** to be in the polling place?

Has the right	Doesn't have the right
Poll Workers	Elected Officials
Partisan Poll Watchers (only with Watcher's Certificate)	Election Watchdog Groups
Voters (only when they come to vote)	News media



Who Conducts Elections?

Judge of Elections:

- In charge in polling place
- Responsible for all materials (pick up and drop off)
- Often makes judgment calls on Election Day

Inspectors of Elections:

- Two in each polling place, preferably of different parties
- Manage voter sign-in process
- Each must agree to voter's qualifications

How are Judges & Inspectors of Election Chosen?

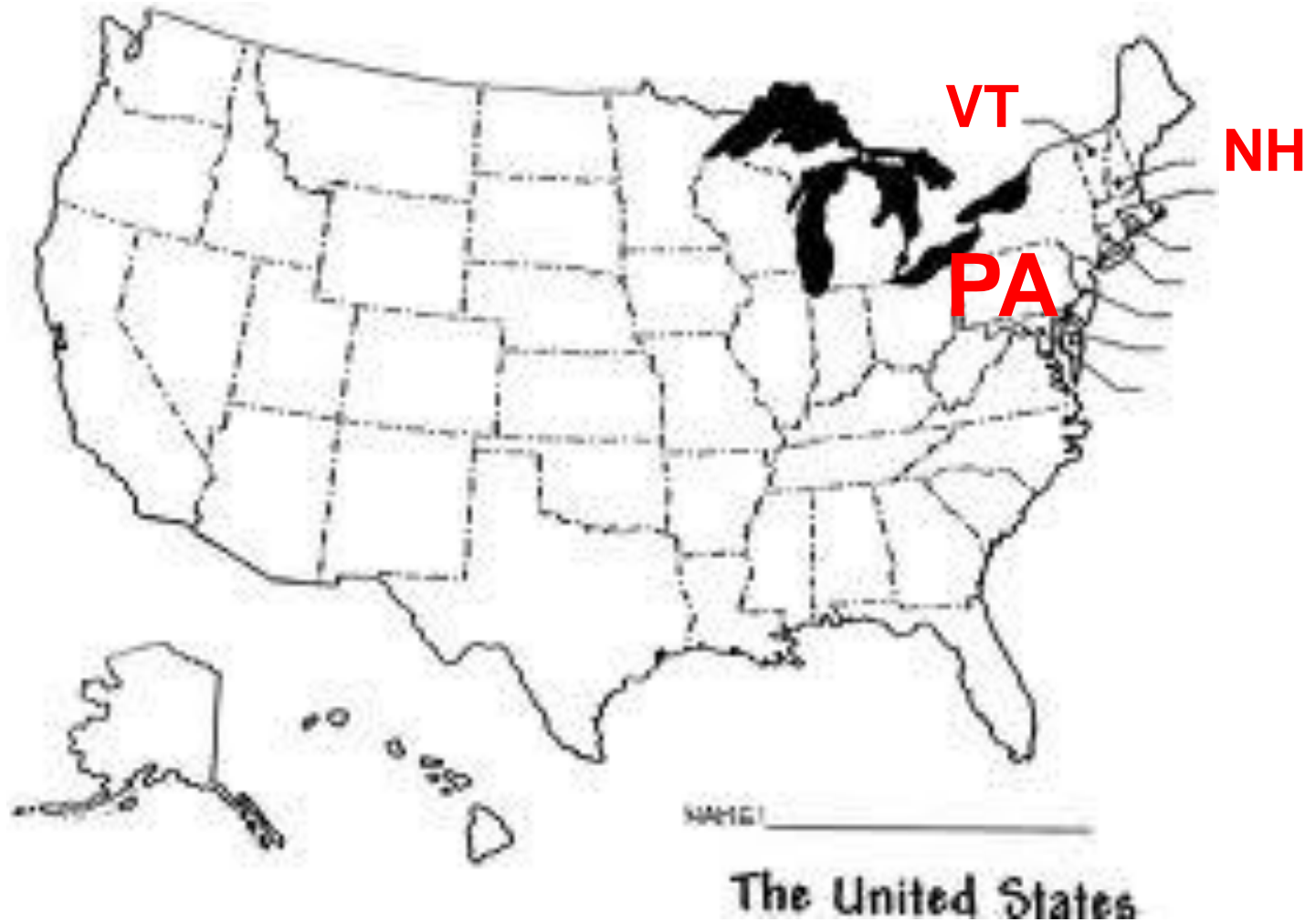
“District election boards shall consist of a judge and two inspectors, who shall be **chosen at municipal elections** for such terms as may be provided by law.”

Pennsylvania Constitution



Nicole Jenet,
<http://lowersouthampton.patch.com/articles/photos-lower-southampton-votes-2012#photo-12061940>

How many US states elect poll workers?



