



SAFEGUARD ING OUR VOTES

New Jersey Voting in the Age of
COVID-19



Zoom Basics

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting window titled "Zoom Meeting ID: 732-206-175". The main area displays two video feeds: "Person 2" on the left and "Person 1" on the right. A context menu is open over "Person 1", showing options: "Mute My Audio" (Alt + A), "Start Video", "Rename", "Hide Non-Video Participants", and "Hide Self View". The bottom toolbar contains icons for Mute, Start Video, Invite, Participants (2), Share, Chat, and Record, followed by a "Leave Meeting" button. Four callout boxes provide instructions: a red box points to the "Start Video" icon with the text "Make sure that your video is turned on so we can see you!"; a green box points to the "Chat" icon with the text "Use the chat box to ask or respond to questions, or to let us know if you need anything,"; a blue box points to the "Speaker View" button in the top right with the text "Switch to Gallery view if you only see the speaker, or vice versa."; and a purple box points to the three-dot menu in the context menu with the text "Click the ... for more options, including renaming yourself so that your name appears correctly."

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HELLO

My name is

Introduce Yourself in the Chat Box: What is your name, town, and what was the first election in which you cast a vote?

**Polling
Place**



Goals

- **Provide trusted, detailed, and up-to-date information on both HOW to vote in New Jersey in the 2020 General Election and WHY our system works this way**
- **New Jersey voters know how to avoid even inadvertently spreading misinformation**
- **New Jersey voters are ready to vote early and make a voting plan**
- **New Jersey congregants learn about Every Voice, Every Vote: The Reform Movement's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign and RAC-NJ**

Setting the Stage



Always Ask When You See Voting Guidance, Especially Online

Is this reliable, up-to-date, local information from a trusted source?



Would You Trust These Sources?



Your Cousin on Facebook



NJ Division of Elections
Webpage

Partisan Sources Can Be Problem

This is misinformation. Our 2020 NJ Election is tightly regulated.

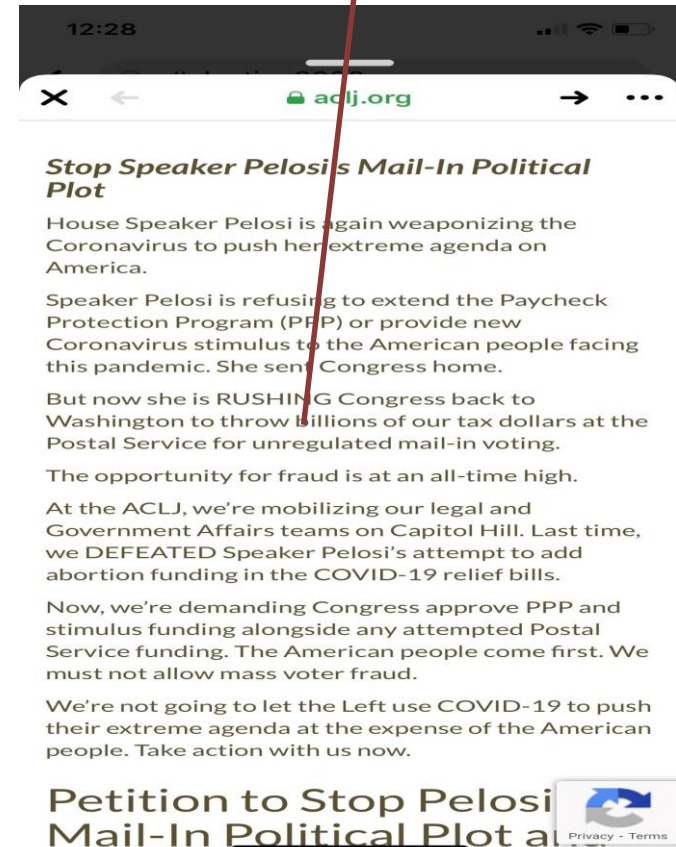


This is misinformation. In NJ in 2020, we do not request mail-in ballots.



This week, we kickoff our 50 day countdown until Election Day.

The stakes have never been higher to kick out this lying, sexist, white nationalist from the White House. Trump knows we've been preparing for this moment for years — it's why he's been ruthless in his attempts to sabotage the election, shut down the post



Is It Recent? (Look for COVID-19 Election Resources or Similar)

Where to Vote - Essex B X New tab
https://essexboardofelections.com/where-to-vote/


BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Home Election Results How to Vote **Where to Vote** How to Serve Forms & Resources
Training Videos

Where to Vote

There are two ways to find your local polling place:

- If you know your Ward and/or District information (available on the sample ballot you received in the mail), download and consult our [list of polling places](#).
- If you don't know your Ward and/or District information, use the [Polling Place Finder](#) from the New Jersey Division of Elections.



you cannot vote in-person, learn how to [vote by mail](#) or by overseas ballot.

[Translate this Page](#)


Search

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www.state.nj.us/state/elections/covid-19-resources.shtml

State of New Jersey
New Jersey Division of Elections
Kim W. Weiler, Secretary of State

Register to Vote? Am I Registered? Voting Information? Candidate Information County Information Election Information Publications **COVID-19 Resources**



COVID-19 / COVID-19 / COVID-19 Election Resources

Covid-19 Election Resources

Election Timelines

[General Election](#)

[Vote-by-Mail](#)

[Managing an Increase in Outbound Vote-by-Mail Ballots](#)

Covid-19 Election Resources

[Register to Vote](#)

[Am I Registered?](#)

