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## **PA Department of State Statement on Commonwealth Court Ruling on Mail-in Ballots**

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Department of State has a simple message today for Pennsylvania voters: **Today's ruling on the use of mail-in ballots has no immediate effect on mail-in voting. Go ahead and request your mail-in ballot for the May primary election.**

Voters who are on the annual mail ballot list might recently have received in the mail, or will soon receive, the annual application from their county. They should complete and return the application to affirm that they want their county to send them a mail ballot for all 2022 elections.

Additionally, the Department is notifying all county election boards that they should proceed with all primary election preparations as they were before today's Commonwealth Court ruling. There should be no change in their procedures.

Since mail-in ballots were first made available by historic bipartisan legislation, more than 4.7 million of these ballots have been cast by Pennsylvania voters. The Department stands by the use of this secure, convenient and accessible method of voting.

Visit [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov) for more information on [mail-in ballots](#).

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