

Resolution 4 of 2026, New Citizens Registration

MOTION OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Motion of the Board of Elections of Allegheny County directing the County Elections Division to provide for the registration of eligible individuals to vote, at administrative naturalization ceremonies conducted within the County.

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 become naturalized citizens, in order to encourage the habit of voting throughout the course of these voters' lives; and

WHEREAS, the naturalization process requires knowledge of subject matter including American history, civics, American government, and other subjects demonstrating the importance and value of voting; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore the judgment of the Board of Elections that offering eligible naturalized citizens the opportunity to register to vote is likely to resonate with those individuals in light of their recent studies and successful efforts to gain citizenship;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, that the County Elections Division is hereby instructed to provide for the registration of eligible individuals to vote, at administrative naturalization ceremonies conducted within the County. The Division is further instructed to provide written status updates summarizing these registration activities no less frequently than once each calendar year.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: Board of Elections Member Hallam

CO-SPONSORS:

Read and Approved before the Board of Elections this 4th day of September 2026

Signed by County Executive Sara Innamorato

Witnessed by Director of the Division of Elections David Voye