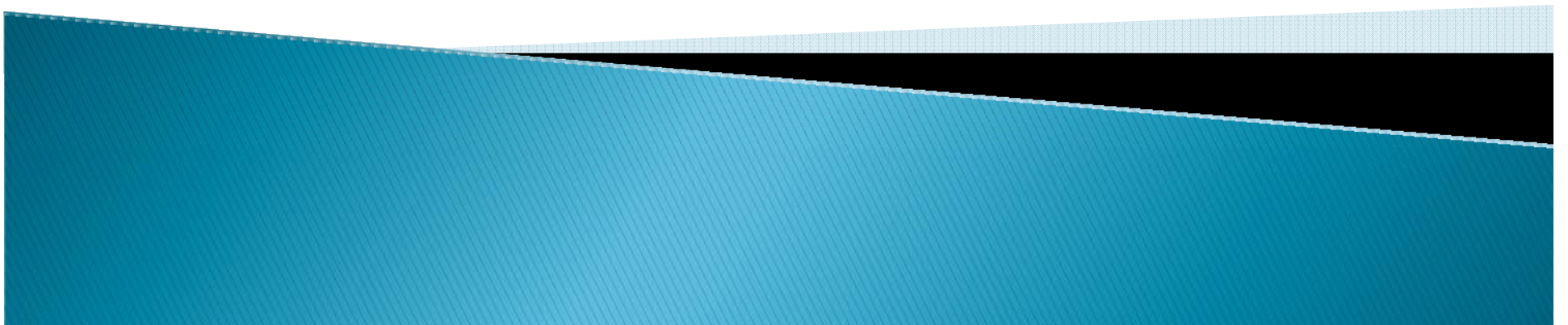




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# Voting in New Jersey



# Who Can Register To Vote?

- ▶ To register in New Jersey you must:
  - Be a US citizen
  - Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
  - Reside at your present address for at least 30 days



# When / How / Where to Register

- ▶ When to Register

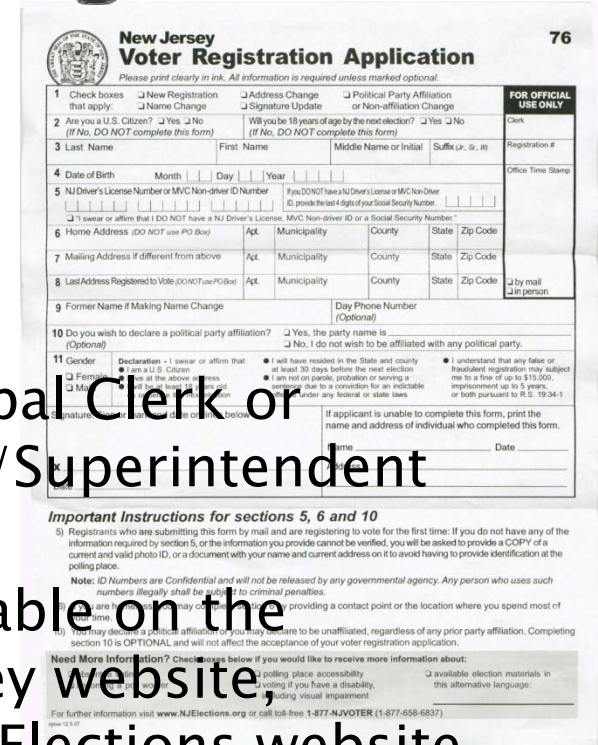
- At least 21 days before the election

- ▶ How and Where to Register

- You may register in person or by mail

- In person – Register with your Municipal Clerk or county Commissioner of Registration/Superintendent of Elections.

- By mail – Registration forms are available on the League of Women Voters of New Jersey website, [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org) and the NJ Division of Elections website, [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org). They are also available at motor vehicle agencies, public assistance offices, most libraries, Municipal Clerk, and county Commissioner of Registration offices.



The image shows a 'New Jersey Voter Registration Application' form. The form is titled 'New Jersey Voter Registration Application' and includes the state seal. It contains several sections for registration information, including: 1. Check boxes for New Registration, Name Change, Address Change, Signature Update, Political Party Affiliation Change, or Non-affiliation Change. 2. A question about U.S. citizenship and age. 3. Fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Name or Initial, and Suffix. 4. Date of Birth fields. 5. NJ Driver's License or MVC Non-driver ID Number, and Social Security Number. 6. Home Address fields (Apt., Municipality, County, State, Zip Code). 7. Mailing Address fields. 8. Last Address Registered to Vote fields. 9. Former Name and Day Phone Number. 10. A question about political party affiliation. 11. Gender and Declaration section. The form also includes a 'FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY' section with fields for Clerk, Registration #, and Office Time Stamp. Below the form, there are 'Important Instructions for sections 5, 6 and 10' and a 'Need More Information?' section.