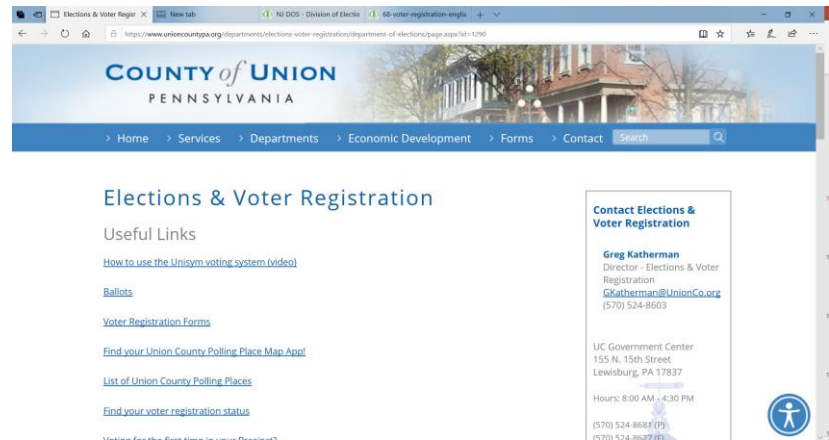
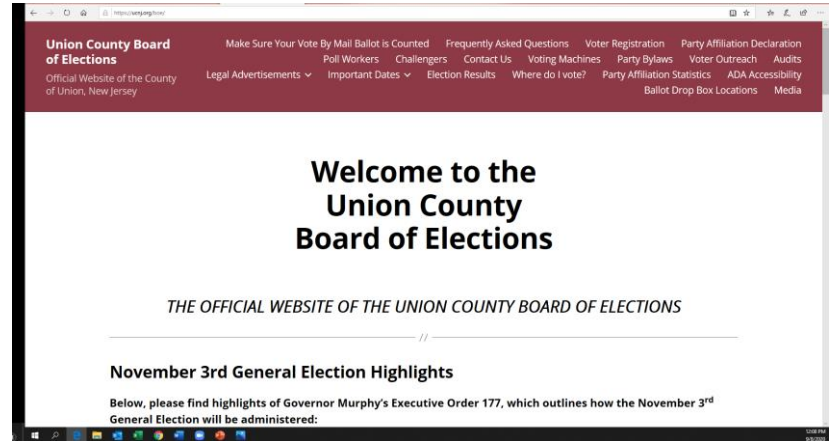
[Vote in Your Polling Location](#)

[Find Your Polling Location](#)

[Vote By Mail](#)

[Military and Overseas Voting](#)

Is It Local?



Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC)

- Affiliate of the Union of Reform Judaism
- 60 years of history driving justice at the federal level
- Historically:
 - 1964 Civil Rights Act
 - 1965 Voting Rights Act
- More Recently:
 - Marriage Equality
 - Defense of Affordable Care Act
 - Americans with Disabilities Act
 - Reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act
 - Repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell

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EVERY VOICE

EVERY VOTE

**THE REFORM MOVEMENT'S 2020 CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN**



A Nonpartisan Campaign

Within 501c3
guidelines, **we can:**

- Discuss issues
- Advocate for equal access to the ballot

Within 501c3
guidelines, **we cannot:**

- Endorse candidates or parties

Election – Voters elect officials and vote on ballot initiatives

Decisions – Elected officials determine policy around issues we care about from racial justice to healthcare to reproductive justice.

Voting Our Jewish Values

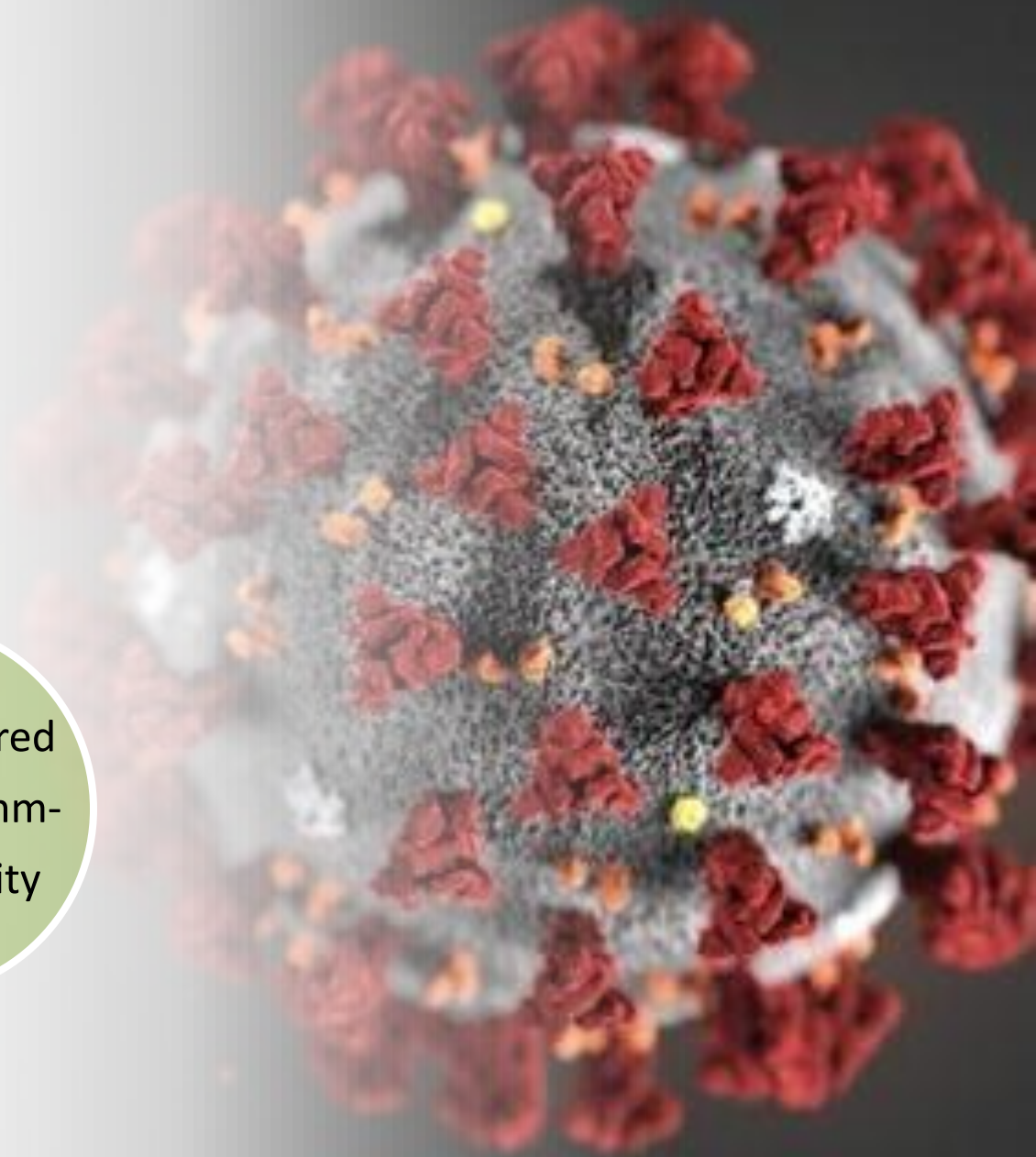
"Jewish tradition views government as a human partnership with God. Where Torah predicts that Israelites would want civil rulers instead of priests and prophets, Moses told the people: "[B]e sure to place over yourselves the king that God elects for you" (Deut. 17:14-15). The canon records that God chose the first king, Saul (1 Sam. 9:16-17). The second king, David, was chosen by God but **confirmed** by "all of Israel's elders" (2 Sam. 5:3). The third king, his son Solomon, ruled in David's bloodline but "all the people" together **ratified** his accession (1 Kings 1:39). Given this democratic shift, Talmud opined that not even God could select rulers without consulting the people (B.T. Berachot 55a)."


