

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE:
ELECTION DAY PROCEDURES

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No. A.D. 51-2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 28th day of October, 2020, consistent with this Court's general supervisory powers over the operation of the Courts and to the extent relevant to this Court's role in the administration of fair and safe elections, the following is hereby ORDERED in anticipation of the upcoming general election to be held on November 3, 2020:

1. Pursuant to 44 Pa. C.S.A. § 7152, any duly elected or appointed Constable in the County of Lancaster who has taken the oath of office and has satisfied all the statutorily required conditions for service as a Constable shall be present at the polling places as required by law or as set forth in this Order to preserve the peace of the electors and election staff engaged in the administration of the election.

- a. Any duly elected or appointed Constable who is unable to perform such duties due to medical infirmity or other similar condition shall immediately advise the Lancaster County Constables' Association Solicitor, Nicholas J. Wachinski, Esquire, so adequate coverage may be arranged, and notice of the change shall be given to the Lancaster County Board of Elections, the Lancaster County Solicitor, the Lancaster County District Attorney, the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and the affected municipality. Any Constable who is excepted from service pursuant to the terms hereof is hereby exonerated from performing the tasks recited herein.

2. Any duly elected or appointed Constable set forth in paragraph one hereof shall be present at the polling places as required by law or as set forth in this Order beginning at 7:00 a.m. and shall remain either present or available throughout the day at the various polls as required by law or as set forth in this Order until the closing of the polls at 8:00 p.m., or until excused by the judges of elections due to election related service as required by 44 Pa. C.S.A. § 7152.

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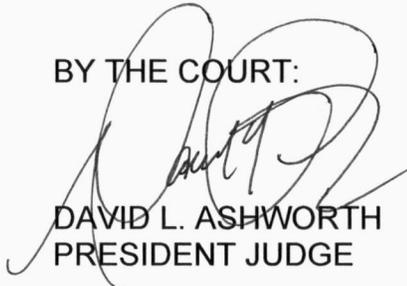
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3. The service of warrants by any Constable in the County of Lancaster pursuant to Lancaster County Local Rule of Court 1907.2 is hereby suspended from the opening of business on November 3, 2020, until the closing of business on November 3, 2020, so that the Constables are able to meet their statutorily required duties to preserve the peace at all elections. The service of warrants shall resume upon the opening of business on November 4, 2020.

4. To ensure compliance with the statutorily imposed obligations set forth in 44 Pa. C.S.A. § 7152, all duly elected or appointed Constables, and their Deputies, are to report to the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center located at 101 Champ Boulevard, Manheim, Pennsylvania on Monday, November 2, 2020, to receive the necessary updates on changes to the laws related to the administration of elections, the role of the Constable, and relevant Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance in place at polling places in the County of Lancaster. Attendance is to ensure compliance with 44 Pa. C.S.A. § 7152, and the updates will be provided at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Constables are responsible to ensure their presence at either of these sessions to receive the relevant updates.

BY THE COURT:



DAVID L. ASHWORTH
PRESIDENT JUDGE

Attest: *Mark Karmin - Deputy.*

Copies to:

- Lancaster County Board of Judges
- Lancaster County Magisterial District Judges
- Lancaster County District Court Administrator
- Lancaster County Clerk of Courts
- Lancaster County Prothonotary
- Lancaster County Sheriff
- Lancaster County District Attorney
- Lancaster County Prison
- Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
- Lancaster County Solicitor
- Lancaster County Board of Elections
- Pennsylvania State Police
- Police Departments within Lancaster County
- Lancaster County Constables' Association Solicitor
- Constables within Lancaster County