



**To: ALL JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**From: C. DARNELL JONES, II  
PRESIDENT JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**Subject: ELECTION DAY JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS  
2007 Primary Election - Tuesday, May 15, 2007**

**AMENDED ORDER**

AND NOW, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007, the Order issued March 29, 2007 is amended to read as follows:

The following Election Court assignments are made, which shall supersede other assignments, during the scheduled Election Court hours only. The Judges assigned to Divisional Courts are expected to discharge their regular assignments during that day excepting during the hours assigned to Election Court duties.

No substitutes will be provided by the President Judge. In the event of a personal emergency, the assigned judges must arrange for substitutes with any judge not assigned herein. If substitutions are made, the information must be provided to the Office of the President Judge as soon as possible.

I. **CENTRAL ELECTION COURT - Courtroom 676, City Hall**

Courtroom 676, City Hall, will be the central location for all records of the Registration Division, Board of Elections and the Prothonotary. Central Election Court will convene at 7 AM and will remain open continuously until 10 PM. (Phone: 215-686-4278)

Judges assigned to the Central Election Court will have jurisdiction over all election matters, and shall, as provided in 25 P.S. § 3046:

- act as a committing magistrate for any violation of the election laws;
- settle summarily controversies that may arise with respect to the conduct of the election;
- issue process, if necessary, to enforce and secure compliance with the election laws;

- decide such other matters pertaining to the election as may be necessary to carry out the intent of the Election Code; and
- when an individual is seeking a judicial order to vote, shall inform the individual of the provisional ballot process set forth in 25 P.S. § 3050 and shall direct the individual to follow the procedure in 25 P.S. § 3050.

No judge who is not assigned to Central Election Court shall take any action with respect to any election matter, except as set forth in Paragraph II, Divisional Court, unless prior approval is obtained from the President Judge. The assigned Central Election Court Judges shall provide their regularly assigned court reporter and their personal tipstaff to assist them in their Election Day duties.

	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Court Reporter</u>
7 AM to 2:30 PM	Honorable Harold M. Kane	Qadriyyah Taylor
2:30 PM to 10 PM	Honorable Eugene Edward J. Maier	Barry Harris

The Committee of Seventy has requested that we ask judges to remind voters to re-register. Some voters incorrectly assume that an Election Day Order from a judge permitting them to vote at a particular election also restores their names to the binders. This is not the case. Registration forms will be available in each Divisional Court and judges should advise voters that they can complete their registration immediately by filling out registration forms. The forms will subsequently be picked up from each Divisional Court by representatives of the Registration Commission.

## II. DIVISIONAL ELECTION COURT - POLICE DISTRICTS

The Divisional Courts are established for the sole purpose of monitoring the Provisional Ballot Process set forth in 25 P.S. § 3050, and are limited in jurisdiction to this single function. Section 3050 provides, *inter alia*:

- an individual who claims to be properly registered and eligible to vote at the election district but whose name does not appear on the district register and whose registration cannot be determined by the inspectors of election or the county election board shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot.
- Prior to voting the provisional ballot, the elector shall be required to execute an affidavit which must be signed by the voter, the Judge of Election and minority inspector.
- After the provisional ballot has been cast, the individual shall place it in a secrecy envelope. The individual shall place the secrecy envelope in the provisional ballot envelope and shall place his signature on the front of the provisional ballot envelope.

Judges assigned to the Divisional Courts shall not take any action with respect to any other election matter, which are within the jurisdiction of Central Election Court. Provisional Ballot issues shall also be presented to the Central Court. The necessary clerical personnel and records for the Divisional Courts will be furnished by the Prothonotary and the Board of Elections. The assigned judge(s) shall provide their personal tipstaff to assist them in their Election Day duties. Judges must wear robes while serving in any Election Court.

### Judge

#### **1st District - 24th and Wolf Streets**

7 AM to 1:30 PM Hon. Joel S. Johnson  
1:30 PM to 8 PM Hon. Glenn B. Bronson

#### **5th District - Ridge Avenue & Cinnaminson Street**

7 AM to 1:30 PM Hon. Nina Wright Padilla  
1:30 PM to 8 PM Hon. Patricia A. McInerney

#### **8th District - Red Lion and Academy Roads**

7 AM to 1:30 PM Hon. Jeffrey P. Minehart  
1:30 PM to 8 PM Hon. Chris R. Wogan

#### **19th District - 61st and Thompson Streets**

7 AM to 1:30 PM Hon. Elizabeth Jackson  
1:30 PM to 8 PM Hon. Glynnis Hill

#### **24th District - Whitaker and Erie Avenue**

7 AM to 1:30 PM Hon. Gregory E. Smith  
1:30 PM to 8 PM Hon. Leon Tucker

### III. STANDBY ASSIGNMENTS

Judges with standby assignments may only be called upon by the President Judge to preside in either Central Election Court, 676 City Hall, or to replace one of the judges assigned to the Divisional Courts in the event of unforeseen events. All of the standby judges must be available between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM either in their chambers or at home.

Honorable Peter F. Rogers  
Honorable Lisa Rau  
Honorable M. Theresa Sarmina

#### IV. ELECTION BOARD PETITIONS

Petitions (**original and two copies**) to Fill Vacancies in Election Boards (judge of election, majority inspector, minority inspector) must be filed with the Clerk of Quarter Sessions (Room 310, Criminal Justice Center, 1301 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA.) before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 1, 2007.

A hearing on the Petitions to Fill Vacancies in Election Boards will be held in Courtroom 480 City Hall, on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., Judge Jacqueline F. Allen presiding.

**Note: In order to perform the requisite criminal search, the Petitioner's Date of Birth and the first five digits of the Social Security Number (123-45-XXXX) must be included in the body of the Petition BUT NOT ON THE ORDER OR FIRST PAGE.)**

#### V. OFFICIAL ELECTION COUNT

The official election count will commence on Friday, May 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., at Riverview Place, 6th Floor, Delaware Avenue and Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

\*This Election Schedule is available on the First Judicial District Web Site at:  
<http://courts.phila.gov>.

BY THE COURT:

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C. DARNELL JONES, II  
PRESIDENT JUDGE