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## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

In re: Extension of Application Period for Absentee and Mail-in Ballots for

2024-C-3511

the 2024 General Election

ORDER

AND NOW, this 29 day of October, 2024, upon consideration of the Emergency Motion to Extend for Twenty-Four (24) hours the Time to Apply in Person for Mail-In and Absentee Ballots for the 2024 General Election filed on October 29, 2024 ("Emergency Motion"), and after presentation of the Emergency Motion to the Court by Lehigh County Solicitor, David M. Backenstoe, Esquire,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Emergency Motion is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadlines set forth in the Pennsylvania Election Code at 25 P.S. §§3150.12a and 3146.2a for the application for mail-in and absentee ballots in Lehigh County are hereby extended for in-person applications only for twenty-four (24) hours, until five o'clock P.M. on October 30, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Lehigh County Board of Elections/Office of Voter Registration shall keep a record of all in-person applications for mail-in or absentee ballots (and/or any ballots related to those applications) received after 5:00 p.m. October 29, 2024 up to 5:00 p.m. October 30, 2024, and shall be identified and maintained separately from all other mail-in or absentee ballots.

IT IS FURTHER ORDER this Order is entered without prejudice to any party to object to or file an appeal contesting this order or object to applications for mail-in and absentee ballots received during the extended deadline.

BY THE COURT

Thomas Capehart, J.