

**Proposed Re-establishment of the Magisterial Districts
of the Seventh Judicial District
Bucks County Court of Common Pleas
Bucks County, Pennsylvania**

As required by both the Pennsylvania constitution and statute, “re-establishment” is a process by which the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania reviews the boundaries of magisterial districts within applicable judicial districts. This review includes the magisterial districts of the Seventh Judicial District, which is comprised of Bucks County.

Re-establishment is undertaken every 10 years in the year following the official reporting of decennial census figures. The review is based upon reported population figures, historical case types and case filings, case weights, geographic positioning of the magisterial districts and related issues. As indicated by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, “this comprehensive analysis helps ensure that the configuration of each magisterial district is appropriate to serve its residents over the next decade.”

To inform the public of this process and to offer the opportunity for comments regarding the proposal, the following overview of proposed modifications to the magisterial districts of the Seventh Judicial District is provided. Copies of this overview are available at the Bucks County Justice Center in the office of the Court Administrator, 100 N. Main Street, Doylestown, PA, and at each local magisterial district court office. This notice may also be viewed at the Bucks County website at www.buckscounty.gov.

All comments regarding the proposed changes must be in writing and may be emailed to MDJcourtplan@buckscounty.org, faxed to 215-348-6503, or mailed to:

Office of the Court Administrator
c/o Reestablishment Comments
Bucks County Justice Center
Doylestown, PA 18901

Comments will be accepted through February 25, 2022.

Summary of Proposed Changes within the 7th Judicial District, Bucks County

There are currently 18 magisterial districts within the 7th Judicial District. In order to better balance case counts and workloads within those magisterial districts, the following changes are to be proposed to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Current Magisterial District Judges are noted for each affected district.

- a. The boundaries of Magisterial District No. 07-1-01 and Magisterial District No. 07-1-02 will be redrawn such that Bensalem Township voting districts LE1 and LE2 will move from the jurisdiction of District 07-1-01 (Magisterial District Judge Michael W. Gallagher) to the jurisdiction of District 07-1-02 (Magisterial District Judge Frank W. Peranteau, Sr.).
- b. The boundaries of Magisterial District No. 07-2-05 and Magisterial District No. 07-3-03 will be redrawn such that East Rockhill Township and West Rockhill Township will move from the jurisdiction of District 07-2-05 (Magisterial District Judge Lisa J. Gaier, Esquire) to the jurisdiction of District 07-3-03 (Magisterial District Judge Gary Gambardella, Esquire).
- c. Cases filed by Bucks County Park Rangers arising from activity in the area of the Delaware River access located in Bensalem Voting District LM1 will be transferred from the jurisdiction of Magisterial District No. 07-1-01 (Magisterial District Judge Michael W. Gallagher) to that of Magisterial District No. 07-1-02 (Magisterial District Judge Frank W. Peranteau, Sr.).
- d. All cases filed by the Pennsylvania State Police (including Pennsylvania State Police, Parx Casino Gaming Enforcement and Pennsylvania State Police, Trevoise) arising from activity on the premises of or regarding the Parx Casino complex in Bensalem, Pennsylvania, will be transferred from the jurisdiction of Magisterial District No. 07-1-12 (Magisterial District Judge Joseph P. Falcone) to that of Magisterial District No. 07-1-09 (Magisterial District Judge Daniel J. Finello, Jr.).
- e. All cases arising from activity on the premises of Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, will be filed in and come under the jurisdiction of Magisterial District No. 07-2-02 (Magisterial District Judge Mark D. Douple, Esquire). Currently such cases are shared between Magisterial District No. 07-2-02 and Magisterial District No. 07-2-08 (Magisterial Judge Regina Armitage).

Any magisterial district not specifically mentioned above shall be reestablished with its current jurisdictional boundaries and case responsibilities.