

Resolution on Prohibition of Election “Prediction Markets” for Election Workers
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Whereas, the Election Code for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania currently requires that every Judge of Election, Majority Inspector, Minority Inspector and Clerk on every local District Board, as well as every member of the Return Board, whose responsibilities include post-election audits, all sign oaths that include a vow not to be “directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager on the result of this election”; and,

Whereas, the United States of America has witnessed rapid growth and access to so-called “prediction markets” that treat the potential outcomes of various activities like exchanges where items are traded, comparable to commodity futures, allowing individuals to purchase stakes in outcomes that are comparable to bets and wagers; and,

Whereas, laws that regulate legalized and licensed gambling outlets have long prohibited betting and wagering on the outcomes of elections; and,

Whereas, many purveyors of “prediction markets” are claiming that their operations are not technically or legally bets or wagers; and,

Whereas, certain purveyors of “prediction markets” have explicitly stated that they want to offer the outcomes of elections as items for their customers to speculate on with money; and,

Whereas, a financial exchange and prediction market won a lawsuit against its regulator, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, with a federal Court of Appeals, which would allow that prediction market to revive the election prediction markets in the United States;

Now therefore be it resolved by the Delaware County Board of Elections that the Elections Director and Elections staff add language on the pay sheets signed by election workers to include not being directly or indirectly interested in “prediction markets related to this election (or primary)”, and that the policy of the Board will be to support potential legislation that could amend the law to include “prediction markets” in these official oaths.

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