

Executive Order

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

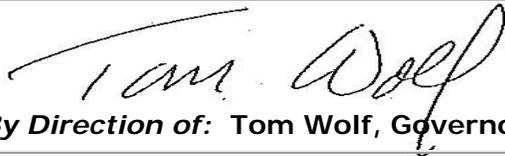
Governor's Office

Subject:

**Extension of Deadline for Nomination
Certificates and Nomination Papers for
Special Elections on March 15, 2016**

Number:

2016-01



By Direction of: Tom Wolf, Governor

Date: January 25, 2016

Whereas, a severe winter weather event, a historic East Coast snowstorm, struck Pennsylvania on January 22, 2016, and January 23, 2016, with prolific amounts of snow accumulation, including a probable all-time snowfall record in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the effects of the snowstorm have caused the closure of the Commonwealth Capitol Complex in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which includes the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on Monday, January 25, 2016; and

Whereas, Special Elections for Representative in the General Assembly for the 57th District (Westmoreland County), the 192nd District (Philadelphia), and the 200th District (Philadelphia) are scheduled by law to occur on Tuesday, March 15, 2016; and

Whereas, under the provisions of *Section 629 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P. S. § 2779)*, the deadline by which political parties must file nomination certificates and political bodies must file nomination papers in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to nominate candidates for the Special Elections is Monday, January 25, 2016; and

Whereas, the weather-related closure of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth during the last day on which the nomination certificates and the nomination papers by law may be received by Secretary of the Commonwealth makes it necessary and proper to extend the statutory deadline by which the Secretary of the Commonwealth may receive nomination certificates and nomination papers for the Special Elections; and

Whereas, on Thursday, January 21, 2016, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of *Section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, (35 Pa. C.S. §§ 7101 et seq., as amended)* proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency in the Commonwealth in anticipation of a severe winter weather event expected to impact the Commonwealth.

Now, Therefore, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the *Emergency Management Services Code*, and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby issue this Executive Order as follows:

1. The deadline prescribed by *Section 629 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P. S. § 2779)* by which political parties must file nomination certificates and political bodies must file nomination papers for the Special Elections shall be extended by one additional day for each business day during the week of January 25, 2016, on which the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth is closed for business as a consequence of weather conditions, but in no event shall said deadline be extended beyond 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.
2. The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall post this Executive Order in the Department of State's Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation and in all other appropriate places and shall take all necessary action to provide notice of this Executive Order to the general public.
3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect only until 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, January 29, 2016.