-David Evan Markus





What Do Our Jewish Values
Require of Us Around Voting
During COVID?





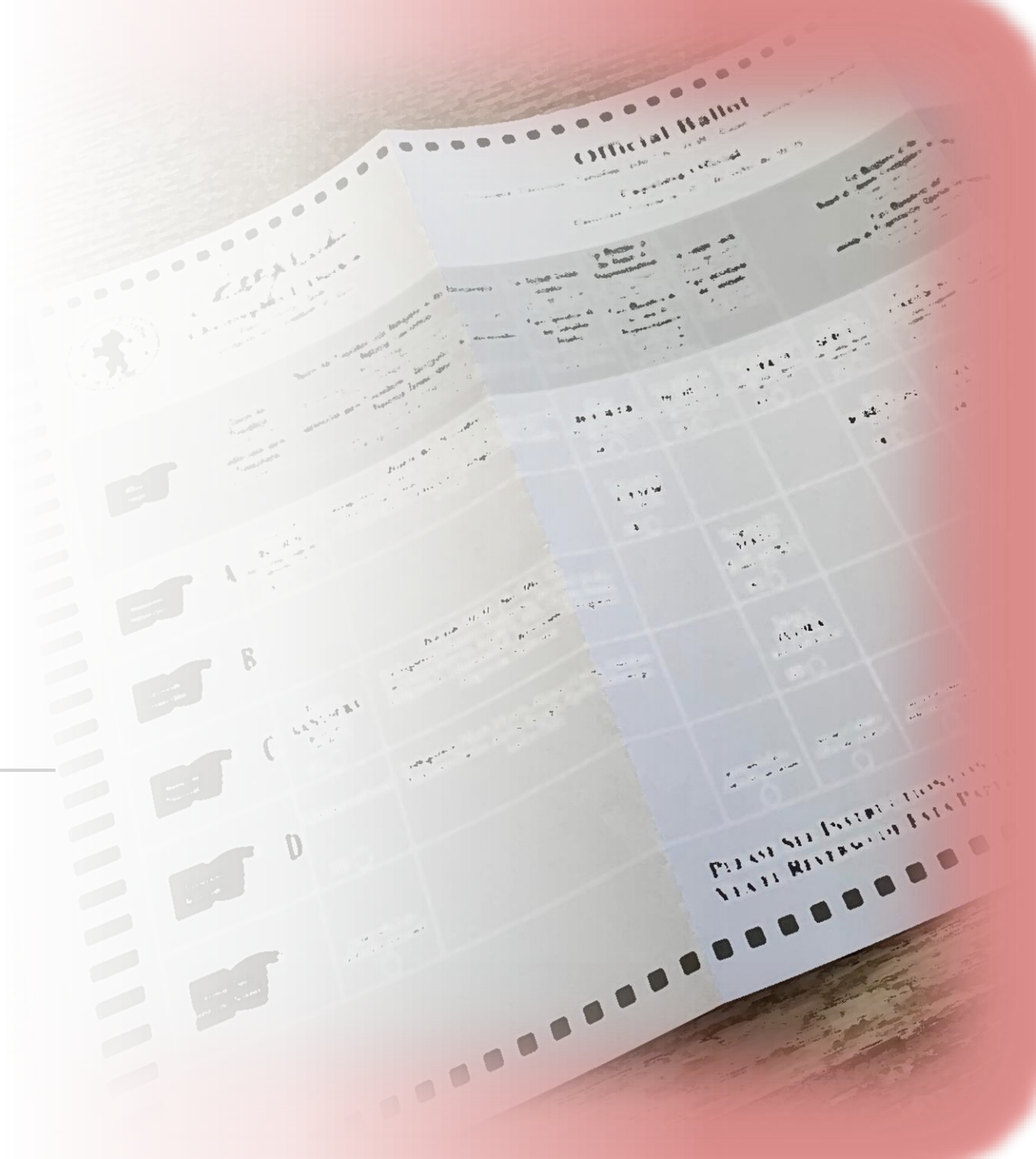
COVID Upended Our NJ Election Process for 2020

- 2020 New Jersey Elections
 - May Municipal Non-Partisan Elections (in some New Jersey municipalities)
 - July Primary
 - November General Election
- All three elections became entirely or primarily Vote-by-Mail Elections



VBM

Vote By Mail



2020 General Election

How it will work



In Person

- Fewer polling places*
50% of normal count county wide; at least one per municipality
- Paper (provisional) ballots
Machine for voters with disabilities
- YOUR OWN Vote-by-mail ballot drop-off
- All standard Covid-19 precautions

By Vote-by-Mail Ballot

- Mail-in ballots mailed automatically to active, registered voters *(By October 5)*
- 4 ways to return ballots
 - Secure drop boxes*
 - USPS *(Postage pre-paid)*
 - Polling sites Election Day*
 - Board of Elections offices**

* Voters will be sent poll locations in separate mailing (sent 10/23)

** In person to 300 Halls Mill Rd., Freehold

The safest way to proceed

Make a plan to . . .



FROM HOME!

**Deadline:
21 days before the election**

REGISTER

GENERAL ELECTION

November 3, 2020

Registration Deadline



**Don't delay.
Register early!**

Who's eligible to register?

