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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

WHY LABOR'S VOTE IS IMPORTANT IN ALL ELECTIONS

HOW LABOR MAY HAVE INFLUENCED THE OUTCOME OF THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

PA Conference of Teamsters analysis of the 2016 Presidential Race

THREE NORMALLY BLUE AND LABOR FRIENDLY STATES WENT RED AND WERE LOST BY SLIM MARGINS

The latest figures published by the *Bureau of Labor Statistics* shows that there are 14.8 million labor votes in the United States. Three states (Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin) came into play in the 2016 Presidential Election. These three states have normally voted Democrat flipped in the 2016 election to Republican.

Clinton won the popular vote by over 2.86 million votes. Clinton received 65,844,601 whereas Trump only received 62,979,636.

The number of union votes in these three states, according to the latest figures published by the *Bureau of Labor Statistics*, shows that:

- Pennsylvania had 685,000 union members in 2016
- Michigan had 606,000 union members in 2016
- Wisconsin had 219,000 union members in 2016

Since the Electoral College overrides the popular vote, a candidate must win the majority of the votes in a state to be awarded the Electoral Votes of that state.

Pennsylvania has 20 Electoral Votes and 685,000 union members. Clinton lost by 44,292 votes. The PA Conference alone has 95,000 members.

Michigan has 10 Electoral Votes and 606,000 union members. Clinton lost by 10,704 votes.

Wisconsin has 16 Electoral Votes and 219,000 union members. Clinton lost by 22,748 votes. Trump ended with 306 Electoral Votes and Clinton with 232. Had Clinton carried these three states she would have picked up 46 additional Electoral Votes making the Electoral Vote count Trump 260 and Clinton 278. It takes 270 to win.

Ohio with 18 Electoral Votes was not included though Democrats normally carry Ohio. Clinton lost Ohio by 446,841

The Patriot-News

Joe Biden definitely running for president in 2020, MSNBC's Chris Matthews says

By **Candy Woodall** cwoodall@pennlive.com November 4, 2017

According to an article posted in the Patriot News© former Vice President Joe Biden will run for president in 2020, according to Chris Matthews, who left no room for error. "I've talked to his family. He's running. OK? Fact," said Matthews, the host of MSNBC's "Hardball." Matthews made the declaration [during a Friday interview in Philadelphia with NBC10](#) while promoting his new book, "Bobby Kennedy: A Raging Spirit."

, Matthews said Biden should run because he would help the Democrats win back some of the blue-collar voters they lost in the last election. That appeal is even stronger in this state, according to the host. "In many ways, he's the third senator from Pennsylvania," Matthews said. "He's always talking about his Scranton roots."

Though Biden is a seven-time senator from Delaware, he grew up in Scranton and regularly talks about the lessons he learned there. "I am so proud of representing my state, and it is my state and I love it," Biden said of Delaware numerous times as senator. "But Scranton never leaves you. And Pennsylvania never leaves you." Some of his other greatest hits on Scranton involve stories about about the "grit" and perseverance of its residents. During his 2008 Democratic National Convention speech, he described it this way: "My dad -- my dad, who fell on hard times, always told me, though, 'Champ, when you get knocked down, get up. Get up.'"

A Biden spokesman told NBC10 they had no official comment on what Matthews said and pointed to a recent Vanity Fair interview. In an interview with [Vanity Fair](#) last month, Biden said he hadn't made up his mind on running. "I haven't decided to run. But I've decided I'm not going to decide not to run. We'll see what happens," he said.

To view and read entire article in Penn Live © go to: http://www.pennlive.com/nation-world/2017/11/joe_biden_definitely_running_f.html

Supreme Court rejects bid to halt redistricting lawsuit

By **The Associated Press** November 4, 2017

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) -- The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to put on ice a federal lawsuit challenging Pennsylvania's congressional districts approved after the 2010 census. Justice Samuel Alito on Friday rejected the requested stay of the lawsuit by five Pennsylvania voters against the governor and elections officials, a court official said Saturday.

Republican leaders in Pennsylvania's General Assembly had said in the request filed last week that a trial in the case could occur in about a month, as the justices are [considering a Wisconsin gerrymandering case with what they call "substantively identical claims."](#)

House Speaker Mike Turzai and Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati, who were granted a request to intervene in the federal case, asked the court to impose a halt until a similar Commonwealth Court lawsuit over the districts is resolved -- and that case is mostly on hold pending a decision in the Wisconsin lawsuit.

Lawyers for Turzai and Scarnati argued the Wisconsin decision could render the Pennsylvania lawsuit moot, or narrow its issues. The lawsuit alleges state maps have unfairly given Pennsylvania Republicans an electoral advantage, and it seeks to reshape the state's congressional districts before the 2018 midterm elections. Republicans won 13 of 18 congressional seats in the 2014 and 2016 elections despite earning a little over 50 percent of the vote.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM

