

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re Reestablishment of the Magisterial Districts within the 10th Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

No. No. 519, Magisterial Rules Docket, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (November 4, 2022)

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania granted a petition concerning the realignment and reestablishment of specified magisterial districts within Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The order sets different effective dates for the realignment and reestablishment and lists the geographic areas and magisterial district judges assigned to each district.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam
JURISDICTION	Pennsylvania
DECIDED	November 4, 2022
DOCKET	No. 519, Magisterial Rules Docket
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania considered a petition to realign and reestablish magisterial districts within the 10th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, consisting of Westmoreland County.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Pennsylvania Supreme Court order

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the petition to realign and reestablish specified magisterial districts within Westmoreland County should be granted.
- What effective dates and geographic boundaries should govern the approved magisterial districts.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania granted the petition to realign Magisterial Districts 10-1-01, 10-1-03, 10-2-03, 10-2-06, and 10-2-09, effective January 2, 2023, and to reestablish Magisterial Districts 10-1-04, 10-1-05, 10-2-01, 10-2-08, 10-2-10, 10-3-01, 10-3-02, 10-3-05, 10-3-08, 10-3-09, and 10-3-10, effective immediately.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“it is hereby ORDERED AND DECREED that the Petition, which provides for the realignment of Magisterial Districts 10-1-01, 10-1-03, 10- 2-03, 10-2-06, and, 10-2-09, within Westmoreland County, to be effective January 2, 2023, is granted”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The petition concerned the geographic organization of magisterial districts within Westmoreland County, which is part of Pennsylvania's 10th Judicial District. It proposed realigning five existing districts and reestablishing eleven additional districts, with the changes assigned different effective dates. The order identified the municipalities, townships, wards, voting districts, and magisterial district judges associated with each resulting district.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A petition was submitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania seeking the realignment of Magisterial Districts 10-1-01, 10-1-03, 10-2-03, 10-2-06, and 10-2-09, and the reestablishment of additional magisterial districts within Westmoreland County. The court granted the petition, making the realignment effective January 2, 2023, and making the reestablishment of the specified districts effective immediately.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA IN RE: REESTABLISHMENT OF THE: NO. 519 MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS WITHIN: THE 10th JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF MAGISTERIAL RULES DOCKET THE COMMONWEALTH OF: PENNSYLVANIA: ORDER PER CURIAM AND NOW, this 4th day of November 2022, upon consideration of the Petition to Reestablish the Magisterial Districts of the 10th Judicial District (Westmoreland County) of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is hereby ORDERED AND DECREED that the Petition, which provides for the realignment of Magisterial Districts 10-1-01, 10-1-03, 10- 2-03, 10-2-06, and, 10-2-09, within Westmoreland County, to be effective January 2, 2023, is granted; and that the Petition, which also provides for the reestablishment of Magisterial Districts 10-1-04, 10-1-05,

10-2-01, 10-2-08, 10-2-10, 10-3-01, 10-3-02, 10-3-05, 10-3-08, 10-3-09, and 10-3-10, within Westmoreland County, to be effective immediately, is granted.

Said Magisterial Districts shall be as follows: Magisterial District 10-1-01 City of Jeanette Magisterial District Judge Joseph R. DeMarchis Adamsburg Borough Hempfield Township, Voting Districts Alwine, East Adamsburg, Grapeville, High Park, Valley, West Hempfield Magisterial District 10-1-03 City of Monessen Magisterial District Judge Wayne P. Vlasic North Belle Vernon Borough Rostraver Township, Voting Districts Lynnwood, Pricedale, Webster Magisterial District 10-1-04 City of Lower Burrell Magisterial District Judge Cheryl J. Peck-Yakopiec East Vandergrift Borough Hyde Park Borough Oklahoma Borough Vandergrift Borough West Leechburg Borough Allegheny Township Upper Burrell Township Magisterial District 10-1-05 City of Arnold Magisterial District Judge Frank J. Pallone, Jr. New Kensington City, Wards 1-7 Magisterial District 10-2-01 South Greensburg Borough Magisterial District Judge Scott A. Fanchalsky Southwest Greensburg Borough Youngwood Borough Hempfield Township, Voting Districts Bovard, Eastview, Foxhill, Hannastown, Luxor, Maplewood, Todd, University, Weavers Old Stand, West Point Magisterial District 10-2-03 Manor Borough Magisterial District Judge Rebecca C. Tyburski Penn Borough Trafford Borough Irwin Borough North Irwin Borough Hempfield Township, Voting District Wegley North Huntingdon Township, Ward 6-1 Penn Township -2- Magisterial District 10-2-06 Madison Borough Magisterial District Judge Charles M. Christner, Jr. Smithton Borough Sutersville Borough West Newton Borough Rostraver Township, Voting Districts Collinsburg, Concord, Crossroads, Fellsburg, Van Meter Sewickley Township South Huntingdon Township, Voting District Wayne Magisterial District 10-2-08 Latrobe Borough Magisterial District Judge Tamara J. Mahady Youngstown Borough Mt.

Pleasant Township, Voting Districts Homestead, Mammoth, Ridgeview, United, Westmoreland Unity Township Magisterial District 10-2-09 North Huntingdon Township Magisterial District Judge Wayne B. Gongaware Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 7 Magisterial District 10-2-10 City of Greensburg Magisterial District Judge Christiann O'Flanigan Magisterial District 10-3-01 Arona Borough Magisterial District Judge Mark S. Mansour Hempfield Township, Voting Districts Carbon, Fort Allen, Gayville, Haydenville, Lincoln Heights East, Lincoln Heights West, Middletown, North Carbon, Sibel, Wendel- Herminie Magisterial District 10-3-02 Delmont Borough Magisterial District Judge Charles R. Conway Export Borough -3- Salem Township, Voting District New Salem Municipality of Murrysburg Magisterial District 10-3-05 Avonmore Borough Magisterial District Judge Jason Buczak Bell Township Loyallhanna Township Salem Township, Voting Districts Five Points, Hugus, Mechlins, Slickville, Steeles, Trees Mills Washington Township Magisterial District 10-3-08 Derry Borough Magisterial District Judge Kelly Tua Hammers New Alexandria Borough Derry Township Magisterial District 10-3-09 Bolivar Borough Magisterial District Judge Denise Snyder Thiel Donegal Borough Laurel Mountain Borough Ligonier Borough New Florence Borough Seward Borough Cook Township

Donegal Township Fairfield Township Ligonier Township Saint Clair Township Magisterial District 10-3-10 Hunker Borough Magisterial District Judge Charles D. Moore Mt.

Pleasant Borough New Stanton Borough Scottdale Borough East Huntingdon Township Hempfield Township, Voting District New Stanton Mt. Pleasant Township, Voting Districts Bridgeport, Duncan, Hecla, Laurel, Pleasant Valley, Spring Garden -4- South Huntingdon Township, Voting Districts Hixson, Jacobs Creek, Mineral, Port Royal, South Huntingdon, Wyano, Yukon -5-

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