REGISTER

- ☐ A U.S. citizen
- ☐ At least 17 years old
(But you can not vote until you turn 18)
- ☐ A resident of the county for 30 days before the election
- ☐ Not serving a prison sentence for a felony



NEW ! You can vote if you are on parole or probation but you need to register—even if you were registered before.

Are you already registered?

REGISTER

Multiple paths to the same destination



NJ voter-registration database

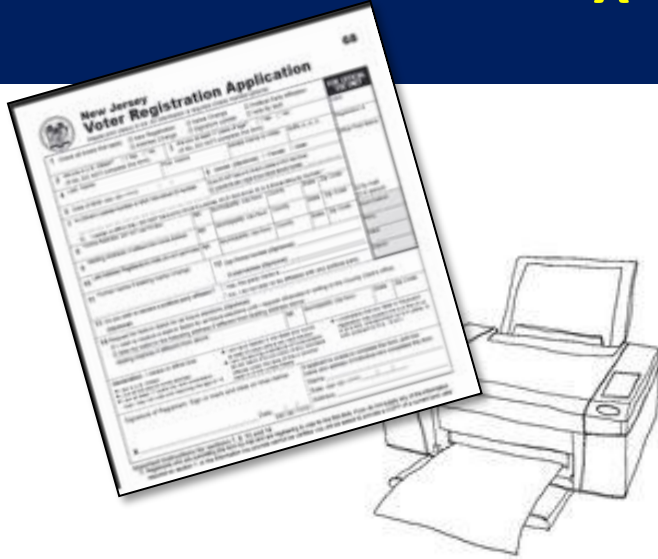
<https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

Note: Currently the NJ registered voter database does not include 17 year-olds who have registered but are not yet eligible to vote.

How do I get a [^]application?

Voter Registration

REGISTER



Print the form at home

<https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

Or

MonmouthCountyVotes.com



Request the form from the LWV

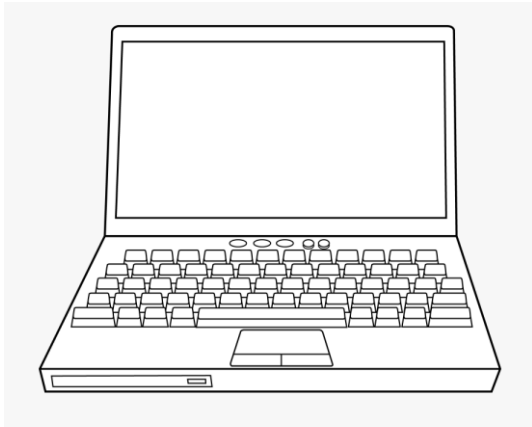
Text "NEED FORM" to **732-927-1131**.

We'll be in touch and mail one to you

Note: Forms are available at the Election Office, 300 Halls Mill Rd., Freehold (732-431-7780 x 7786) and at most libraries, town halls, etc.

On-line registration option

REGISTER



<https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register>



You need a form of identification and a way to provide a signature . . .

Either through Motor Vehicles

- ☐ NJ Driver's License, OR
- ☐ NJ MVC Non-Driver ID

OR—using your Social Security Number and entering your signature

- ☐ Sign on screen, OR
- ☐ Scan and upload

Available since 9/4/2020

REGISTER

Completing the Voter Registration Form

[How to Register Voters in NJ Workshops](#)

[VIDEO](#)

[Online form](#)



New Jersey Voter Registration Application

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Please print clearly in ink. All information is required unless marked optional.

1 Check all boxes that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Political Party Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Signature Update <input type="checkbox"/> Vote By Mail					FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY Clerk Registration # Office Time Stamp
2 Are you a U.S. Citizen? (If No, DO NOT complete this form) 3 Are you at least 17 years of age? (If No, DO NOT complete this form) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
4 Last Name		First Name		Middle Name or Initial	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)
5 Date of Birth (MM / DD / YYYY)			6 Gender (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		<input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input type="checkbox"/> in person Muni Code #
7 NJ Driver's License Number or MVC Non-driver ID Number			If you DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License or MVC Non-Driver ID, provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. ____		
<input type="checkbox"/> "I swear or affirm that I DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License, MVC Non-driver ID or a Social Security Number."					
8 Home Address (DO NOT use PO Box)		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	County	State Zip Code
9 Mailing Address (If different from Home Address)		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	County	State Zip Code
10 Last Address Registered to Vote (DO NOT use PO Box)		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	County	State Zip Code
11 Former Name if Making Name Change			12 Day Phone Number (Optional)		Party
			E-Mail Address (Optional)		Ward
13 Do you wish to declare a political party affiliation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the party name is ____ (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not wish to be affiliated with any political party.					District
14 Request for Mail-In Ballot for all future elections (Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections until I request otherwise in writing to the County Clerk's office. <input type="checkbox"/> Mail my ballot to the following address if different from Mailing Address above.					
Mailing Address if different from above		Apt.	Municipality (City/Town)	State	Zip Code
Declaration - I swear or affirm that: • I am a U.S. Citizen • I live at the above home address • I am at least 17 years old, and understand that I may not vote until reaching the age of 18		• I will have resided in the State and county at least 30 days before the next election • I am not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States.		• I understand that any false or fraudulent registration may subject me to a fine of up to \$15,000, imprisonment up to 5 years, or both pursuant to R.S. 19:34-1	
Signature of Registrant: Sign or mark and date on lines below				If applicant is unable to complete this form, print the name and address of individual who completed this form. Name _____ Date (MM / DD / YYYY) ____ / ____ / ____ Address _____	
X _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____ (MM / DD / YYYY)					

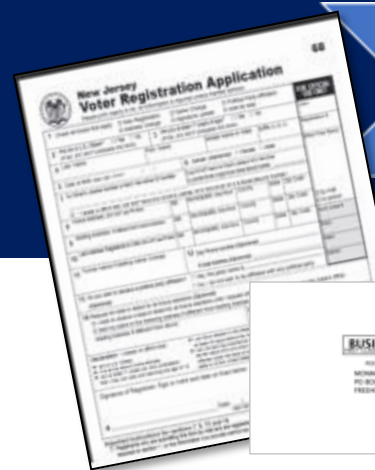
Important Instructions for sections 7, 8, 13 and 14

