

COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE April 2, 2022 CONTACT: Prothonotary: 717-255-1661

Hearing Procedures for Objections to Nomination Petitions for Pennsylvania General Assembly and State Party Committees, April 2022

Pursuant to the Order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in the matter *In Re: Petitions for Review Challenging The Final 2021 Legislative Reapportionment Plan*, (Pa., No. 569 Judicial Administration Docket, filed March 16, 2022) (the "Supreme Court Scheduling Order"), the last day that may be fixed by this Court for hearings on objections that have been filed to nomination petitions for seats in the General Assembly and for State Party Committees ("Objections") is **April 7, 2022**, and the last day for this Court to render decisions in cases involving those Objections is **April 12, 2022**.

Inasmuch as the Supreme Court Scheduling Order established the deadline to file Objections as **April 4**, **2022**, counsel and *pro se* parties are advised that hearings will be scheduled to be held no later than **April 7**, **2022**, in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. The Court will set the situs of the hearing by the locus of the office being challenged and will make reasonable efforts to accommodate counsel and *pro se* parties with respect to situs of hearings in the first instance. Counsel and *pro se*

parties should not expect to be granted a modification of the Court's schedule due to schedule conflicts or other reasons, given the exigencies of the Supreme Court Scheduling Order.

Counsel and *pro se* parties are admonished to strictly comply with this Court's orders concerning, *inter alia*, service, meeting and conferring with opposing counsel and *pro se* parties, and in preparing and filing stipulations. Moreover, counsel and *pro se* parties are further admonished to be prepared to proceed when their case is called. Costs and/or sanctions, including, without limitation, awards of attorneys' fees, may be imposed in the event of noncompliance with this Court's orders.