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Pennsylvania Voice Issues Statement on Advancement of Al Schmidt as Secretary of the Department of State

HARRISBURG (June 28, 2023) – Pennsylvania Voice, a nonpartisan partnership of more than 50 organizations statewide working to build an inclusive, just, and reflective democracy in the commonwealth, today issued the following statement after the Senate gavelled out of session without voting on the nomination of Al Schmidt as secretary of the Department of State, meaning he will automatically become secretary tomorrow:

“Al Schmidt has extensive experience in election administration, and he has the necessary expertise to implement critical policy changes like same day voter registration and in-person early voting that we need to ensure that every Pennsylvanian has the opportunity to make their voice heard. We look forward to working with him to bring Pennsylvania to the cutting edge of elections that truly reflect the will of the people.”

The Pennsylvania Senate State Government Committee advanced Schmidt’s nomination to be secretary of the commonwealth in a nearly unanimous vote Monday, June 26. However, the statutory deadline for the Senate to act on his nomination was Wednesday, June 28, the 25th legislative day of consideration. Without action by the Senate, his appointment becomes official even without a vote.

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