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League of Women voters caution against 'misinformation' regarding voting

TRENTON – The League of Women Voters are urging voters to not fall for a mysterious email that stating they won't be able to vote if they haven't voted since the 2008 general election.

The email, whose origin is not known, states: "The rules have changed. If you have not voted since Nov. 2008, you must re-register to vote 30 days prior to November or you will not be allowed to vote in the upcoming national election."

However, Kerry Margaret Butch, director of the league, said that is inaccurate

"Misinformation is flying around causing unnecessary confusion," she said at a press conference outside the league's office on West State Street.

George Gore of the NAACP especially urged South Jersey voters to stay on top of their voting situation. Because that region is served by media outlets based in Pennsylvania, which was going through a controversial voter registration process, residents need to make sure they are following New Jersey's voting laws.

"New Jersey is not like Pennsylvania," he said.

Toni Zimmer, president of the league's New Jersey affiliate, said the misinformation is not indigenous to New Jersey. She said other states, including Alabama and Arkansas, have also been flooded by the email.

"It's very upsetting," she said. "It's almost like a virus."

The deadline to register in New Jersey is Oct. 16. Voters would only need to re-register if they moved, changed their name, or completed probation and are allowed to vote again.

Residents who want to make sure they are registered to vote could call the league at 1-800-792-Vote.