

PA General Assembly Primary Election Overview

Every two years, an election is held for all 203 state House districts and 25 of the 50 state Senate districts. The Republican Party holds the majority in both chambers of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Every ten years, district boundaries are redrawn based on US Census data. This “reapportionment process” allocates voters into legislative districts pursuant to population gains and losses across the Commonwealth. Reapportionment can lead to districts being moved from a region population loss to another region with a growing population. It can also result in districts with incumbent legislators pitted against each other.

Political observers believe Pennsylvania’s new General Assembly districts favor the Democratic Party, but the Republican Party is still expected to maintain their majority status, albeit with slimmer margins. Two factors will likely impact legislative races, but they may be offsetting. Continued economic malaise will certainly help the GOP. The pending US Supreme Court *Roe v Wade* decision may result in higher Democratic voter turnout. Whether either factor impacts the primary elections will be known soon. Regardless, May 17 will set the stage for a bruising general election campaign.

Below, organized by region, is a list of the primary elections, i.e., races that are within each party. If a Senate and House district does not have a primary contest, it will not appear in this election overview. Finally, this list does not contain information regarding Republican and Democratic candidates who may square off against each other in the November general election.

Senate

South Central

Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster & Perry Counties

District # 34 – Cumberland & Perry

Incumbent – No incumbent. New seat due to reapportionment.

Candidates

State Representative Greg Rothman (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2015 and Realtor.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Rothman has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Michael Gossert (R)

Background/Occupation – Municipal consultant and school board member.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 36 – Lancaster

Incumbent – **State Senator Ryan Aument (R)**

Background/Occupation – State senator since 2015. U.S. Army captain and veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Serves in Senate Leadership as Majority Caucus Chairman.

PA Ortho Support – Senator Aument has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Mike Miller (R)

Background/Occupation – Business owner, financial services

[Campaign Website](#)

Lehigh Valley

Lehigh & Northampton Counties

District # 14 – Lehigh & Northampton

Incumbent – No incumbent, open seat. **No specific OrthoPAC supporter in primary election.**

Candidates

Dean Browning (R)

Background/Occupation – Retired.

[Campaign Website](#)

Olmy Maldonado (R)

Background/Occupation – Marine Corps veteran.

[Campaign Website](#)

Cindy Miller (R)

Background/Occupation – Township Supervisor.

[Campaign Website](#)

District #16 – Lehigh & Northampton

Incumbent – **State Senator Pat Browne (R)**

Background/Occupation – State senator since 2005. Serves as the Majority Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. CPA.

PAOrtho Support – Senator Browne has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Jarrett Coleman (R)

Background/Occupation – Business owner, financial services
[Campaign Website](#)

Southeast

Berks, Bucks, Chester, Montgomery & Philadelphia Counties

District # 8 – Parts of Delaware & Philadelphia Counties

Incumbent – **State Senator Anthony Williams (D)**

Background/Occupation – State senator since 2009. Serves as Democratic Chairman of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

PAOrtho Support – Senator Williams has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Paul Prescod (D)

Background/Occupation – Teacher and union activist.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 24 – Montgomery & Berks

Incumbent – Open seat. Incumbent retired.

Candidates

Republican Primary

State Representative Tracy Pennycuick (R) –

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2021. Retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel and helicopter pilot. Small Business Owner.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Pennycuick has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

David Moyer (R)

Background/Occupation – Township Supervisor.

[Campaign Website](#)

Democratic Primary

Jill Dennin (D)

Background/Occupation – School board member.

[Campaign Website](#)

Emanuel Wilkerson (D)

Background/Occupation – Pottstown NAACP.
[Campaign Website](#)

House

South Central

Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Perry & York Counties

District # 47 – York

Incumbent – State Representative Keith Gillespie (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2003. Currently serves as Chairman of the Game & Fish Committee. Paramedic and hospital administrator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Gillespie has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Joseph Frank D’Orsie (R)

Background/Occupation – Communications director.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 86 – Juniata, Perry & Mifflin

Incumbent member vs. Incumbent member

State Representative Perry Stambaugh (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2021.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Stambaugh has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

State Representative John Hershey (R)

Background/Occupation - State House member since 2019.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Hershey has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 94 – York

Incumbent – State Representative Stan Saylor (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 1993. Serves as Majority Chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Saylor has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues. He has also sponsored PAOrtho legislation.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Wendy Jo Fink

Background/Occupation – Education degree, home schooler.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 100 – Lancaster

Incumbent – **State Representative Bryan Cutler (R)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2007. Serves as Speaker of the House.

