

SPECIAL ELECTION in PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE DISTRICT 195 Due to State House Seat Vacancy

NOTE: In the 8th Ward, this impacts 2 Divisions only - **Division 08-24** (voting at City View Condominiums) and **Division 08-31** (voting at The Dalian).

Why are we having a Special Election on September 17?

In early July 2024, Representative Donna Bullock (D) resigned her office and withdrew her name from the ballot for State Rep for House District 195, to start a new job as CEO of Project Home, retiring from elected office.

Representative Bullock's resignation and withdrawal created two vacancies that needed to be addressed quickly:

- (1) an immediate **vacancy in the office** for the current term, which ends in December 2024, **and**
- (2) an immediate **vacancy on the ballot for the November 5th General Election** for the upcoming State House term (Jan 2025 to Dec 2026).

Pennsylvania law provides the election process for addressing vacancies arising after the primary election.

First, our Pennsylvania House Speaker Joanna McClinton promptly **filed legal papers calling for a Special Election on September 17**, to ensure that the people of House District 195 were represented in the General Assembly.

Next, a new Democratic nominee was designated for **both** the Special Election on September 17 (to complete the remainder of the 2024 term) **and** for the General Election ballot on November 5 (to run for the FULL new term starting in January 2025).

The new designated Democratic Nominee for House District 195 is [Keith Harris – to learn more, click this link](#). Keith is a lifelong resident of the North Philadelphia section of HD 195, a long time public servant, and dedicated community leader.

What do I do as a Democratic voter in the Special Election on September 17?

On September 17, voters in HD 195 may cast ballots for *one office ONLY*: for State Rep to serve the REST of the 2023-24 term. In the Special Election, voters can vote in person on September 17 or by mail (the last day to request a mail-in ballot for the special election is September 10, 2024 at 5pm).

How does the Special Election relate to the General Election on November 5? The Special Election and General Election are two separate events, each with their own calendar. **On or before the November 5 General Election**, voters in HD 195 will come out to vote – this time to cast ballots for **ALL OFFICES in the 2024 cycle, including State Rep for the term starting in 2025**. The Special Election does not change any calendar or deadlines for the General Election.

Where can I get more information?

Special Election dates and details [can be found at this link](#) (note: polling places for 8th Ward remain the same). The PA Department of State has posted more information about this Special Election on its website <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dos/programs/voting-and-elections/special-elections.html>.