

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.

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The Monmouth County Board of Elections strongly recommends appointed challengers to adhere to CDC guidelines as of the date of the election regarding face coverings while in the polling places and while in any location where the challenger is serving in such capacity, such as observing the counting of ballots.

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. (Registration books, 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.