



What are our elected officials supposed to do?

Roles & DUTIES of Our ELECTED OFFICIALS

*Here is how to better understand the JOB of a "civil servant":
those individuals YOU elect to REPRESENT "We the People"*

See How Many of these Elected Officials are Running in the 2022 "Midterm" Election 

FEDERAL-US Congress SENATOR

6-YEAR TERM. Each state elects 2 US Senators. At least 30 years old. US Citizen at least 9 years. Must live in state at time of election. 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 Housing, Health and Education, Environment, Taxes, & Veteran Affairs. Maintains office in Washington, DC and local offices in Pennsylvania.



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PA GOVERNOR

4-YEAR TERM. May be reelected once. Executes laws of the state through Executive Agencies like PennDOT, Departments of Health, Education, Environmental Protection and more. May call special sessions of PA Legislature ("General Assembly"). May recommend legislation, sign and veto bills (subject to 2/3 override). Prepares the PA Budget. Grants pardons & paroles. Commander-in-Chief of state National Guard.



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PA STATE SENATOR

4-YEAR TERM, no term limits. 50 PA Senators represent one district each, 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 Appropriations, Aging and Youth, and more.



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FEDERAL-US Congress REPRESENTATIVE

2-YEAR TERM. Number of Representatives in proportion to population. **Had 18--now after 2020 Census, will have 17 US Representatives.** At least 25 years old. US citizen at least 7 years. Must live in state at time of election. Introduces bills & resolutions, amendments. Votes in favor or against final bills. Approves budget for US. May send Articles of Impeachment of elected officials to the Senate. Serves on policy committees like Budget & Appropriation, Education and Labor, Judiciary, Energy, Natural Resources, & Veteran Affairs. Maintains DC and local district offices.



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PA Lieutenant GOVERNOR

4-YEAR TERM. May be reelected once. Gov. and Lt. Gov. run in separate Primaries, but they run as one ticket in the General. President of the PA Senate. Provides tie-breaking vote if needed. Chairs Board of Pardons and PA Emergency Management Council. When Governor is absent or incapacitated, performs those duties. If the Governor dies in office, or otherwise leaves office, the Lt. Governor will serve for the balance of the term.



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PA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

2-YEAR TERM, no term limits. 203 PA Representatives represent one district each, 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 Appropriations, Education, Health Insurance, Aging, Veteran Affairs, Environment.



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The 2022 "Midterm" Primary and General Election are significant elections that will determine who serves in the US Senate and House of Representatives (FEDERAL), in the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives (STATE), as well as the PA Governor and Lt. Governor.

YOUR VOTE is YOUR VOICE!