

## YOUR VOTE MATTERS PA Justices are on the ballot

Pennsylvania's high courts play a crucial role in safeguarding elections and protecting our essential rights.

In Pennsylvania, appellate court judges are elected for a 10-year term in a partisan election. After that, they can be approved for another 10-year term through a nonpartisan "yes" or "no" retention vote. Judges can be retained for multiple terms, but must retire at the age of 75.

On November 4, PA voters will decide whether to retain three Supreme Court justices, one Superior court judge, and one Commonwealth judge for another tenyear term. There will also be an election for one judge each in both the Superior Court and the Commonwealth Court.

Retention votes were designed to provide a nonpartisan way for voters to hold judges accountable. Historically, only one justice has lost a retention election. Otherwise, most voters have simply voted "yes." This year, the retention votes are drawing unusual attention and significant campaign spending by both major parties. The outcome of the retention votes could change control of the PA Supreme Court and impact your rights and PA elections for years to come.



For information about the PASupreme Court's role in recent PA redistricting visit FairDistrictsPA.com/updates



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## **IMPORTANT ELECTION 2025 DATES**

Voter registration deadline: October 20 | Election Day: November 4