



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau of Commissions, Elections & Legislation
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SUBJECT: Clarification Regarding Firearms in Polling Places

TO: All County Contact Persons

FROM: Chet Harhut, Commissioner *CH*

Please be advised that the Department of State is clarifying the September 15 memo as it relates to firearms in polling places. State law prohibits firearms on school property and court facilities. Therefore, if either of these locations serves as polling places, firearms are not permitted in those polls. The Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act does not allow county boards of elections to enact resolutions or any other rules and regulations prohibiting firearms in other polling places. We recommend that you confer with your solicitor for additional guidance.