PAOrtho Support – Speaker Cutler has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

Campaign Website: N/A

Challenger – Anne Weston (R)

Background/Occupation – Former teacher, financial consultant, and businessperson.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 169 – York

Incumbent – **State Representative Kate Klunk (R)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since in 2015. Attorney/Legislator

PAOrtho Support – Representative Klunk has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

Campaign Website – N/A

Challenger – Matthew Smith (R)

Background/Occupation – Business consultant and contractor.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 103 – Dauphin

Incumbent – **State Representative Patty Kim (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2013. Former reporter and Harrisburg City Council member.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Kim has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Heather Macdonald (D)

Background/Occupation – Activist.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 96 – Lancaster

Incumbent – State Representative Mike Sturla (D)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 1991. Serves as the Democratic Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Sturla has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Dana Hamp Gulick (D)

Background/Occupation – Business liaison for advertising company.

[Campaign Website](#)

Lehigh Valley

Lehigh & Northampton Counties

District # 134 – Lehigh

Incumbent – State Representative Peter Schweyer (D)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2015. Former legislative staffer.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Schweyer has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Enid Santiago (D)

Background/Occupation – Service based community organization employee.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 187 – Lehigh

Incumbent member vs. Incumbent member

State Representative Ryan Mackenzie (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2012.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Mackenzie has supported PAOrtho insurance reform and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

State Representative Gary Day (R)

Background/Occupation - State House member since 2009.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Day has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

Campaign Website – N/A

Southeast

Berks, Bucks, Chester, Montgomery & Philadelphia Counties

District #5 – Berks

Incumbent – **State Representative Barry Jozwiak (R)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2015. Retired state trooper.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Jozwiak has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – David Golowski (R)

Background/Occupation – Head of operations at electric company.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 13 – Chester & Lancaster

Incumbent – **State Representative John Lawrence (R)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2011. Financial professional.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Lawrence has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

Challenger – Carmela Cliberti (R)

Background/Occupation – Retired from aviation industry.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 172 – Philadelphia

Incumbent – **State Representative Kevin Boyle (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2011. Serves as Democratic Chairman of the House Finance Committee.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Boyle has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Robert Stewart (D)

Background/Occupation – Former Senate legislative aide.

[Campaign Website](#)

District #190 – Philadelphia

Incumbent – **State Representative Amen Brown (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2021. Legislator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Brown has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Gwendolyn Veronica Green (D)
Background/Occupation – Business Manager, SEIU.

[Campaign Website](#)

District 194 – Montgomery and Philadelphia

Incumbent – **State Representative Pam DeLissio (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2011. Legislator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative DeLissio has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Tarik Khan (D)

Background/Occupation – Nurse.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 184 – Philadelphia

Incumbent – **State Representative Elizabeth Fiedler (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2019. Reporter.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Fiedler has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger -Michael Anthony Giangiordano (D)

Background/Occupation – Small business owner.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 203 – Philadelphia

Incumbent member vs. Incumbent member

Incumbent – **State Representative Isabelle Fitzgerald (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2017. Legislator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Fitzgerald has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – **State Representative Christopher Rabb (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2017. Educator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Rabb has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 201 – Philadelphia

Incumbent – State Representative Stephen Kinsey (D)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2013. Legislator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Kinsey has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Andre Carroll (D)

Background/Occupation – Philadelphia Controller’s Office.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 159 – Delaware

Incumbent – State Representative Brian Kirkland (D)

First Elected/Background/Occupation – First elected in 2017. Legislator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Kirkland has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Carol Kazeem (D)

Background/Occupation – Trauma outreach specialist.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 188 – Philadelphia

Incumbent – State Representative Rich Krajewski (D)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2021. Community organizer.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Krajewski has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – James Wright (D)

Background/Occupation – Community and economic development work.

[Campaign Website](#)

District 166 – Delaware & Montgomery

Incumbent – State Representative Greg Vitali (D)

First Elected/Background/Occupation – State House member since 1993. Legislator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Vitali has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger - David Matthew Brown (D)

Background/Occupation – Community organizer.

[Campaign Website](#)

Western

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Erie, Fayette, Huntingdon, Indiana, McKean, Mifflin, Potter

Republicans

District # 8 – Lawrence, Beaver & Butler

Incumbent – State Representative Aaron Bernstine (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2017. Small business owner. Please see news coverage when considering this candidate: [GOP state Rep Bernstine loses party endorsement after Snapchat videos \(timesonline.com\)](#)

PAOrtho Support – N/A

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Eric Ditullo (R)

Background/Occupation – Seneca Valley School District board president.

