

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS – PRIMARY ELECTION
RULES FOR APPLICATION FOR CHALLENGER CREDENTIALS - (N.J.S.A. Title 19 - Election - Chapters 7)

DEADLINE DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS:

Applications for challenger credentials must be filed with the Monmouth County Board of Elections, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, New Jersey, and **NO LATER** than the **second Tuesday** preceding any election.

ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATION for such credentials will be accepted after the deadline date. Early filing is recommended to avoid errors and delays caused by last minute application.

WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED?

No person shall be appointed who is not a **registered voter** in Monmouth County. No challenger shall serve in any district other than the one to which that challenger has been appointed. **(A challenger does not have to reside in the district or municipality in which that challenger has been designated to serve).**

PERMITS TO CHALLENGER:

Such permits (credentials) are issued by the Monmouth County Board of Elections. Challengers must file credentials with the district election board before being permitted to sit the polling place. These credentials may be revoked and others issued in their stead at any time up to and including the day of election. However, such changes must be effected **AT THE OFFICE** of the Monmouth County Board of Elections – **ALL OFFICIAL CHANGES MUST BE MADE IN PERSON.**

BADGE:

Every challenger must wear a badge furnished by the County Board of Elections.

NUMBER OF CHALLENGERS PERMITTED PER CANDIDATE:

Each candidate who has filed a petition is permitted two (2) challengers per district. The candidate's name and the office for which the candidate has been nominated **MUST APPEAR** on the application, and the candidate's signature is required on same. **PLEASE NOTE**, although two credentials are issued, only one challenger for each candidate may be present at any one time. **A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE BALLOT, DOES NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR A CHALLENGER CREDENTIAL FOR HIM/HERSELF.** Candidates are automatically a challenger and **DO NOT NEED A CREDENTIAL.**

MULTIPLE CREDENTIALS:

Multiple credentials can be used to permit one person to enter more than one polling place. This is **NOT IN ADDITION** to the restriction of two (2) challengers per candidate per district. It is recommended, however, that no more than two sets of multiple credentials be issued per municipality.

PUBLIC QUESTION:

A candidate's challenger form cannot be used to apply for challenger credentials under Public Questions. Organizations applying for those credentials should use appropriate forms. These forms are available at your Municipal Clerk and the County Board of Elections.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Application for challenger credentials must be in writing, giving the correct name, address, and the district in which the challenger is to serve, also the correct district in which that person resides.

THE NAME AND ADDRESS MUST BE PRINTED EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN THE E-POLL BOOK. INCORRECT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A CHALLENGER.

ALL CHALLENGERS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR DUTIES ON ELECTION DAY

**MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
PRIMARY ELECTION - JUNE 4th, 2024**

PLEASE RETURN TO:

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
300 HALLS MILL ROAD, FREEHOLD, NJ 07728
(732) 431-7802 ext. 7803

**APPLICATIONS DUE ON OR BEFORE:
Friday, 5/21/24 by 4:00 PM**

I, the undersigned, a Candidate for the office of _____ in the municipality of _____ respectfully request that you appoint the persons named on the attached list to act as Challengers for and in my behalf at the **JUNE 4, 2024, PRIMARY ELECTION** at the sites as set forth. This request is made pursuant to N.J.S.A. Title 19: 15-18 through 28.

CIRCLE ONE:

Republican

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Democrat

NAME OF PETITIONER: CANDIDATE(S) / COUNTY and/or MUNICIPAL CHAIR

Other

(Please print)

STREET ADDRESS

MUNICIPALITY

PHONE NUMBER

CIRCLE ONE:

County Chair

Municipal Chair

Candidate

Phone: _____ Dated: _____

List Submitted by: _____

Municipality: _____

Phone: _____

Credentials to be picked up by: _____ Phone: _____

NOTE: Challengers Must Present Credentials to the District Board Worker

CHALLENGERS AT THE POLLING PLACE

Title 19:7 - 1 thru 6.1

The **DUTIES** of a **CHALLENGER** are to observe the election, keep a record of who votes, and challenge any voter for whom they have a reasonable basis to believe is not qualified to vote.

- ◆ Pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 19:7-4 and 19:32-25**, the **COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS** has both the right to issue and revoke a challenger's credential up to and including the day of the election. The District Board (board workers) or a challenger must call this office immediately should there be any disturbance regarding challengers, so that it can be dealt with immediately on Election Day.

[732- 431-7802 ext. 7803]

CHALLENGERS CAN NOT

1. **Challenge a voter for any of these reasons:**
 - a. they think they know how the voter is going to vote
 - b. the race or ethnic origin of the voter
 - c. the voter resides in a particular housing complex or section of a municipality
2. Challenge a provisional ballot **N.J.S.A. 19:53C-3j**
3. Challengers **MAY NOT ELECTIONEER**, wear buttons, pins or t-shirts showing candidate or political party support. **N.J.S.A. 19:34-15**
4. **Challengers may not sit at the same table as board workers, address voters, nor handle any voting materials.** (e-pollbooks, voting authorities, voting machines, etc.)
5. Challengers **MAY NOT** use cellular phones in the polling place

REASON FOR CHALLENGE **N.J.S.A. 19:15-20, 19:4-1**

A voter can be challenged if he or she is:

- under 18 year's age
- not a citizen
- not living in the county for thirty (30) days
- serving a sentence for any indictable offense

A candidate whose name appears on the ballot automatically serves as a challenger; they **DO NOT** need a credential.