

## MOTION OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Motion of the Board of Elections of Allegheny County directing the County Elections Division to work cooperatively with school districts within the County to register eligible students to vote.

**WHEREAS**, the Allegheny County Board of Elections is established pursuant to the terms of 25 P.S. §2641; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of §2641(a), the Board of Elections "shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of primaries and elections in such county, in accordance with the provisions of this act... "; and

**WHEREAS**, the powers and duties of the Board of Elections are further specified at 25 P.S. §2642, and include making and issuing "such rules, regulations and instructions, not inconsistent with law, as they may deem necessary for the guidance of voting machine custodians, elections officers and electors."; and

**WHEREAS**, §2642 further provides that the Board of Elections is to "instruct election officers in their duties, calling them together in meeting whenever deemed advisable, and to inspect systematically and thoroughly the conduct of primaries and elections in the several election districts of the county to the end that primaries and elections may be honestly, efficiently, and uniformly conducted."; and

**WHEREAS**, the voter registration rolls for Allegheny County are maintained by the Elections Division, which is subject to direction by the Board of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Motion, the Elections Division provides for prospective voters to register in person, via mail, or online; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Elections to facilitate the registration of voters as they reach the statutory eligibility age of eighteen years, in order to encourage the habit of voting throughout the course of voters' lives; and

**WHEREAS**, high schools throughout Allegheny County include American history, civics, social studies, and other subjects demonstrating the importance and value of voting in their curricula; and

**WHEREAS**, it is therefore the judgment of the Board of Elections that offering eligible high school students the opportunity to register to vote is likely to resonate with those students in light of their recent studies, to the extent that this can be done in cooperation with and with the support of school districts within the County;

***NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED,*** that the County Elections Division is hereby instructed to initiate outreach to school districts within the County and work cooperatively with those districts to register eligible students to vote. It is the desire of the Allegheny County Board of Elections that all eligible and willing students within the County are registered as voters in time to participate in the 2026 General Elections.

The County Elections Division shall provide a report to the Board of Elections on the progress of student registration no later than 30 days before the voter registration deadline for the 2026 General Elections.

The County Elections Division shall utilize such staff and resources as needed to accomplish this motion, but not to the detriment of other departmental responsibilities.

*PRIMARY SPONSOR: Board of Elections Member Rose*

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Read and Approved before the Board of Elections this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026