- 7) Registrants who are submitting this form by mail and are registering to vote for the first time: If you do not supply any of the information required by section 7, or the information you provide cannot be verified, you will be asked to provide a COPY of a current and valid photo ID, or a document with your name and current address on it to avoid having to provide identification at the polling place.
Note: ID Numbers are Confidential and will not be released by any governmental agency. Any person who uses such numbers illegally shall be subject to criminal penalties.
- 8) If you are homeless, you may complete section 8 by providing a contact point or the location where you spend most of your time.
- 13) You may declare a political party affiliation or you may declare to be unaffiliated, regardless of any prior party affiliation. If you are a previously affiliated voter who wants to change political party affiliation or become unaffiliated, you must file this form no later than 55 days before the primary election in order to vote in the primary election. Completing section 13 is OPTIONAL and will not affect the acceptance of your voter registration application.
- 14) If you wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections, mark the appropriate box in section 14. You will continue to receive Mail-In Ballots for all future elections until you request otherwise in writing to your County Clerk's office.

Need More Information? Check boxes below if you would like to receive more information about:

- ☐ voting by mail ☐ polling place accessibility ☐ voting if you have a disability, including visual impairment
☐ becoming a poll worker ☐ available election materials in this alternative language: _____

Submit your Voter Registration Application

A New Jersey Voter Registration Application form, tilted at an angle. It contains various fields for personal information, including name, address, date of birth, and party affiliation. The form is titled "New Jersey Voter Registration Application" and has a "REGISTER" button in the top right corner.

REGISTER

Fold and tape (not staple) your form and drop it in a mailbox.

Your form is already addressed and stamped.

(Or, deliver in person to the Superintendent of Elections/Commissioner of Registration Office, 300 Halls Mill Rd. Freehold)



Don't wait!!

DEADLINES

Postmarked 21 days before Election Day (October 13)

Once registered, you stay registered and do not need to submit another form unless you change your *address, name, signature, or party affiliation*.

Commit



Learn about the candidates and issues

COMMIT



Vote411.com

- Detailed candidate information at all levels
- Information about ballot questions
- COVID-19 related election changes
- Check registration status
- Find a first-time voter checklist



Candidate Forums

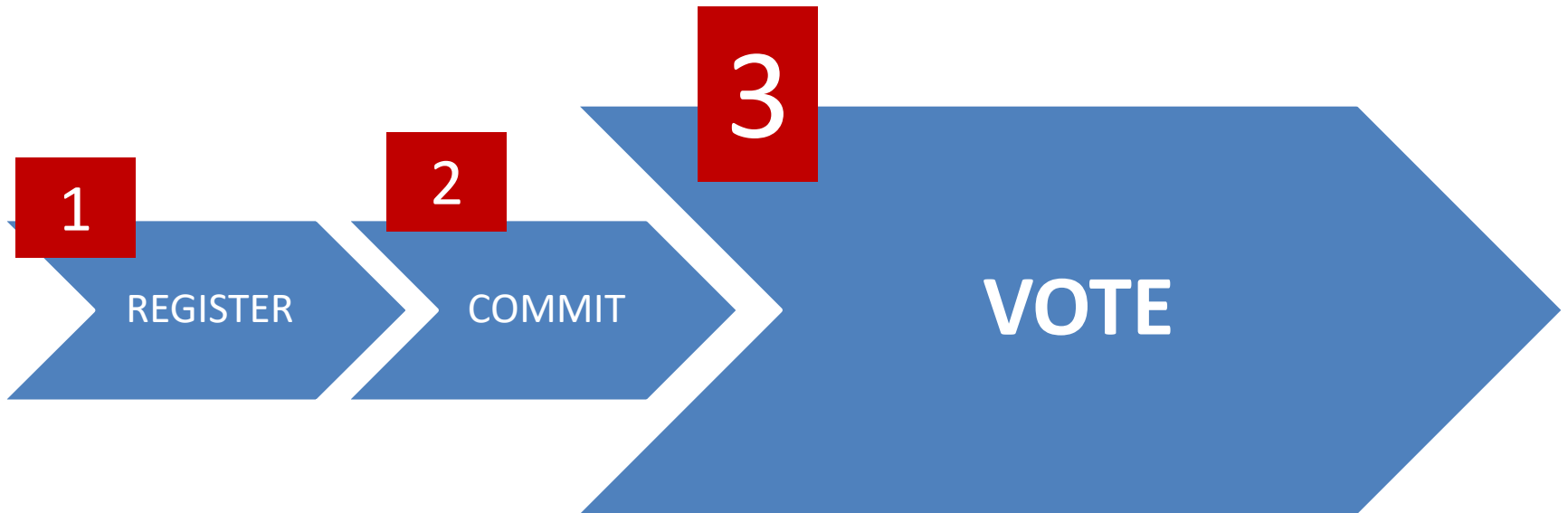
Bradley Beach Mayor, Sep 23, 6:30
Neptune Board of Education, Oct 1, 6:30
Asbury Park Board of Education, Oct 6, 6:30
Belmar Borough Council, Oct 7, 6:30
Congressional District 4, Oct 8, 7:00
Borough of Little Silver Council, Oct 12, 7:00
Monmouth County Freeholder and Clerk, Oct 14, 7:30
Township of Ocean Board of Education, Oct 15, 6:30

LWVSMC.ORG

Forums
& Webinars

Click here to
REGISTER

Finally . . .



Filling out the VBM ballot

VOTE

VIDEO

How to vote by mail

1



You'll receive a package in the mail.
It contains your ballot and two envelopes.

2



Fill in the circles on the ballot to mark your choices. Use a **blue or black pen**—not pencil or marker. The ballots are scanned by machine.

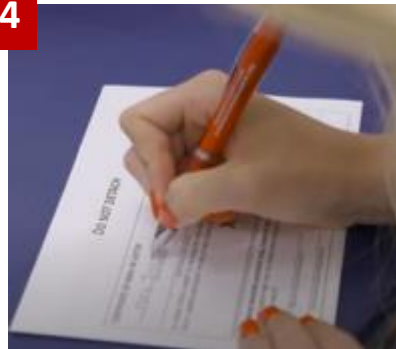
3



Put the ballot in the certification envelope.

