

# NEW JERSEY VOTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

**11/03/26 General Election Day**  
Polls Are Open From 6 A.M. - 8 P.M.

**General Election In-Person Early Voting Period, 10/24/26-11/01/26**  
Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
**1-877-NJ-Voter (1-877-658-6837) Vote.NJ.Gov**

## Sample Ballots in Polling Places

Sample ballots will be available at the polling place on the day of the election. The sample ballot shall be as nearly as possible a facsimile of the official ballot and shall have printed on it:

- The number of the election district
- The location of the polling place
- The hours of the election
- The date of the election
- An indication of whether the polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities. If non-accessible, the sample ballot must indicate the availability of Vote by Mail ballots
- Information on how the voter can obtain or view the Voter's Bill of Rights

## Voting Machine

### You Can Vote on the Voting Machine if:

- Your complete voter registration information is in the poll book;
- You currently live in the election district or moved out of the County after the close of registration for this election (thereafter you must be registered in your new County); and
- There are no successful challenges to your right to vote.

### You Have the Right to

- Vote in private on the voting machine;
- Bring voting materials (such as the sample ballot, but no campaign material) into the voting booth to help you vote;
- A "reasonable" amount of time to cast your vote.

Instructions on use of the voting machine are available in the polling place. If you do not see them, ask any board worker.

### Assistance on the Voting Machine

- If you are blind, disabled or cannot read the ballot on the machine, you can have someone of your choice assist you with the voting machine. You cannot have the assistance of a representative of your employer or union.
- If you are alone and are entitled to assistance, two board workers of opposite political parties may help you. You have the right to have both workers assist you or one worker - It is your choice.
- The district board workers must first fill out a disability certificate for you before you can use the voting machine.

**Standing in Line to Vote:** If you are in line to vote at the time of the closing of the polls, you **MUST** be allowed to vote.

**Emergency Ballots:** If the voting machine is not working, **DO NOT LEAVE** the Polling Place. A board worker will give you a Paper Emergency Ballot. If you spoil your ballot, you have the right to ask the board worker for another ballot.

## First-Time Voter

The following signs will be available in each polling place:

- Signs in the inside corridors directing voters to the location of the polling room
- Three sample ballots for the election district, posted on the wall of the polling room
- The Voter Bill of Rights, posted on the wall
- Voting machine instructions adjacent to the voting machine

## ID Requirements

### Certain "Need ID" Voters

The following voters have to show ID at the polling place:

- If you registered to vote by mail in this County after January 1, 2003, and never voted in a federal election in the County, you were required to provide identification. If you did not provide identification before voting for the first time at the polling place, you must show the board workers identification today; or
- You did not complete section 5 of the New Jersey voter registration form (section 5 requires a Driver's License #, last 4 digits of the social security number if you have no driver's license, or an affirmation you do not have either set of numbers), and you did not respond to a request for such information, you must show the board workers identification today; or
- You were a mail-in registrant and did provide your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number, but the numbers could not be verified, you must show the board workers identification today.

If you **DO NOT** show the board workers any identification you **CANNOT** vote on the voting machine. You **MUST** vote with a provisional paper ballot.

An identifying document may include, **but is not limited to:**

- Any Valid and Current Photo ID:
  - NJ driver's license
  - Military or other Government ID
  - Student or Job ID
  - Store Membership Card, or,

Any current document with your name and address on it, including **but is not limited to:**

- Bank statement
- Car registration
- Sample ballot
- Utility bill
- Pay check
- Rent receipt
- Government check or document
- Non-photo NJ driver's license

## Vote By Mail

The Vote by Mail application must go to your County Clerk's Office. If you mail it to your County Clerk, it needs to get there at least 7 days before the election. After that day, you must deliver the application to the County Clerk's Office in person. Ballots can be issued by the Clerk until 3:00 p.m. of the day before the election.

You may ask for a vote by mail ballot for all future elections until you request otherwise in writing. If you do not vote by mail in four consecutive years, then you will no longer be issued a mail-in ballot for future elections. You will be notified in writing of the change.

## Vote By Mail

Also, any voter who wishes to vote by mail in any single election can request to receive a ballot for that election.

### Authorized Messenger Process

Any voter may ask someone to be their Authorized Messenger to go to the County Clerk's office to get the ballot.

