

Perry County  
Magisterial  
District  
Reestablishment  
Plan 2022-2031

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## INTRODUCTION

In October 2021, the Forty-first Judicial District, Perry County, was notified by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) of its requirement under 42 Pa.C.S.A §1503, to participate in the reestablishment of magisterial districts. This event occurs every ten years and is directly related to the Federal decennial census. The following factors were taken into consideration during the development of this plan: guidelines as set forth by AOPC, case filing statistics and workload statistics for criminal, non-traffic, private criminal, traffic, civil, landlord/tenant, and miscellaneous filings in the three magisterial district courts in Perry County, as well as population of individual municipalities in each district.

This document has been posted online at [www.perryco.org](http://www.perryco.org), in the individual magisterial district judges' offices within Perry County, the office of the Perry County Commissioners, and the Law Library in the Perry County Courthouse, 2 East Main Street, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. Public comments will be received in writing through March 8, 2022. Public comments must bear the name and address of the sender and should be emailed to the District Court Administrator at [czook@perryco.org](mailto:czook@perryco.org) or sent via United States mail to Christina L. Zook, DCA, Perry County Courthouse, PO Box 668, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, 17082.

Below please find the magisterial districts as they exist at present as well as the plan for maintaining the status quo by reestablishing the magisterial districts.

District Court	Currently Municipality Jurisdiction	Proposed Municipality Jurisdiction
<p>41-3-03 3351 Susquehanna Trail Duncannon, PA 17020</p> <p>Current MDJ: Richard Gibney Term expires: January 1, 2028</p> <p>Status: no change proposed</p>	<p>Duncannon Borough Marysville Borough Miller Township New Buffalo Borough Penn Township Rye Township Watts Township Wheatfield Township</p>	<p>SAME</p>
<p>41-3-04 133 South Fifth Street Newport, PA 17074</p> <p>Current MDJ: Vacant</p> <p>Status: no change proposed</p>	<p>Bloomfield Borough Buffalo Township Centre Township Greenwood Township Howe Township Juniata Township Millerstown Borough Newport Borough Oliver Township Tuscarora Township</p>	<p>SAME</p>
<p>41-3-05 3553 Shermans Valley Road Loysville, PA 17047</p> <p>Current MDJ: Elizabeth Frownfelter Term expires: January 1, 2024</p> <p>Status: no change proposed</p>	<p>Blain Borough Carroll Township Jackson Township Landisburg Borough Northeast Madison Township Saville Township Southwest Madison Township Spring Township Toboyne Township Tyrone Township</p>	<p>SAME</p>

**Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022**

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<b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b> 41-3-03		<b>County:</b> Perry		<input type="checkbox"/>
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish			2. Effective date: 2/28/2022	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>				
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 4,409	B. 3,490	C. 3,230	
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.			<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	
			919	Ranking <i>Total</i> 1st out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.			<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	
			1179	% Above/Below 37 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.				
<b>Workload Analysis</b>				
7. Average total workloads:			<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	
			A. 23,605	B. 25,894
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.			<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	
			-2,289	% Above/Below 9 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> this magisterial district, please explain ( <i>summarize your response from the plan</i> ) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.				

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Richard Gibney		1/1/28	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
3351 Susquehanna Trail, Duncannon, PA 17020			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If <b>YES</b> , please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Marysville Borough			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
322, 11/15			
18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Duncannon Borough Marysville Borough Miller Township New Buffalo Borough Penn Township Rye Township Watts Township Wheatfield Township			
19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above? If <b>NO</b> , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			Yes
<b>20. Additional Comments:</b>			

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<b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b> 41-3-04	<b>County:</b> Perry		
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 2/28/2022	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,169	B. 3,490	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>		<i>Ranking Total</i>
	-321		2nd out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	-61		2 %
<p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Numerous cases from this magisterial district were reassigned to other magisterial districts due to conflicts and then due to vacancy.</p>			
<b>Workload Analysis</b>			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>
	A. 21,818	B. 25,894	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	-4,076		16 %
<p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than your</i> judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Until July of 2020, the magisterial district judge for this court also presided over Central Court on a weekly basis.</p>			

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<p>11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><b>133 South Fifth Street, Newport, PA 17074</b></p>					
<p>12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>				
<p>13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?</p>					
<p>14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>				
<p>15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If <b>YES</b>, please summarize your response below.</p>	<p><b>No/Not Sure</b></p>				
<p>16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Pennsylvania State Police Newport Barracks</p>					
<p>17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">322</p>					
<p>18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">                     Bloomfield Borough                      Buffalo Township                      Centre Township                      Greenwood Township                      Howe Township                      Juniata Township                      Millerstown Borough                      Newport Borough                      Oliver Township                      Tuscarora Township                 </p>					
<p>19. Are the <b>proposed</b> municipalities the same as above? If <b>NO</b>, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>				
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<b>Caseload Analysis</b>				
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>	
	A. 2,893	B. 3,490	C. 3,230	
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Total</i>
		-597	3rd	out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
		-337	10 %	
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.				
<b>Workload Analysis</b>				
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 32,258	B. 25,894		
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
		6,364	25 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> this magisterial district, please explain ( <i>summarize your response from the plan</i> ) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.				
<p>This magisterial district has the lowest number of criminal and a significantly low number of traffic cases within the county. To create equity, all delinquent tax cases for the county are assigned to this magisterial district, which results in a drastically higher number of non-traffic cases.</p>				



<b>Magisterial District Information</b>			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Elizabeth R. Frownfelter <i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>		12/31/23 <i>Term Expiration Date</i>	12/31/35 <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location: 3553 Shermans Valley Road, Loysville, PA 17047			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
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14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
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18. List the <b>current</b> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blain Borough</li> <li>Carroll Township</li> <li>Jackson Township</li> <li>Landisburg Borough</li> <li>Northeast Madison Township</li> <li>Saville Township</li> <li>Southwest Madison Township</li> <li>Spring Township</li> <li>Toboyne Township</li> <li>Tyrone Township</li> </ul>			
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