Do not detach or damage the flap!

4



Complete the information on the outside of the smaller envelope and **sign**.

5



Place the certification envelope in the outer envelope and seal.
It is self-addressed and stamped.

Video (4 minutes)

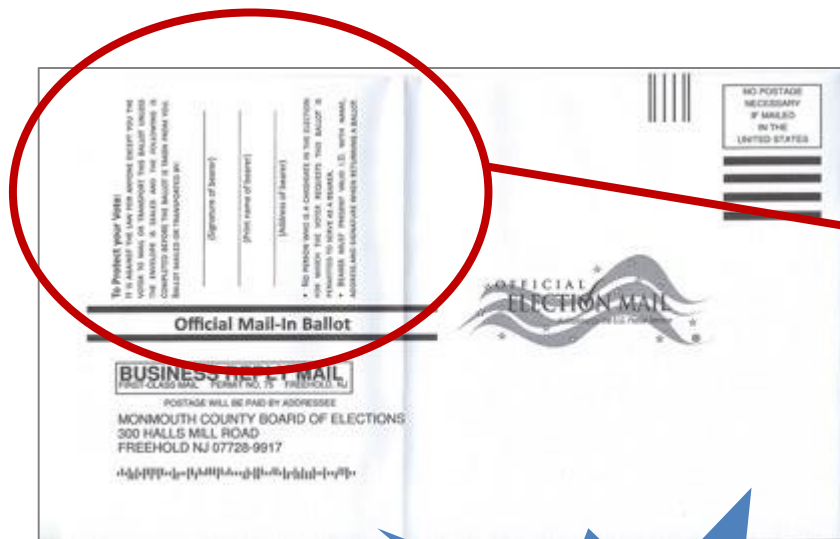


<https://vimeo.com/449840414>

If you use a “bearer”

VOTE

If someone else mails or drops off your ballot, they must fill in the “Bearer” information on the outside envelope.



Bearer can deliver no more than three ballots

Official Mail-In Ballot

To Protect your Vote:
IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR ANYONE EXCEPT YOU THE VOTER TO MAIL OR TRANSPORT THIS BALLOT UNLESS THE ENVELOPE IS SEALED AND THE FOLLOWING IS COMPLETED BEFORE THE BALLOT IS TAKEN FROM YOU.
BALLOT MAILED OR TRANSPORTED BY:

(Signature of bearer)

(Print name of bearer)

(Address of bearer)

- NO PERSON WHO IS A CANDIDATE IN THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE VOTER REQUESTS THIS BALLOT IS PERMITTED TO SERVE AS A BEARER.
- BEARER MUST PRESENT VALID I.D. WITH NAME, ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE WHEN RETURNING A BALLOT.

Monmouth County Drop Boxes

VOTE

- Aberdeen Municipal Building
- Allentown Borough Hall
- Asbury Park City Hall
- Borough of Belmar Municipal Building
- Eatontown Borough Municipal Building
- Board of Elections Office
- Hazlet Agency – NJ Motor Vehicle Commission
- Howell Township Municipal Building
- Long Branch City Hall
- Manalapan Township Municipal Building
- Middletown Municipal Building
- Croydon Hall, Leonardo
- Neptune Township Municipal Building
- Ocean Township Town Hall
- Red Bank Borough Municipal Building
- Rumson Borough Hall
- Wall Township Municipal Building



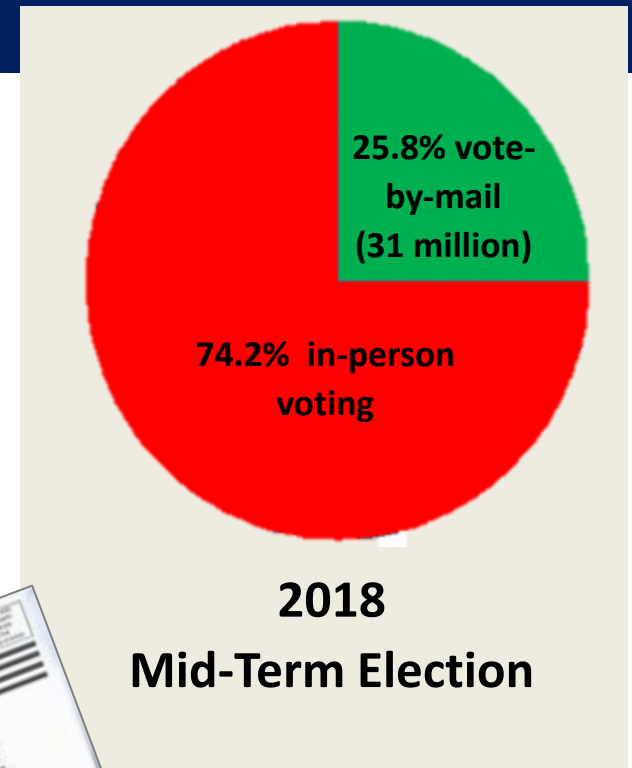
Are vote-by-mail ballots safe?

