

**Email from Randall O. Wenger, Chief Clerk, Lancaster County
Board of Elections:**

Dear Members of the Lancaster County Bar Association:
With the Presidential Primary scheduled for June 2nd, we are finding numerous poll workers unwilling to perform their usual duties. Many have expressed concern due to coronavirus, either because they fall in the age group that the CDC and Department of Health have cautioned about interacting in public or that they care for individuals who may be most susceptible to this disease.

As such, we are in need of qualified people to fill the gaps. There have been significant changes in the election code that are taking effect this year.

The most notable change in law is that voters who have applied for an absentee ballot or the new mail-in ballot may not vote by regular ballot at the polls. Voters now have until 8 p.m. on election day to return their absentee or mail-in ballot to the county election office. If a voter, who has applied for an absentee or mail-in ballot comes to the polls, they may only vote by provisional ballot. While this may sound simple, there are specific procedures for issuing and handling provisional ballots which are challenging for even the most seasoned poll worker. This process is managed by the Judge of Election.

Other duties may include: managing poll books for voters to sign as they enter the polls, placing voters' names on the numbered lists of voters, and issuing the respective party ballot once voters have been properly checked in.

Our most urgent need is for individuals willing to serve in the capacity as Judge of Election. We have been blessed to have several individuals step up to serve in other capacities. However, finding individuals able and willing to serve as a Judge of Election remains a challenge. Individuals who are willing to lead, as well as have the ability to read and apply the law fairly, consistently and impartially are in short supply.

If you are willing to serve, we do pay poll workers between \$110 and \$160 for the day, and we will attempt to have you assigned to a voting district near your home. We will also provide you with training on your duties and on the equipment operation. Please email awefler@co.lancaster.pa.us directly with your name, address, and phone number if you are interested in serving, or you may complete and send her our [online application](#).

In closing, I thank you for your consideration of this request and encourage you to vote by mail by going to the Department of State website [here](#).

Best regards,
Randall O. Wenger, Chief Clerk
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