

PAR CAPITOL REPORT March 2022

General Assembly on Recess for Budget Hearings

The Pennsylvania House and Senate have been on recess for the past several weeks conducting budget hearings. These hearings are legislators' opportunities to review the governor's proposed budget and inquire about ongoing programs and initiatives. Departments that have gone before the committees include the Attorney General's office, PennDOT, Department of Community and Economic Development, the State Police and the state-related universities. The final 2022-2023 Pennsylvania budget must be finalized by June 30.

Redistricting and Elections Update

The upcoming 2022 elections will feature new congressional and state-level legislative districts thanks to redistricting changes in the wake of the 2020 census. Pennsylvania's primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, and it's expected that the primary election will not be delayed despite a delay in the election calendar due to challenges to redistricting maps.

Candidates running for state-wide, congressional and local-level party candidates have already been granted permission to begin circulating nominating petitions via a ruling by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the final congressional district map has been confirmed. Pennsylvania lost a congressional seat in the most recent census/redistricting, so the new map features 17 congressional districts.

Statewide, Pennsylvania voters also will be electing a new governor and U.S. senator, in addition to elections for Congress, Pennsylvania House of Representatives and half of the Pennsylvania Senate.

The redistricting maps for state legislative districts - both House and Senate - are currently being challenged in court. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is expected to issue their ruling on the challenge today, and they are also expected to lay out a final timeline for candidates running for state House or Senate.

Please watch for more information in future Capitol Reports and on the RPAC webpage on the PAR website.

Registration Open for 2022 Advocacy Regional Trainings

Your story can make a difference. Learn how to tell your story to elected officials and decision-makers to affect change in Harrisburg and your local community. PAR's Advocacy Regional Training will give you the tools you need to be engaged in PAR's advocacy efforts and help you better represent your industry. You'll learn more about PAR's advocacy efforts and you'll have the chance to simulate a day on the hill with your fellow Realtors® to become stronger advocates for your industry and your clients you represent. PAR is offering the half-day training at five locations. All training sessions are free and open to any PAR member, although space is limited and pre-registration is required. Thank you for making the Realtor® voice stronger. Register here.

Regional Training Dates and Locations:

- Wednesday, April 6, 9 a.m.-noon Mohegan Sun, Wilkes-Barre
- •Thursday, April 7, 9 a.m.-noon Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg
- Friday, April 8, 9 a.m.-noon Westmoreland County Club, Export
- •Wednesday, April 20, 1-4 p.m. Radisson Phila. NE, Trevose
- •Thursday, April 21, 9 a.m.-noon Desmond, Malvern