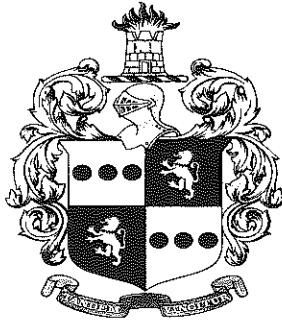


MORRIS COUNTY VOTERS' GUIDE



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WHO MAY REGISTER IN MORRIS COUNTY?

You are eligible to register if:

1. You are a citizen of the United States
2. You are a Morris County resident 30 days before the election
3. You will be 18 years of age on or before the next election
4. You are not incarcerated, on parole or on probation

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

You must complete a Voter Registration Application form, which can be obtained at the Board of Elections Office, any Municipal Clerk's office and/or other public agency. This form can also be downloaded from our website www.morriselections.org. For further information, please call the Board of Elections Office at 973-285-6715 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) offers their patrons an opportunity to register to vote when applying for a driver's license or registering a vehicle at their agency.

WHEN MAY I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Anytime, however, in order to vote in an election, **your registration must be received 21 days prior to the election in which you wish to vote.** Your registration will remain valid, as long as you do not move out of Morris County or have not been disenfranchised. If you move from Morris County to another county you must register to vote in the new county.

If you have not met the registration deadline you have the right to appear before a Superior Court Judge on the day of the election. Contact the Board of Elections Office for more information.

NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS

Under the federally mandated Help America Vote Act (HAVA), You will be required to provide either the last four digits of your Social Security Number or your complete Driver's License Number on the registration application.

MUST I DECLARE A PARTY AFFILIATION WHEN I REGISTER?

No, but you may declare a party affiliation at that time.

MAY I VOTE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION IF I HAVE NOT DECLARED A PARTY PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY?

Yes, if you are a registered voter who is unaffiliated you must complete a Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form at your polling place on the day of the Primary Election. This declaration must be made before you will be permitted to vote. From Election Day on, you will be affiliated with that political party until you notify this office of a change at least **55** days prior to the Primary Election.

IN A PRIMARY ELECTION CAN I CROSS PARTY LINES AND VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE FROM THE OTHER PARTY?

No, in the Primary you can only vote the party in which you are affiliated. In order to change your party affiliation, you must file a written request with the Board of Elections Office at least **55** days before the Primary Election. Once you change parties, you will be affiliated with the new party for the next Primary Election. **The General Election is the only time you can cross party lines.**

MAY I RETURN TO UNAFFILIATED AFTER DECLARING A PARTY?

Yes, you may return to "Unaffiliated" status, by completing a Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form.

MAY I VOTE IN A PRIMARY ELECTION IF I AM DECLARED CONSERVATIVE, GREEN, LIBERTARIAN, NATURAL LAW, REFORM PARTY OR U.S. CONSTITUTION?

No, you **CAN NOT** vote in a Primary Election. Only Republicans, Democrats and those Unaffiliated who declare on Election Day may vote in the Primary Election.

IF I MOVE, HOW DO I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

- **If you move within Morris County more than 21 days before an election, you must file a written change of address with the Board of Elections Office.**
- **If you move within Morris County less than 21 days before an election, you will vote in your new Municipality, Ward or District by **Provisional Ballot**. For your **new polling location** you may call the Board of Elections Office at 973-285-6715.**
- **If you move to another County or State more than 21 days before an election, you must register to vote in your new county. If you move to another county less than 30 days before an election, you may vote at your previous polling place in Morris County for **only** that election. You **must** then register in the county you moved to.**

WHEN DO I VOTE PROVISIONAL BALLOT?

You are eligible to vote due to any of the following reasons:

1. If you have moved within Morris County to another Municipality or election district and did **NOT** notify the Board of Elections Office, you will vote by Provisional Ballot at the polling location assigned to your new address.
2. You are a Registered Voter, but your name or signature **does not** appear in the poll book you will vote by Provisional Ballot.

3. If “**Mail-In Ballot Voter**” is stamped in the Voter Signature Box in the poll book and you did not apply for a Mail-in Ballot. You will vote by Provisional Ballot.
4. If “**ID Required**” is stamped in the Voter Signature Box in poll book and you have no Identification (ID) to show. You will vote by a Provisional Ballot.
5. If you go before a Judge on Election Day and the Judge grants you the right to vote by a **Court Ordered Provisional Ballot**.

WHAT IF I MARRY OR CHANGE MY NAME?

