## IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Doug McLinko, :

Petitioner

v. : No. 244 M.D. 2021

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State; and Veronica Degraffenreid, in her official capacity as Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

Respondents

Timothy R. Bonner, P. Michael Jones, David H. Zimmerman, Barry J. Jozwiak, Kathy L. Rapp, David Maloney, Barbara Gleim, Robert Brooks, Aaron J. Bernstine, Timothy F. Twardzik, Dawn W. Keefer, Dan Moul, Francis X. Ryan, and Donald "Bud" Cook,

Petitioners

v. : No. 293 M.D. 2021

: Argued: November 17, 2021

Veronica Degraffenreid, in her official capacity as Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State,

Respondents

BEFORE: HONORABLE MARY HANNAH LEAVITT, Judge

HONORABLE PATRICIA A. McCULLOUGH, Judge

HONORABLE MICHAEL H. WOJCIK, Judge

HONORABLE CHRISTINE FIZZANO CANNON, Judge

HONORABLE ELLEN CEISLER, Judge

I concur in the Majority's disposition of the procedural objections in this matter. I dissent from the Majority's disposition of the substantive claims regarding the constitutionality of the Act of October 31, 2019, P.L. 552, No. 77 (Act 77), for the reasons expressed in my Concurring and Dissenting Opinion in the companion case, *McLinko v. Commonwealth*, \_\_ A.3d \_\_ (Pa. Cmwlth., No. 244 M.D. 2021, filed January 28, 2022). I only add that Petitioners' federal constitutional claims are without merit as they are based on the purported violation of the Pennsylvania Constitution, which claims are meritless for the reasons outlined therein.

Accordingly, unlike the Majority, I would grant Respondents' Application for Summary Relief with respect to the substantive claims of the constitutionality of Act 77, and dismiss Petitioners' petitions for review with prejudice.

MICHAEL H. WOJCIK, Judge

Judge Ceisler joins in this Concurring/Dissenting Opinion.