Only 3 states elect poll workers

PA: elects 3 poll workers in each precinct

VT and NH: elect 1 poll workers in each precinct

RI: elects some, but not everywhere

according to a 2007 survey by the EAC

Next Election: 2013

Judges and Inspectors of Elections who run in
2013

will serve four years (8+ elections)

2014 through 2017

including

2014 Gubernatorial election

2015 Mayoral

2016 Presidential election

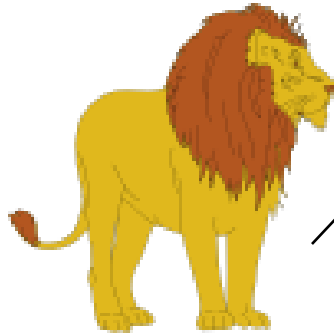
2017 Statewide Judge election

D Primary
Ballot May 21

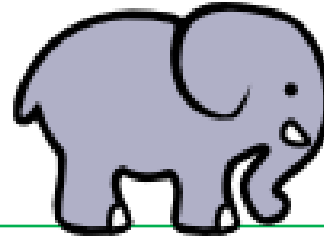
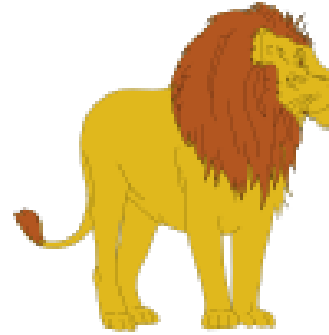


D Winner!

Nomination Papers
(Summer)



R Winner!

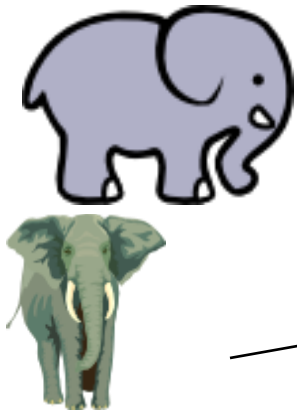


November
Election Ballot

**Judge of
Elections**

Top Vote
Getter is
Judge of
Elections!

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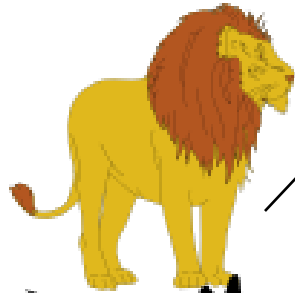


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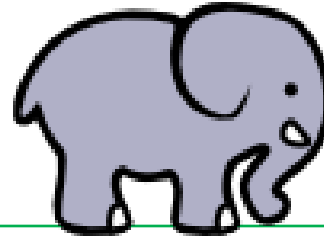
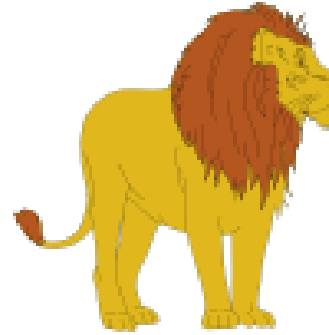
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**Inspectors of
Elections**

Top TWO
Vote Getters
are
Inspectors
of Elections!



American People Hire High-Powered Lobbyist To Push Interests In Congress

WASHINGTON—Citing a desire to gain influence in Washington, the American people confirmed Friday that they have hired high-powered D.C. lobbyist Jack Weldon of the firm Patton Boggs to help advance their agenda in Congress.

Known among Beltway insiders for his ability to sway public policy on behalf of massive corporations such as Johnson & Johnson, Monsanto, and AT&T, Weldon, 53, is expected to use his vast network of political connections to give his new client a voice in the legislative process.

Weldon is reportedly charging the American people \$795 an hour.

"Unlike R.J. Reynolds, Pfizer, or Bank of America, the U.S. populace lacks the access to public officials required to further its legislative goals," a statement from the nation read in part. "Jack Weldon gives us that access."

www.theonion.com



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Is this a joke, or is it a good idea – the People should have a lobbyist to make sure the People's interests are represented in Congress?

How can the **People** get the **Power** to influence elected officials?

Votes are Power

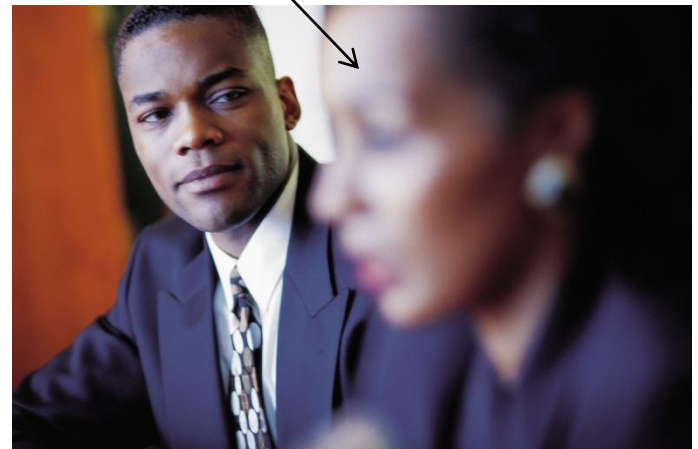


Votes

Local Leaders



Elected Officials



So elected officials listen to what local leaders have to say.

The more votes the elected officials think a local leader can influence, the more influential the local leader is.

Who are Local Leaders?

Committeepople

Ward Leaders

Block Captains

PTA

Community-Based Organization Staff

Poll Workers

...and more

Who are **your** local leaders?

- Do you know them?
- Can you reach them?
- Do you like what they stand for?

If you don't know, **find out**. If you like what you find, **help out**. If don't, **consider stepping up yourself**.

Democracy is a garden



Let's tend it for the
next generation...



...so they don't have to die for it.





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