



## Monmouth County Board of Elections



# The Poll Worker Press

### General Election 2017—NJ Governor's Race

#### Welcome New BOE Employees



The Board of Elections is proud to welcome our new staff members: Karen Sikand (pictured left) and Karen Kennedy (pictured right).

#### 2017 Election Dates



**Tuesday, September 26th, Special School Election**

**Farmingdale Borough, Holmdel Township, Marlboro Township, Tinton Falls Board of Education, Upper Freehold Regional School District**

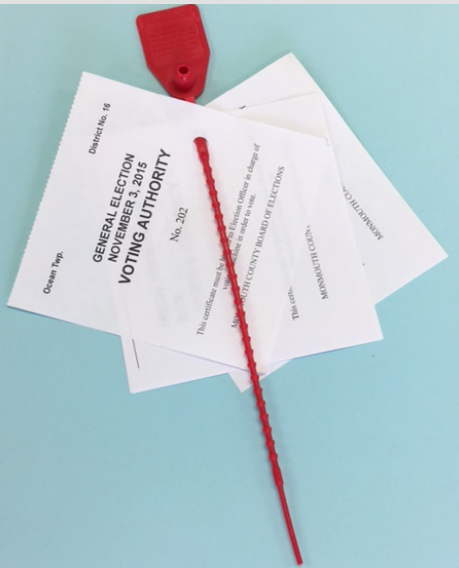
**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> General Election**

Say Goodbye to Needle and Thread!



#### Great news!

Voting authorities will now be placed on the zip tie shown. Please do not lock the zip tie until the close of polls.



#### Election Reminders



- Arrive at the polls by 5:15 for Primary, General and Municipal Elections

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2015 VOTING AUTHORITY

Vot. Auth. No. **202**

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Challenge \_\_\_\_\_

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**Enter voting authority number and your initials next to the voter's signature block**

- Follow your **green** "Check Sheet" for important Election tips.
- Offer each voter the **yellow "3 Simple Steps to Voting"** instructions
- Indicate # from machine cartridge seal on the zero proof report
- Both voting machines must be opened by 6 a.m. and must remain open until 8 p.m.
- Personal laptop and tablet device use is not permitted (by poll workers)
- Add **"Mail-in"** for each voter in the poll book that applied for a mail-in ballot after the poll books were printed
- If the voter has a name change, see page 7 in Instruction book
- Voter's complaint—use C-5 form in registration envelope

#### Questions & Answers

Q: How do I process a voter if signature block is marked **Verify Address**?

A: Ask the voter to complete the **yellow** Affirmation of Residency Form. If the address on the form matches the poll book, the voter may vote on the machine. If the indicated address is different, the voter must complete a provisional ballot.

Q: Is identification required for a voter in New Jersey?

**It is not required with two exceptions:**

A: ID is required under the following circumstances:

- When voter has been challenged
- Voter's record is marked "ID Required" in Poll Book



#### News Media at the Polls

Reporters are permitted at the polling location only with credentials issued by the Board of Elections. Poll Workers at each district will be notified if there will be a media presence at the polls.

## Challenger Do's & Don't's

### Challengers Can:

#### 1. Challenge a voter if the challenger believes the voter is *not qualified to vote*.

In order to vote a person must be:

- a United States citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- a resident of the County for at least 30 days before the election
- registered to vote

**A person on probation or parole for a felony conviction *can not* vote.**

### Challengers Can Not:

#### 1. Challenge a voter for any of these reasons:

They think they know how the voter is going to vote, the race or ethnic origin of the voter or because the voter resides in a particular section of the municipality or county.

***It is a criminal offense for a challenger to challenge a voter for any of the above 3 reasons.***

2. Sit with the district board workers or touch the election materials
3. Sit or stand near the voting machine during the voting hours
4. Challenge the voter directly. Only the district board can ask the voter questions.
5. Wear any campaign buttons, signs or any campaign clothing
6. Harass or intimidate any voters and /or poll workers; or cause disturbances in the polling place.
7. Challenge a voter because the district board asks the voter to affirm his or her residence or asks a first-time registrant by mail to show identification.

## How to Accommodate a Voter with a Court Order



On Election Day, a Superior Court Judge is present to make determinations on election matters. During the 2016 General Election, the Superior Court Judge issued several court orders allowing some voters to vote by machine. In this case, you must allow the voter to vote on the machine and comply with the court order. Call the Board of Elections if you have any questions about this process.

## The Challenge Process

A challenger at the polls may challenge a voter's right to vote.

- \* The challenger talks to the poll workers regarding the challenge and is not to speak to the voter directly.
- \* A challenger must complete and sign an affidavit stating the reason for the challenge (see sample of the *Challenger Affidavit Form C2/C4* below).
- \* A poll worker reads the *Information Sheet (C-3)* to the voter.
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- \* The poll workers must vote to determine whether to allow the challenged voter to vote or to uphold the challenge.
- \* If the majority of the votes are in favor of the voter or there is a tie, the voter can vote on the machine.
- \* When the poll workers vote to uphold the challenge the voter is not permitted to vote on the machine.

## Results of the challenge in the poll book

- \* A voter who is not permitted to vote on the machine as the result of a challenge can appeal to a Superior Court Judge presiding at the Superintendent of Elections office on Election Day.

**Please Note: Challengers are responsible for keeping track of their constituents, you do not need to provide them with voter turnout figures.**