

Pennsylvania: THE DECIDING BATTLEGROUND STATE in the 2020 election

Millions of mail-in ballots are expected to flood county elections offices. County election officials are currently not allowed to begin to process any of them until Election Day, Nov. 3. As a result, it could take many days after the election to finalize an accurate tally – time when the Trump campaign will challenge the validity of our mail-in ballots.

But this should *not* be a Republican or Democratic issue. Election officials of BOTH parties agree that we need legislation that allows election officials to count mail-in ballots in a timely fashion. The League of Women Voters has supported calls to legislators.

"Pre-canvassing" prepares the mail-in ballots to be scanned before Election Day. New Jersey law allows pre-canvassing 10 days before the election. Maryland law allows pre-canvassing 28 days before the election. Current PA law allows the process to begin at 8 am on Election Day.

Please call your state legislators and urge them to pass a "clean" bill (no amendments) that will allow county election officials to prepare to count of mail-in ballots (pre-canvass) before election day. Phone numbers and a script are provided – click on Act Now.

We need to **ACT FAST!!!** The legislature is currently in recess and will reconvene on Oct. 19 for only three days. They will be gone after Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Start with our PA Senators

There currently is a "bad" bill (HB 2626* see below) in the Senate which needs to be replaced. Please call your local Senator and also the Senate Leadership, especially Senators Corman and Scarnati.

Then, call our PA Representatives

Call your local House Representative as well as our PA House Leadership: Representatives Cutler, Benninghoff, and Everett.

Urge them to support a "clean" bill allowing pre-canvassing of mail-in ballots.

MAKE SURE OUR VOTES COUNT!

 **HB 2626:** Currently in the Senate. House Republicans have amended a bill allowing pre-canvassing three days before the election to include these harmful things:

- a ban of satellite drop boxes
- paid partisan poll watchers from outside your county access to polling places

 **a CLEAN BILL on Pre-canvassing:**

- one that only allows count of mail-in ballots to begin before election day;
- asks to begin the counting process 10 days before an election.