- **The data makes the case**

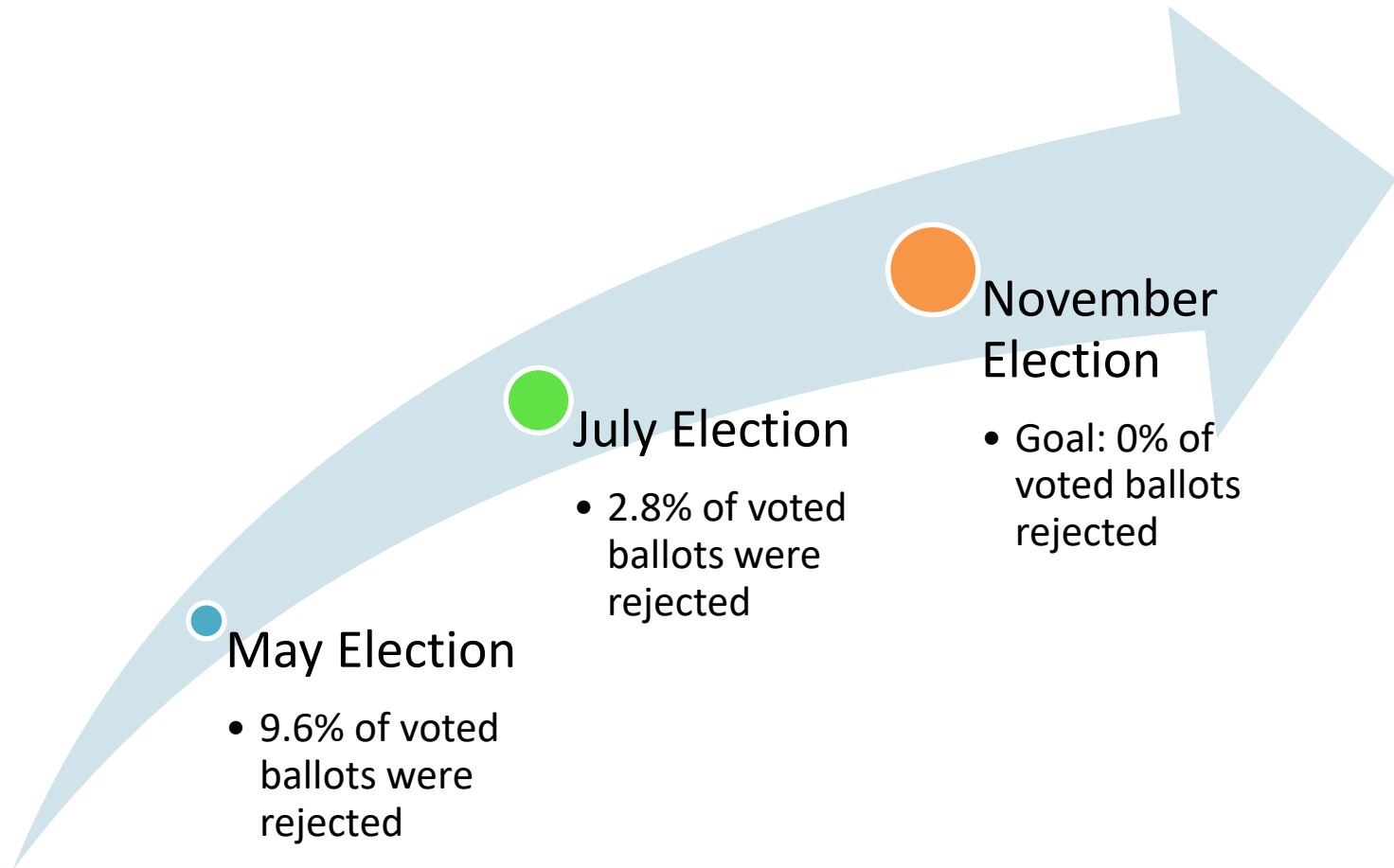
- Since 2000, 250 million mail-in ballots cast; 143 criminal convictions for election fraud
- Five states (CO, HI, OR, UT, WA) use vote-by-mail primarily; few- to-no fraud cases

- **Safeguards are in place**

- Identity verification
- Bar codes
- Secure Drop Boxes
- Harsh penalties
- Post-election audits (statistical anomalies)



New Jersey Keeps Improving



How to know your ballot was counted

VOTE

You will be notified automatically by mail if your ballot is rejected.

Department of State
New Jersey Division of Elections
The Hon. Tahesha Wigg, Secretary

Public Access Sign In

Start here by signing in with the form below to access your personal New Jersey Voter Registration System account information.

If you have not already set up your account, click the "Sign Up for Public Access" link to set up your NJ Voter Information System account.

Username:

Password:

[Sign Up for Public Access](#) | [Forgot Your Password?](#) | [Forgot Your Username?](#)

