

THE GOVERNOR

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-01]

Extension of Deadline for Filing of Annual Campaign Finance Reports

February 1, 2021

Whereas, a severe winter weather event, a serious East Coast snowstorm, struck Pennsylvania and other States of the Northeastern United States beginning on January 31, 2021, and is forecast to continue unabated into February 1 and 2, 2021, with significant snow accumulation, as well as periods of freezing rain and sleet, and totals of over a foot of snow expected in many counties across the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the effects of the snowstorm have already caused the closure of the Commonwealth Capitol Complex in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which includes the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on Monday, February 1, 2021; and

Whereas, the effects of the snowstorm will also likely cause the closure of many county offices, which include the sixty-seven county boards of elections, on Monday, February 1, 2021; and

Whereas, annual campaign finance reports are to be filed by January 31 of each year, under the provisions of Section 1627 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. § 3247), but with a statutory deadline falling on a Sunday extended to the next business day, such deadline being Monday, February 1, 2021, per provisions of Section 104 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. § 2604); and

Whereas, such annual campaign finance reports will need to be filed both with county boards of elections, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the weather-related closure of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and of the county boards of elections, during the last day on which to file such annual campaign finance reports with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and/or the county boards of elections, makes it necessary and proper to extend the statutory deadline by which annual campaign finance reports may be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and/or the county boards of elections; and

Whereas, on Monday, February 1, 2021, 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 response to and in anticipation of a continued 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 1627 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. § 3247), as modified by Section 104 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. § 2604), for the filing of annual campaign finance reports with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, shall be extended by one additional day for each business day or partial business day during the week of February 1, 2021, on which the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, is closed for business as a consequence of weather conditions.

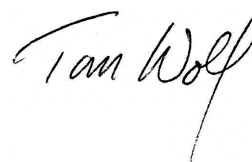
2. The deadline prescribed by Section 1627 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. § 3247), as modified by Section 104 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. § 2604), for the filing of annual campaign finance

reports with a county board of elections, shall be extended by one additional day for each business day or partial business day during the week of February 1, 2021, on which the office of the county board of elections is closed for business as a consequence of weather conditions.

3. No deadline may be extended pursuant to this Executive Order beyond 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, February 5, 2021.

4. The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall post this Executive Order in the Department of State's Bureau of Campaign Finance and Civic Engagement, and on the website of the Department of State and said Bureau, and in all other appropriate places, and shall communicate its contents to the county boards of elections and shall take all necessary action to provide notice of this Executive Order to the general public.

5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect only until 5:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, February 5, 2021.



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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

February 9, 2021

Whereas, on January 10, 2018, I declared a disaster emergency due to the opioid crisis that is ravaging the country, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its citizens;

Whereas, my Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated January 10, 2018, was renewed by Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (1st Amendment) on April 4, 2018, for an additional ninety days. The April 4, 2018, 1st Amendment would have automatically expired by operation of law on July 3, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on June 28, 2018. The June 28, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (2nd Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on September 26, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on September 24, 2018. The September 24, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (3rd Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on December 23, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on December 21, 2018. The December 21, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (4th Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on March 21, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on March 20, 2019. The March 20,

2019, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (5th Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on June 18, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on June 14, 2019. The June 14, 2019, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (6th Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on September 12, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on September 5, 2019. The September 5, 2019, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (7th Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on December 4, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on December 3, 2019. The December 3, 2019, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (8th Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on March 2, 2020, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on February 25, 2020. The February 25, 2020, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (9th Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on May 25, 2020, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on May 22, 2020. The May 22, 2020, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (10th Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on August 20, 2020, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on August 18, 2020. The August 18, 2020, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (11th Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on November 16, 2020, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on November 12, 2020. The November 12, 2020, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (12th Amendment) is set to expire by operation of law on February 10, 2021, unless further extended by my official renewal;

Whereas, the opioid crisis continues to be of such magnitude or severity that emergency action is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected citizens in Pennsylvania;

Whereas, the opioid crisis continues to be a public health emergency in Pennsylvania contributing to addiction, overdose emergencies and deaths; and

Whereas, investigations by the Opioid Unified Coordination Group indicate that additional resources of the Commonwealth may be needed to mitigate and contend with the magnitude and severity of this continuing and expanding disaster emergency.

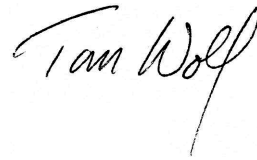
Now Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c), I do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Proclamation of Disaster Emergency of January 10, 2018, renewed by Amendments to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated April 4, 2018, June 28, 2018, September 24, 2018, December 21, 2018, March 20, 2019, June 14, 2019, September 5, 2019, December 3, 2019, February 25, 2020, May 22, 2020, August 18, 2020, and November 12, 2020, is renewed for an additional period of ninety days, and shall continue to apply to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. All directives, authorized actions and provisions of the January 10, 2018, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, and the April 4, 2018, June 28, 2018, September 24, 2018, December 21, 2018, March 20, 2019, June 14, 2019, September 5, 2019, December 3, 2019, February 25, 2020, May 22, 2020, August 18, 2020, and November 12, 2020, Amendments to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency shall remain in full force and effect until either rescinded by me or terminated by operation of law ninety days following the effective date of this Proclamation Amendment.

3. This Proclamation Amendment (13th Amendment) shall take effect immediately.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this ninth day of February two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred and forty-fifth.



Governor

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