

# 2025 PENNSYLVANIA JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTIONS

With five justices up for retention in 2025, the outcome of these elections will have a long-term impact on the lives of Pennsylvanians for years to come.

## BUT WAIT – WHAT IS JUDICIAL RETENTION?

In Pennsylvania, Supreme Court justices are elected to an initial 10-year term, and then appear on the ballot for a simple yes or no vote on retention. If they get a majority of yes votes, then they serve another 10-year term. Judicial retention is a non-partisan process and no political affiliations are listed on the ballot.

Pennsylvania is one of only eight states where judges are elected in partisan elections, not appointed. These judges serve on the Supreme, Superior, and Commonwealth Courts. Their decisions shape civil rights, election law, public policy, criminal justice, and more.

These justices have played key roles in upholding policies that impact the daily lives of Pennsylvanians including:

- **Sex-Based Discrimination:** One year ago, the state Supreme Court restored equal protection from sex-based discrimination in Pennsylvania, overturning a 39-year-old ruling in *Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pennsylvania DHS* and reaffirming the state's Equal Rights Amendment.
- **Voting and Redistricting:** The Supreme Court ensured fair elections by striking down gerrymandered maps and protected mail-in voting laws.
- **Workplace Protections:** The Supreme Court protected the rights of workers in emerging industries like the gig economy.
- **Environmental Safety:** The Supreme Court guided the use of public resources and held polluters accountable.

**Let's make sure everyone we know has a voting plan to vote  
"YES" to retain these justices -**

*PA Supreme Court -*  
**Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty, David Wecht**

*PA Superior Court -*  
**Alice B. Dubow**

*PA Commonwealth Court -*  
**Michael Wojick**

Pennsylvania is also electing two new judges and we have determined these candidates align with our values -

*PA Commonwealth Court -* **Stella Tsai**  
*PA Superior Court -* **Brandon Neuman**