If you marry or legally change your name and did not notify us, you may vote by signing your new name in the poll book. Then you **must** also complete an Affirmation/Correction of Records Form at the poll.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I RECEIVE A SAMPLE BALLOT AT MY HOME, FOR SOMEONE WHO NO LONGER LIVES HERE?

These ballots should be returned to the Board of Elections Office with a brief note such as “return to sender” or “person has moved.” A returned sample ballot alerts this office that the person may no longer live at the address, prompting an investigation as to where that voter resides.

MAY I VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT?

Yes, any voter may vote by Mail-In Ballot for any election.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT?

You may apply to the County Clerk (in writing) up to 7 days before the election or in person by 3:00 PM on the day before the election. Applications are available at the County Clerk’s Office or website www.morriscountyclerk.org or at any Municipal Clerk’s Office. When your application is received and approved, your ballot will be sent to the address you have requested. For additional information please call the County Clerk’s Office at 973-285-6066.

HOW DO I VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT?

The voter completes the ballot, places it inside the white envelope, seals and completes the flap. **DO NOT DETACH THE FLAP.** The white envelope is placed inside the brown envelope and sealed. Complete the upper left-hand corner of the brown envelope. The voted ballot can be mailed or delivered to the Board of Elections Office. If someone other than the voter is transporting the voted ballot to the Board of Elections Office, that person must complete the bottom left corner in front of the voter prior to delivery. The Board of Elections Office must receive the voted ballot prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.

HOW DO I VOTE BY MAIL IF I LIVE ABROAD?

If you live overseas and your last residence was in Morris County (registered or not) you are entitled to vote in Federal Elections through a Mail-In Ballot or a Federal Post Card. This means you may vote in a Primary, General, or Special Election for President/Vice President, Senator or House of Representatives. You may NOT vote in local elections or for State Questions. A special application must be obtained from the County Clerk's Office which asks for information establishing eligibility to vote. According to New Jersey Election Law Title 19:59-4; the completed application must be received by the County Clerk 30 days before the election.

FOR ASSISTANCE ON MAIL-IN BALLOTS, CALL THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 973-285-6066, 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

WHEN ARE ELECTIONS HELD IN MORRIS COUNTY?

PRIMARY ELECTION is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

GENERAL ELECTION is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Polls for the Primary and General Elections are opened between 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Voting locations are listed on the face of your Sample Ballot. Also, can be found at www.morriselections.org

WHEN ARE SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD?

School elections are held on the third Tuesday in April. They are non-partisan elections to elect members of the Boards of Education and to vote on the proposed school budgets. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in school board elections. Check your Sample Ballot for the polling location and time.

In 2012 Gov. Chris Christie signed legislation that permits School Districts to move their Annual School Board Election to the November General Election. All except for 4 districts have moved to November.

APPOINTMENT OF CHALLENGERS

On or before the 2nd Tuesday before an election, an application for appointment of challengers must be filed with the Board of Elections.

HOW TO CAST A VOTE

- The **GREEN X** indicates each **OFFICE** or **QUESTION** to be voted.
- Make your selection by pressing the button to the right of the Candidates' Name. A **Green X** will light alongside your choice.
- To vote a **QUESTION**, press the button to the right of **YES** or **NO**, a **Green X** will light alongside your choice.
- When you've completed making your selections, press the **RED CAST VOTE** button located in the lower right hand corner of the machine panel. You will hear a chime.

**Make all selections before pushing
the CAST VOTE button.**

**Do not leave the machine without pressing
the CAST VOTE button.**

**If you require assistance,
ask the Board Worker tending the machine for help.**

HOW TO CAST A WRITE-IN VOTE

- The voter selects the **OFFICE** for which he/she wishes to cast a **WRITE-IN VOTE** by pressing the button located in the **WRITE-IN COLUMN**. The keyboard located below the ballot face is now activated. The display panel will say **Enter Write-In Name**.
- Using the keyboard, the voter keys in the name, the data will appear on the display panel exactly as entered. Spaces are inserted using the forward arrow key. To delete incorrect letter(s) use the reverse arrow key to backspace, then key in the correct letter(s).
- If name in panel is correct, the voter hits the **ENTER** key on the keyboard.

Corrections CAN NOT be made after the ENTER key is pressed.

- Continue to vote on the remaining Office(s) and/or Question(s).
- When finished making all selections, the voter presses the **CAST VOTE** button. You will hear a chime.
- For audio equipment use please see a Board Worker for assistance or contact the Voting Machine Warehouse at 973-285-6741.