- At the bottom of the application, you must write the name of the person you choose as your Authorized Messenger.
- No one can be your Authorized Messenger without your permission.
- The Authorized Messenger must be a family member of the voter or a registered voter of the county.
- No person can be an Authorized Messenger for more than three qualified voters in an election, except that an authorized messenger may serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family members residing in the same household as the messenger.
- No candidate in the election for which you are requesting a Vote by Mail ballot can be an Authorized Messenger.

### Bearer Process

Any voter may ask someone to be their Bearer to return the ballot to the appropriate Board of Election office.

- On the return envelope of your ballot, the bearer must sign the certification stating that he or she received the ballot directly from the voter and no other person and is authorized to deliver the ballot to the appropriate Board of Election office.
- No one can be a Bearer without your permission.
- No person can be a Bearer for more than three qualified voters in an election, except that a bearer may serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family members residing in the same household as the bearer.
- No candidate in the election for which you are requesting a vote by mail ballot can be a Bearer.

### Track My Ballot Process

Voters can track their provisional and vote by mail ballot through their NJ Voter Information System Account. Please visit [TrackMyBallot.nj.gov](https://TrackMyBallot.nj.gov). First time users have to create an account and will need either a Driver's License Number, Last 4 digits of SSN, or Voter ID Number to validate voter registration status. (If you don't know your Voter ID number, use the "Voter Search" tool at: <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check> to obtain your "Voter ID". If you are unable to obtain your Voter ID utilizing the "Voter Search" tool, please contact your Superintendent of Elections or Commissioner of Registration.)

## Provisional Ballot Voting

### You MUST Vote by Provisional Ballot if:

- You are a registered voter in the County who moved within the County and did not notify the County Commissioner of Registration before election day of your current address; or
- Your registration information is not complete in the poll book, for example your signature or address is missing; or
- You are an "Active need ID" or "Inactive need ID" voter who has not provided identification information (see ID Requirements section). For this provisional ballot to count, a copy of your ID must be submitted to your County Commissioner of Registration by close of business on the second day after the election; or
- There is a marking in the poll book that you applied for a Vote by Mail ballot, but you tell the board worker, you did not apply for a Vote by Mail ballot, you applied for a Vote by Mail ballot, but did not receive the ballot or you received a Vote by Mail ballot but did not return it.

### How to Vote by Provisional Ballot:

- The board worker will give you a paper ballot and an envelope.
- The board worker must provide you with a place to vote the ballot in secret.
- Put the voted ballot in the envelope and seal it.
- Complete and sign the "Affirmation Statement" that is attached to the envelope. **DO NOT DETACH** the Affirmation Statement.

If you do not sign the Affirmation Statement, your ballot will not be counted.

- Give the envelope to the board worker.
- Watch the board worker put the envelope into the provisional ballot bag, or you may put your ballot into the bag yourself.
- If you spoil your ballot, you have the right to ask the boardworker for another ballot.

No provisional ballot is counted at the polling place. All provisional ballots are taken to the County Commissioner of Registration's office after the close of the polls for verification and counting by the County Board of Election.

After the election, you can check the status of your ballot online at: <https://trackmyballot.nj.gov>, or you can call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837). If your ballot was not counted, you can find out why it was rejected.

## Additional Ballot Information

Every valid ballot is counted and is anonymous.

To ensure that your Vote by Mail Ballot is counted, be sure to sign the certificate attached to the inner envelope when you return your vote by mail ballot. If you are going to mail your ballot, it must be postmarked ON or BEFORE Election Day, November 3, 2026, and received by your county Board of Elections by 8 p.m. November 9, 2026. If you are not sure if your ballot will arrive in time, you can drop it off in-person at the county Board of Elections or one of the county authorized ballot drop boxes. Contact your Board of Elections for drop-off locations. If you are dropping your ballot off in-person, it must be received by your county Board of Elections by 8 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2026.

If your ballot was rejected for a missing or mismatched signature, a notice will be issued by your county elections office within 24 hours of the ballot being rejected. You will have until 48 hours prior to the certification of results to return the cure form and have your ballot accepted.

You may cure a ballot rejected for a missing or mismatched signature by returning the cure form in-person, by fax, or by e-mail to the county board of elections by 48 hours before the results of the election are to be certified.

