

Roles & Duties of our ELECTED OFFICIALS

*Officials Running in the 2024 Federal and State Election
AND WHAT DO THEY DO?*

★ **FEDERAL** ★ ★ **PRESIDENT and Vice President (1 each)**

4-yr terms. The President and Vice President, part of the Executive Branch, are elected as a “ticket”. The President’s major roles/duties: Signs & enforces (or vetoes) the laws written by Congress. Appoints heads of Federal agencies, including the Cabinet. Acts as Commander-in-Chief of the military. Represents the US with foreign countries, making treaties with the approval of the Senate. The Vice President also carries out duties assigned by the President; assumes the Presidency if the need arises.

★ **US SENATOR in Congress (1 of 2)**

6-yr term. Each state elects 2 US Senators. Writes/votes in favor or against final bills. Advises and consents on Presidential nominations and treaties. Conducts oversight of all branches of government. Two-thirds vote needed to convict officials impeached by the House. Serves on policy committees like Budget, Health/Education/Labor, Foreign Relations, Homeland Security.

★ **US REPRESENTATIVES in Congress (All 17)**

2-yr term. PA has 17 US Representatives. Introduces bills, resolutions, & amendments. Writes/votes in favor or against final bills. Approves US budget. May send Articles of Impeachment of elected officials to the Senate. Serves on policy committees like Agriculture, Budget, Education, Energy, Foreign Affairs, Judiciary, Oversight, Small Business, Select Committee on Intelligence.

★ **STATE** ★ ★ **PA ATTORNEY GENERAL (1)**

4-yr term. The Commonwealth’s chief law enforcement officer charged with the prosecution of organized crime and public corruption, as well as with some civil litigation. Represents the Commonwealth in all actions brought by or against the Commonwealth. Reviews all proposed rules and regulations created by Commonwealth agencies.

★ **PA AUDITOR GENERAL (1)**

4-yr term. Chief fiscal watchdog of the Commonwealth. Responsible for using audits to ensure that all state money is spent legally and properly. Improves government accountability, transparency, and effective use of tax dollars.

★ **PA TREASURER (1)**

4-yr term. Custodian of more than \$150 billion in Commonwealth tax receipts/funds. Responsible for the receipt and deposit of state monies, and for investment management and oversight of all withdrawals and deposits from state agencies. Maintains the Treasury’s Transparency Portal which provides an in-depth look at how Commonwealth expenditures are being spent.

★ **PA Senator (25 of 50)**

4-yr term. No term limits. 50 PA Senators represent one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Develops budget packages and makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, passes laws, including redistricting, in collaboration with the House of Representatives. Can try officials impeached by the House. Authorizes executive appointments. Serves on policy committees, like Health/Human Services, Labor, State Government,

★ **PA Representatives (All 203)**

2-yr term. No term limits. 203 PA Representatives represent one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Develops budget packages, makes taxation decisions, allocates spending, passes laws, including redistricting, in collaboration with the State Senate. Exclusive authority to impeach officials. Serves on policy committees like Aging, Children & Youth, Education, Environment/Energy, Finance, Health, Human Services, Judiciary, Liquor Control, State Government.