# When to Re-Register



- ▶ You must re-register to vote if you:
  - Change your name – You are entitled to vote only in the next election by signing your registration sheet at the polls with both your previous and new name. After that, you must re-register in your new name.
  - Change your address – You must re-register and check off “address change” on the form.

Note: When you move or change your name you already fill out various forms alerting agencies (credit cards, the post office, the MVC, etc). Don't forget to ALSO fill out a voter registration form!

# Election Dates 2012

- ▶ School Board & Budget Election – April 17
  - Voter registration deadline – March 27
- ▶ Fire District Election – February 18
- ▶ Nonpartisan Municipal Elections (in some municipalities) – May 8
  - Voter registration deadline – April 17
- ▶ Primary Election – June 5
  - Voter registration deadline – May 15
- ▶ General Election Day – November 6
  - Voter registration deadline – October 16

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DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE – REGISTER NOW



# Vote by Mail

In New Jersey, any voter can now vote by mail in any election. You do not need a reason to Vote by Mail. Don't feel like going to the polls? Simply vote by mail. Now there is no excuse not to vote!



# How to Vote by Mail



- ▶ Registered voters must apply for a vote by mail ballot. Applications are available online at [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org) and [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org) or at your County Clerk's office.
- ▶ Your mailed application must be received by your County Clerk at least 7 days prior to the election. However, you may apply in person for a Vote by Mail ballot at your County Clerk's office until 3:00 pm the day before the election.



# Your Vote by Mail Options

When you apply for Vote by Mail you will have the following options to automatically receive ballots in future elections.

## Voter Options to Automatically Receive Ballots in Future Elections

*You may choose either option, both options, or none of the options. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CHOOSE AN OPTION.*

*If you do not choose any option, you will only be sent the ballot for the election you chose in Section 1.*

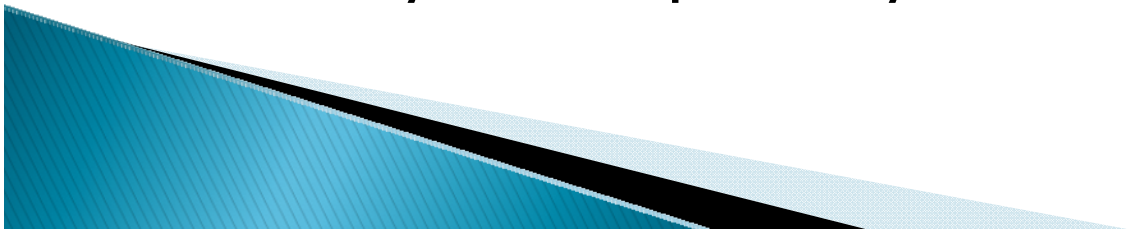
- I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all elections to be held during the **REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR.**
- I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot in **ALL FUTURE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS,** until I request otherwise.



# Party Affiliation

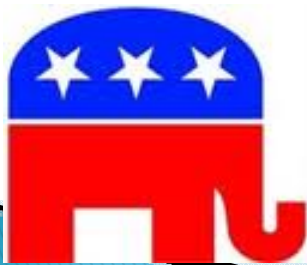
In New Jersey, you may declare a party affiliation when registering to vote, but you are not required to do so.

However, in a primary, you may vote for only one party's candidates (and only the Democratic and Republican parties qualify for primary elections). To vote in a primary you must be a declared member of one of those parties OR if you are an unaffiliated voter, you may declare at the polls the day of the primary election.



# Changing your Party Affiliation

- ▶ If you do declare a party at the polls on primary election day, you retain this party affiliation.
- ▶ If you wish to change your party affiliation you must file a party affiliation declaration form (online at [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org) or [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org)). You do have the option of changing your party to “unaffiliated”.



# Do I need to bring ID to the polls?

You need to provide ID ONLY if you are a first-time voter who registered by mail and did not provide the requested information or the information you provided could not be verified.

- ▶ If you can provide ID, you are allowed to vote at the polls on the machine.
- ▶ If you do not show identification, you will vote by provisional ballot and have until the close of business on the second day after the election to provide identification to the applicable county election office. You will be given a hand-out at the polling place that will tell you which county election office to contact.



# We are here to assist you!

On the League of Women Voters of New Jersey website, [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org), you will find:

- Voter registration forms, vote by mail applications, and party affiliation declaration forms
- Answers to frequently asked voting questions
- Your voting rights
- Information about upcoming elections



# 1-800-792-VOTE (8683)

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey also staffs a toll-free voter assistance hotline to answer your questions. The hotline is staffed year-long during business hours with extended hours on General Election Day.



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