## Additional Ballot Information

You are not required to submit any form of hard-copy identification document or copy thereof in order to cure a signature deficiency. You may cure your ballot signature deficiency by declaring that you submitted your ballot and verifying your identity by either: (a) providing a valid New Jersey driver's license number or Motor Vehicle Commission non-driver identification number; or (b) if you do not have a valid New Jersey driver's license number or Motor Vehicle Commission non-driver identification number, then by providing the last four digits of your Social Security Number; or (c) if you do not have the identification in (a) or (b), then by attaching a legible copy of a New Jersey State-accepted form of identification, including either a sample ballot which lists your name and address, an official federal, State, county, or municipal document which lists your name and address, or a utility bill, telephone bill, or tax or rent receipt which lists your name and address; and (d) signing and dating the cure form prior to returning it.

## Complaints

Complaint Forms are available if you have a complaint regarding the conduct of the election at this polling place. Ask any board worker for a form.

## Election Offenses

Please be advised that no person shall wear, display, sell, give or provide any political or campaign slogan, badge, button or other insignia associated with any political party or candidate on the ballot to be worn at or within 100 feet of the outside entrance of a polling place, or within 200 feet of the outside entrance of a polling place during an election if the electioneering prohibition is extended by the county board of elections, or within the polling place or room, on any early voting day, or on any primary, general, municipal, school or special election day, except the badge furnished by the county board as provided by law.

This includes any political gear representing the campaign slogans, logos, or depictions or representations of any political party or candidate on the ballot such as merchandise sold directly from a political party, campaign, candidate, or by third parties and vendors representing any political party or campaign or candidate on the ballot.

A person violating any of these provisions is guilty of a disorderly persons offense and will not be permitted on the premises and can only return to vote after the removal of prohibited political insignia.

- **Electioneering** - It is a crime under State law to electioneer within 100 feet of the outside entrance of the polling place, or within 200 feet of the outside entrance of a polling place during an election if the electioneering prohibition is extended by the county board of elections, up to and including the polling room. There can be no campaign signs or material in this area and no one can campaign on behalf of any candidate or public question.
- **Fraudulent Voting** - It is a crime under federal and State law to attempt to vote or vote knowing you are not entitled to vote, or to provide false information when registering to vote or voting. You are not permitted to vote more than once in an election.
- **Conspiracy** - It is a federal crime to conspire to deprive voters of a fair election. If anyone is harassing you or improperly interfering with your right to vote, ask a board worker for assistance.

## Challenger Do's & Don'ts

### Challengers Can:

- Beginning two hours after the opening of the polls, and no more than every two hours thereafter, ask the district board for the official count of how many voters have voted, and the district board shall, beginning two hours after the opening of the polls, and no more than every two hours thereafter, display a notice containing the official count of the total number of voters who have voted.
- Challenge a voter if the challenger believes the voter is not qualified to vote. In order to vote a person must be: A United States citizen, Registered to vote, 18 years of age or older. A resident of the County for at least 30 days before the election.

### Challengers Cannot:

- Challenge a voter for any of these reasons:
  - They think they know how the voter is going to vote.
  - The race or ethnic origin of the voter.
  - The voter resides in a particular ward, housing complex, or section of a municipality or county.
- **IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR A CHALLENGER TO CHALLENGE A VOTER FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE REASONS.**
- Sit with the district board workers or touch the election materials.
- Go to the voting machine during the voting hours.
- Challenge the voter directly. Only the district board can ask the voter questions.
- Wear any campaign buttons, signs or campaign clothing.
- Harass or intimidate any voters; or cause any disturbances in the polling place.
- Challenge a voter because the district board asks the voter to affirm his or her residence, or asks a first-time registrant by mail to show identification.

## Challenge Process In The Polling Place

- If your right to vote is challenged, the board workers may ask you for identification and you must sign an affidavit. The challenger must also sign an affidavit.
- If the board workers vote to reject the challenge or there is a tie vote on the challenge, you have the right to vote on the voting machine.
- If the board workers votes to uphold the challenge, you cannot vote but you have the right to go to a Superior Court Judge to request a court order to vote. The board workers must tell you where to go to see the Judge.

## Exit Polling

**It is Legal.** You may be asked by a media representative about your voting when you are leaving the polling place. You do not have to answer any questions - it is your choice.

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