

# Vote411 Voters' Mini-Guide

*Primary Election May 17, 2022*

## Pennsylvania State Representative District 40 Republican Primary

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***You must be registered as a Republican to vote in this Republican Primary contest. The winner of this election will be the Republican nominee on the November ballot.***

**The 40th Legislative district contains Bethel Park, part of Upper Saint Clair, and Peters Township (in Washington County).**

***To vote in this election, you must register by May 2, 2022.*** You must be registered as a Democrat to vote in the Democratic Primary or as a Republican to vote in the Republican Primary. Candidates of other parties are not included in Pennsylvania's Closed Primary.

**Description of office:** The General Assembly is the legislative branch of government in Pennsylvania. It is composed of two houses: the Senate is the upper house, and the House of Representatives is the lower house. A majority vote in both houses is necessary to pass a law. The PA House of Representatives consists of 203 members representing one district each, with an equal number of constituents. Representatives must be at least 21 years old, have been a citizen and a resident of the state four years and a resident of their respective districts one year before their election, and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service.

## **Steve Renz**

**Party:** Republican

### **Biographical Info:**

**Occupation:** Account Manager

**Education:** High School and VoTech

**Campaign Website:** [friendsofrenz.com/](http://friendsofrenz.com/)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/FriendsofRenz/](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofRenz/)



### **Questions:**

**Q: What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?**

**A:** Election Integrity: The only power "We the People" have in our government is our vote. It must be our most protected and defended right. Every time a fraudulent vote is cast, a legal voter is disenfranchised. Every legal citizen has the right, even the responsibility to vote, but we must ensure that only legal votes are counted.

Medical Freedom: No one should lose their job for declining to take an experimental injection. I support HB2013 and would advocate for it.

**Q: What changes, if any, would you support making to Pennsylvania's voting laws?**

**A:** No Excuse mail-in ballots are unconstitutional and highly susceptible to fraud. We must end mail-in ballots, drop boxes, ballot harvesting, and require voter ID as Mexico does. We also need secure voter rolls and voting machines.

**Q: Article 1, Section 27 of the PA constitution guarantees the rights to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the environment. What actions would you take to protect these rights?**

**A** We are already one of the cleanest developed countries in the world. China and India are producing more pollution right now than we will ever produce. We are reaching the point of diminishing returns. Joining an initiative like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative would cause great harm to our economy and standard of living while doing very little to affect our environment. I love the outdoors and fishing in clear streams and we will continue to protect them, but we have to be realistic about our environmental policy.

**Q: There are several pieces of gun legislation being considered on comprehensive background checks, red flag laws, and firearm safety training. What is your position on these measures?**

**A:** We already have comprehensive background checks, Red Flag laws seize property without due process, and you can get free gun safety training from any sportsman's club or NRA group. It is unconstitutional to put undue burdens on law-abiding citizens who are trying to exercise their rights under both the PA and Federal constitutions.

**Natalie Mihalek**

**Party: Republican**

**Biographical Info:**

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