

The Midnight Raid on Pennsylvanians' Rights

Did you ever have a parent tell you, “Nothing good happens after midnight”? In the Pennsylvania General Assembly, nothing good happens after 11 p.m.

In July 2022, under the cover of darkness and with no public notice, the legislature undermined our rights in a partisan power grab by passing a bill that would drastically change our state constitution.

The constitutional amendments proposed by extremist state legislators would undermine our democracy and threaten the fundamental rights of every Pennsylvanian.

In a raid on Pennsylvanians' civil rights and liberties, Harrisburg politicians are trying to sneak five amendments into our state constitution that would:

- 1 | End the state constitutional right to abortion.
- 2 | Undermine the balance of power by allowing the legislature to overturn any executive branch regulation by a simple majority vote.
- 3 | Mandate a restrictive requirement that all voters, at all elections, show unexpired, government-issued identification.
- 4 | Shift authority to oversee election audits from county election offices to the auditor general, who has no expertise in elections.
- 5 | Abolish the election of the lieutenant governor, replacing it with a party-appointed system.



Our founding document is under attack.

The constitution is a document for protecting and enhancing people's liberty, not restricting it.

But the majority party in the legislature, frustrated by the governor's democratic check on its power, has abandoned its job of legislating in favor of exploiting the constitutional amendment process to bypass the governor. They are taking one-party rule to the extreme by trying to force permanent changes to the PA Constitution and impose their partisan agenda on every resident of the commonwealth.

Their proposed amendments are a disaster for everyday Pennsylvanians and the balance of power in Harrisburg. Adopting them would pave the way to banning abortion without exception, imposing burdensome voting requirements that create longer lines at the polls, and snatching regulatory decisions from experts, turning them into political footballs with devastating consequences for education, health, labor, the environment, and more.

State lawmakers will need to pass these proposed amendments for a second time during the 2023-2024 session before voters decide whether to adopt them.

Pennsylvanians could vote on these amendments as early as the May 2023 primary election.

Call your state representative & senator and tell them to vote “no” when these amendments are considered again next session!

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