NJ Voter Public Access Sign Up

<https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/auth/sign-up>

Mail-in Ballot History

07/07/2020
PRIMARY ELECTION

Ballot request type
Single Election

Request received date
05/15/2020

Request status
Accepted

Request processed date
05/26/2020

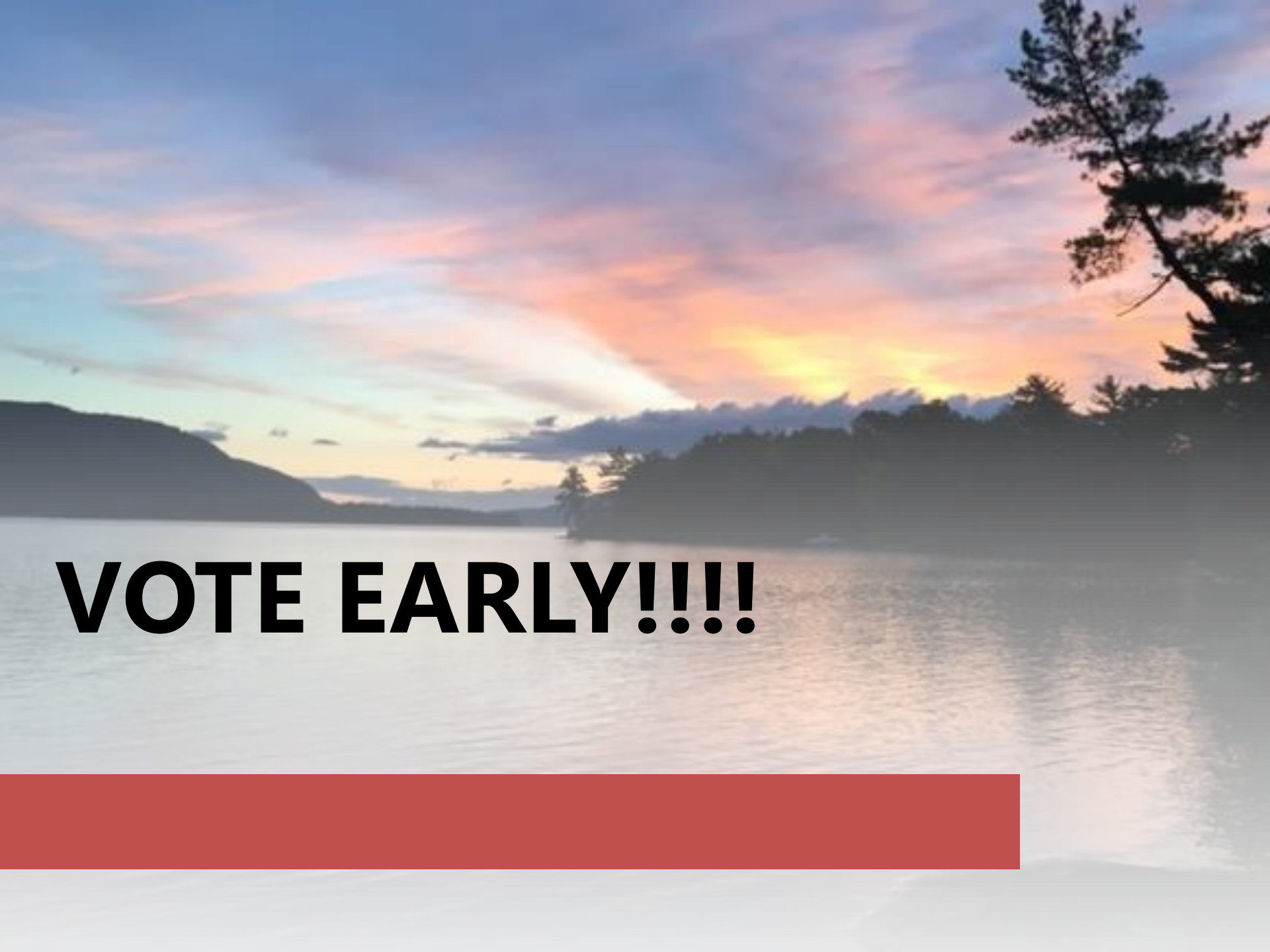
Ballot received date
07/07/2020

Ballot status
Accepted

OR - Call Board of Elections Office 732-431-7802 x. 7150

New Stuff

- This is a **paper ballot election** (primarily vote by mail)
- New Jersey has **online voter registration** for the first time – please share this far and wide!!!
- Unless I have a disability that requires me to vote on a machine, **I cannot vote on a machine** in the 2020 General Election
- I can vote a **provisional ballot** on Election Day +
- I have 4 ways to return my Vote By Mail Ballot – only one depends on USPS
- **VOTE EARLY!!!!**

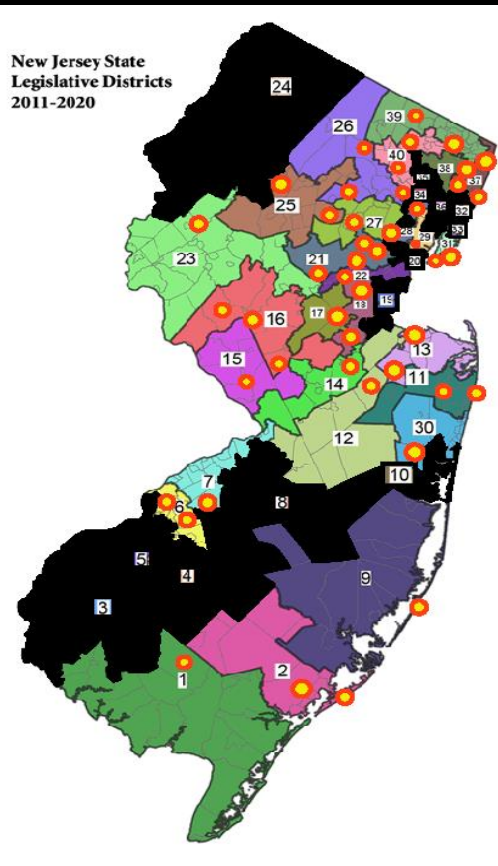


VOTE EARLY!!!!



We Have So Much Potential

- URJ Congregations are located in 27 of 40 NJ Legislative Districts
- Congregants who have taken action with RAC-NJ live in 34 of 40 legislative districts
- 15,000 families in legislative districts across the state have potential to make us heard as Jews in Trenton



Monmouth County (9/30/2020)

Data	Status	Website
2020 General Election How to Information	Updated – Good FAQ	https://www.monmouthcountynjvotes.com/elections/general-election/
Secure Drop Box Locations	Updated	https://www.monmouthcountynjvotes.com/vote-by-mail-drop-box-locations/
General Election Polling Locations	Updated	https://www.monmouthcountynjvotes.com/voter-information/polling-places/
Ballot Mailing Status	Updated	https://www.monmouthcountynjvotes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Clerk-Hanlon-announces-that-Mail-In-Ballots-are-on-their-Way-More-than-450000-ballots-to-be-sent-to-active-Monmouth-County-voters-per-State-mandate.pdf



New Jersey Track My Ballot

<https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/auth/sign-in>

(Public Access Sign-In)

Voter Protection Hotlines



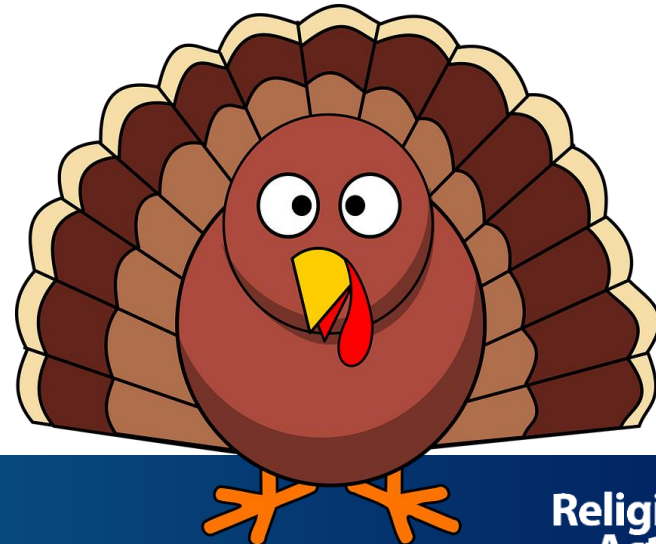
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- NJ State-run Voting Information & Assistance Hotline: 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)
- Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

When Will We Know Who Won???



OUR COUNTIES MUST CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS BY NOV. 23 for Electoral College Purposes.



**Polling
Place**



RAC-NJ Can Build OUR Power to Act

By voting this November and taking time to document our voting and our
turnout operations

MRT Virtual Pledge Card: <https://urj.tfaforms.net/386>