



# Monmouth County Board of Elections



# The Poll Worker Press

Primary Election 2017 Edition

## 2017 Election Dates



**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** Special Election  
(Loch Arbour)

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** Annual School Election  
(Asbury Park City & Neptune Twp.)

Special Election (Roosevelt Borough)

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** Municipal Election  
(Monmouth Beach)

**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** Primary Election

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

## Is ID required to vote in NJ?

# NO

There are 2 exceptions when ID is to be presented by the voter:



1. The signature box in the poll book states:

**ID Required**

ADJMI, ELAINE  
7 WALLACE AVE, OAKHURST, 07755

BIRTH DATE: 02/23/1959 VOTER#: 150661038

<i>Elaine Adjmi</i>	Name _____
9/3/08	Address _____
	_____
	_____

** ID REQUIRED **	
_____	

2. The voter has been challenged and must present identification as part of the challenge process.

## How to "Verify Address" for a voter

Give the voter the **yellow Affirmation of Residency** form shown below in the registration envelope.

**Do not ask for ID.** The voter indicates his or her current address on the form. If the address matches the poll book, the voter votes on the machine. When the voter indicates a different address on the form offer the voter a **provisional ballot**.

## AFFIRMATION OF RESIDENCY

TO BE COMPLETED IF VOTER NAME IS "TAGGED" IN REGISTRATION BINDER

- I DID NOT MOVE.
- I MOVED OUTSIDE OF MONMOUTH COUNTY LESS THAN 29 DAYS BEFORE THIS ELECTION.



## Primary Election and Party Affiliation

### Primary Election

Unaffiliated voters can declare a party at the polls, write in **DEM** or **REP** in the Party Declaration Box

Declared **Democrats** can only vote for Democrat candidates

Declared **Republicans** can only vote for Republican candidates

BIRTH DATE: 11/18/56 VOTER#111195459

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OR MARK OF VOTER

VOT. AUTH. NO. 4  
Sig Comp By: RM  
Challenge: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: 11/18/56 VOTER#111195459

**DEM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OR MARK OF VOTER

VOT. AUTH. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sig Comp By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Challenge: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: 08/16/71 VOTER#122295489

**REP**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OR MARK OF VOTER

VOT. AUTH. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Sig Comp By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Challenge: \_\_\_\_\_

*Crossovers are not permitted*

Voters who would like to change their party affiliation, must request the change 55 days in advance of the election

Write in the voting authority number for each voter and your initials as you process each voter. This information is vital to updating the voter's election history following each election.

**Voters must only vote their declared party as indicated in the poll book.** A "crossover" to vote in the other party is not permitted.

Unaffiliated voters may declare a party when they check in at the polling location.

# Poll Worker Perspective

## My Day as a Poll Worker by Florence Anne Barry

On November 8th, I experienced for the first time the role of being a poll worker. After contacting the Monmouth County Board of Elections, filling out an application and attending a two hour training class, I was selected and assigned to District 27.

Upon entering the middle school, I quickly realized I was the new girl on the block when the lunch hour I was assigned was 11 a.m. I knew it would be a very long day arriving at 5:15 a.m. and leaving at 8:35 p.m. The occasion was both enjoyable and worthwhile knowing the poll workers being there permitted others to cast their vote.

At the end of the day, I took with me some additional expertise on the process of setting up the voting machines, having people sign in, and most important "verifying the vote was confirmed before resetting the machine".

My most unforgettable moment was seeing a gentleman 102 years old come in and I wondered how many times he might have voted during his lifetime. The most dreadful moment was waking up at 4:00 a.m. to go out into a cold, dark morning.

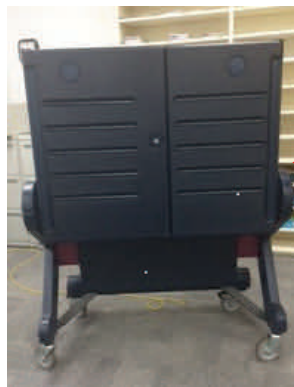
I'm hoping to do this again come June 2017. It is an honor and a privilege to be part of the process. At the end of the day, I felt my civic duty was fulfilled.

## Master Board Worker Insights

By Cindy Mohr

I had an eye opening experience when I worked the school election in Millstone and I'm sure its happening at other locations as well.

The day went smoothly. At the end of the night, we were putting the bag together, cleaning up our area, and preparing to close down. Our 2 machines were up. It was 10 minutes till the time to shut-down. I looked over and all the other districts had one of their machines ready to shut down. The curtain was off and put away and the front doors were closed up. The machine was still on and voters were using the other machine. I went to one of those districts and said something and was told the machine was still up. It wasn't closed out and people could vote at the other machine. Wow! they were not going to change their stance on it. At that point, it was too close to closing to do anything more than I did.



Its 7:30 pm and one machine at your district looks like this.

What's wrong with this picture? **The machine should remain open.**

Both machines should be open and fully operational to accommodate the last voter in line by 8 p.m.

Your machine should look like this after 8 p.m. once the last voter has cast a vote.

## Voter Signature Discrepancy

Poll worker Bobbie Gherdovich shared a problem she encountered at the polls during this past General Election.

"A young woman arrived at the (Howell) District 24 to vote, upon signing the book, I looked at the signature (which I find important) and noticed it wasn't even close.

I then proceeded to ask her the year of her birth to which she hesitated. She then admitted she was voting for her mom. This caused us to write up an incident report. Later she came back with her mom and we updated the incident report. "



## Court Orders...How to Accommodate the Voter

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 Poll Worker Press

If you would like to share your perspectives and insights as a Monmouth County poll worker for possible inclusion in a future Poll Worker Press, please send the details to:

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Contact Karen Kennedy at:

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Please provide your full name, town, political party, phone, district and email. Thanks so much!