Challenger – John Kennedy (R)

Background/Occupation – Farmer and small business owner.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 51 – Fayette & Somerset

Incumbent – **State Representative Matt Dowling (R)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2017. Non-profit executive.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Dowling has supported PAOrtho Workers' Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Ryan Porupski (R)

Background/Occupation – Albert Gallatin School Director.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 39 – Washington & Allegheny

Incumbent – **State Representative Mike Puskaric (R)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2019. Director of settlement operations.

PA Ortho Support – Representative Puskaric has supported PAOrtho Workers' Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Andrew Kuzma (R)
Background/Occupation – Attorney.
[Campaign Website](#)

District # 40 – Washington & Allegheny

Incumbent – **State Representative Natalie Mihalek (R)**
Background/Occupation – State House member since 2019. Lawyer.
**PA Ortho Support – Representative Mihalek has supported PAOrtho Workers’
Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.**
[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Stephen Renz (R)
Background/Occupation – Project manager.
[Campaign Website](#)

District # 56 – Westmoreland

Incumbent – **State Representative George Dunbar (R)**
First Elected/Background/Occupation – State House member since 2011. Representative Dunbar
serves as House Majority Caucus Chairman.
**PAOrtho Support – Representative Dunbar has supported PAOrtho Workers’
Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.**
[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Samuel Lloyd Wright (R)
Background/Occupation- Retired Military Police.
Campaign Website – N/A

District # 55 – Westmoreland, Armstrong & Indiana

Incumbent – **State Representative Jason Silvis (R)**
Background/Occupation – State House member since 2021. Stuntman.
**PAOrtho Support – Representative Silvis has supported PAOrtho Workers’
Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.**
[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Jill Nixon Cooper (R)
Background/Occupation – Sales and marketing.
[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Michelle Schmidt (R)
Background/Occupation – School director.
[Campaign Website](#)

District # 67 – McKean, Cameron & Potter

Incumbent – State Representative Martin Causer (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2003. Legislator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Causer has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

Challenger – Robert Rossman (R)

Background/Occupation – Small business owner.

[Candidate Website](#)

District # 80 – Blair

Incumbent – State Representative Jim Gregory (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2019. Former broadcaster.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Gregory has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues. He has sponsored PAOrtho legislation. His wife works at Altoona’s Advanced Center for Surgery.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Patricia Haight (R)

Background/Occupation – Retired Realtor and construction executive.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 81 – Huntingdon, Centre & Mifflin

Incumbent – State Representative Richard Irvin (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2015. Former county treasurer.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Irvin has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

Challenger – Andrea Speck (R)

Background/Occupation – Podcaster.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 11 – Butler

Incumbent – State Representative Marcie Mustello (R)

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2019. Former Congressional staffer.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Mustello has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation, insurance reform, and medical liability reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Jennifer Steele (R)

Background/Occupation – Fitness instructor.

[Campaign Website](#)

Democrats

District # 19 – Allegheny

Incumbent – **State Representative Aerion Abney (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since April, 2022. Social work.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Abney has not had the opportunity to vote on any PAOrtho issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Glenn Grayson (D)

Background/Occupation – Pastor.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 36 – Allegheny

Incumbent – **State Representative Jessica Benham (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2021. Educator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Benham has supported PAOrtho ASC issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Stephanie Fox (D)

Background/Occupation – Director of Operations for crime victims’ services.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 72 – Cambria

Incumbent – **State Representative Frank Burns (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since 2009. Legislator.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Burns has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Michael Cashaw (D)

Background/Occupation – Photographer.

[Campaign Website](#)

District # 24 – Allegheny

Incumbent – **State Representative Martell Covington (D)**

Background/Occupation – State House member since April, 2022. Former staffer for Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa.

PAOrtho Support – Representative Abney has not had the opportunity to vote on any PAOrtho issues, but he previously worked for PAOrtho Champion Senate Democratic Leader Jay Costa.

[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Latasha Denise Mayes (D)
Background/Occupation – CEO of New Voices for Reproductive Justice.
[Campaign Website](#)

District # 20 – Allegheny

Incumbent – **State Representative Emily Kinhead (D)**
Background/Occupation – State House member since 2021. Attorney.
PAOrtho Support – Representative Kinhead has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.
[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Nick Mastros
Background/Occupation – Restaurant owner.
[Campaign Website](#)

District # 34 – Allegheny

Incumbent – **State Representative Summer Lee (D)**
Background/Occupation – State House member since 2019. Attorney.
PAOrtho Support – Representative Lee has supported PAOrtho Workers’ Compensation and insurance reform issues.
[Campaign Website](#)

Challenger – Abigail Salisbury (D)
Background/Occupation – Attorney. Borough council member.
[Campaign Website](#)