



Monmouth County Board of Elections



The Poll Worker Press

Primary Election 2020 Edition

Primary Election Postponed to July 7, 2020

Governor Murphy signed an executive order on 4/8/2020 to move the Primary Election — including closely watched races for president and Congress — from June 2nd to July 7th. This move allows additional time for election officials to make the necessary steps to prepare for a safe and efficient voting environment.

We are looking forward to your valued participation as poll workers in this upcoming election.

Legislators Seek Pay Increase for Poll Workers

On February 10, 2020, Senior Election Clerks Debra McEnery and Kimberly Earl traveled to the State House in Trenton to lobby in support of a bill to increase pay for election poll workers.

The bill, S-598, increases poll worker pay from \$200 to \$275. This bill unanimously cleared the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee. In addition to the support of Monmouth County Board of Elections staff, we were pleased to have the support of a long time Monmouth County poll worker, William Ditto.



William has worked as a poll worker for an amazing 34 years. He feels that a pay increase may help retain experienced poll workers. As quoted in an article published by NJSPOTLIGHT on February 11, 2020, William stated at the hearing, "It is definitely necessary to raise the remuneration for these workers." He added that "even the longest shifts typically don't run longer than 12 hours. There's no question about it I hear time and time again they leave because its not worth it." William's efforts on behalf of poll workers statewide are certainly appreciated.

In addition, several election officials and poll workers appeared to show their support of the bill sponsored by Senator James Beach and Joseph P. Cryan. We will keep you informed on the status of this legislation. As you can imagine, this initiative has our full support.

Pictured (l to r) Kimberly Earl, William Ditto, Debra McEnery

Primary Election 2020 Revised Timeline

- May 13, 2020** - Change of Party Affiliation Declaration Forms Due to Superintendent of Elections (55 days before election)
- June 16, 2020**- Voter Registration Deadline (21 days before)
- June 30, 2020** - Last day to apply by mail for a mail-in ballot
- July 6, 2020 by 3 p.m.** - Last day to apply in-person for a mail-in ballot

2020 Election Dates

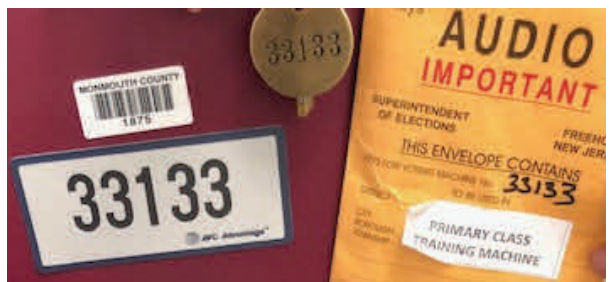
Tuesday, July 7th
Primary Election

Tuesday, September 29th
Possible Special School Election

Tuesday, November 3rd
General Election

Double Check the Keys and Machine Number for your District

Please make sure the number on the key tag from the blue bag matches the number on the side of the machine. This step is very important to ensure that voters in your district are voting on the right machine.



Preventative Actions for Poll Workers



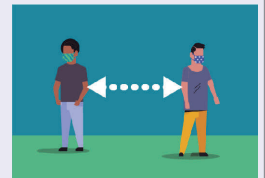
- **Stay at home if you have fever, respiratory symptoms or believe you are sick**
- **Wash hands frequently**—with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- **Clean frequently touched surfaces** with an antibacterial wipe or cleaning spray
- **Disinfect voting-associated equipment routinely**
- **Offer an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) to voters for use before and after using the voting machine.** The hand sanitizer should be placed in a prominent place such as the registration desk or exit.
- **Incorporate social distancing strategies**, as feasible. This increases the space between individuals and decreases the frequency of contact among individuals to reduce the potential for spreading germs. Based on current information on COVID-19, 6 feet of distance is ideal. If this is not practical, efforts should be made to keep individuals as far apart as possible. The feasibility of strategies will depend upon space available at the polling place and the number of voters who arrive at one time.



Each voting district will be provided with hand sanitizers and additional supplies to ensure that each district can operate effectively with best practices for health and safety.

Election Day Strategies

- ◆ Increase distance between voting booths
- ◆ Prohibit nonessential people at the polling place
- ◆ Remind voters to leave space between themselves and others—6 feet apart if feasible
- ◆ Discourage voters and poll workers from greeting others with physical contact (for example, no handshakes)

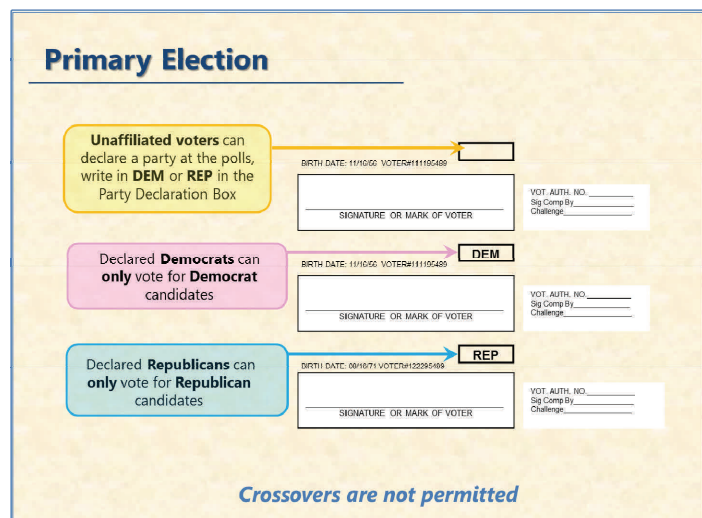


Signage will be provided to encourage social distancing.

Primary Election and Party Affiliation

- Party Affiliation cannot be changed at the polls, it must be done 55 days in advance
- Voters must vote their declared party
- Unaffiliated voters must declare as a Democrat or Republican to vote in a Primary

See graphic for example of poll book entries



How Does a Voter Cast a Write-In Vote?

Some voters may be interested in casting a vote for a write-in candidate in an election. Please review the instructions on write-in votes so that you may be of assistance to a voter if needed. The process is simple but remember that contrary to the words "write-in" the candidate must be entered with the machine keypad.

Hand each voter the **3 Simple Steps to Voting** (yellow card) so that they have the instructions to follow as they cast their vote. Detailed instructions are on the reverse side of this card.

Voter should be reminded to press **enter**, when they do a write-in vote and then the **cast vote** button.

3 SIMPLE STEPS TO VOTING

1. Enter Voting Booth
2. Select candidate by pressing the square button to the right of your choice. The "X" will light. To change a selection, press the square button again. The "X" will disappear and you may make another choice.
3. **Vote ballot**, press the red "Cast Vote" button and exit booth.

Please do not press RED CAST VOTE button until you are finished making selections.