

## Be An Informed New Jersey Voter Primary Election 2024





### John Lewis said...

"Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part...."







### What You Do Matters. Your Vote Matters!

# In other words – Democracy in this country is not about what we have. It is what we do!







### The Importance of Civic Engagement & Voting







# The Importance of Civic Engagement

- A healthy democracy needs active and engaged citizens
- Stay informed. Get involved.
- When people have a stake in their communities, they are more likely to involve others and have a reason to vote





## Civic Engagement & Voting

- Voter engagement & civic engagement are directly related
- Voter engagement is a form of civic engagement
- Voting is important to you as an individual and to your community
- When we all vote, we take on a commitment to tackle issues to strengthen our communities and our democracy





## Civic Engagement & Voting

- This year we will elect the President, as well as members of Congress and a Senator. These are, of course, very important elections
- But voting is more than Presidential & Congressional Elections
- Because here's the thing Most of the governance that affects us all occurs at the state, county and local levels
- So, it's very important to vote in all elections
- In the Primary Election on June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be voting to choose candidates for municipal office, county office, the House of Representatives, the Senate and the President of the United States
- The candidates we choose now will run for office in November
- Please be sure to be engaged and vote. It's the best way to strengthen our democracy.





### New Law Promotes Civic Engagement for Public School Students

Allows for an excused absence for civic activity

- Allows each public school student from grades 6 through 12 to have one State-excused absence per school year to be used for a civic event.
- These State-excused absences can only be applied to an event sponsored by a government entity, a community-based organization, or a nonprofit.
- The civic event is required to incorporate an element of service learning and address a public issue or concern. For example, being a poll worker or participating in a non-partisan voter registration activity.
- To apply, parents or guardians of the student must provide a signed written notice at least 5 school days prior, as well as relevant documentation proving the event meets all established requirements. School districts may choose to allot additional excused absences for these same purposes.





### Department of State Civic Engagement Programs: You Can Get Involved



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### Jersey Civic Engage

- A multi-faceted, non-partisan initiative of the NJ Secretary of State's Office
- Serves as an umbrella for multiple programs aimed at facilitating and encouraging collaborative civic engagement, with a particular focus on our youth
- Provides guidance, information and tools to participants
- The New Jersey Alliance for Civic Engagement NJACE is a key program of Jersey Civic Engage





# Check out Jersey Civic Engage's website at <u>JerseyCivicEngage.NJ.Gov</u>







NJ Alliance for Civic Engagement

NJ Voter Information Portal

NJ Ballot Bowl







# NJ Alliance for Civic Engagement - NJACE

- NJACE is a core Jersey Civic Engage program
- It's a non-partisan statewide collaborative coalition promoting civic and voter engagement





### The Primary Election

# The Primary Election is a great way to get engaged in your community and our democracy.













### <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u> is the official NJ Voter Information Portal

It contains all of the most up to date and trusted voting information you'll need

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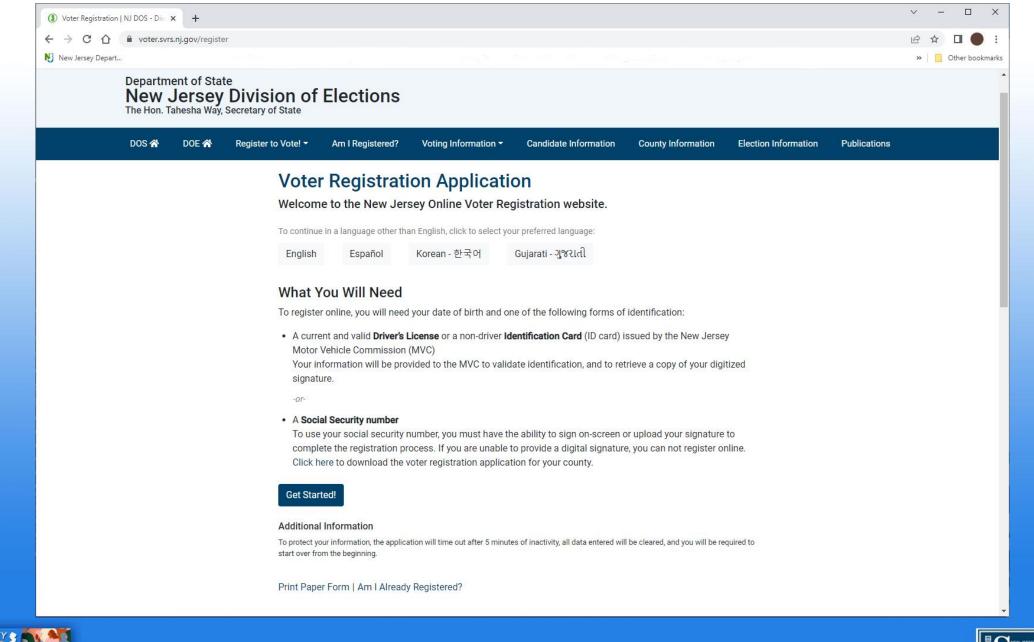


### Register to Vote

- In New Jersey you can register to vote when you are 17 and vote when you are 18
- It's easy. You can register online or by using a postage paid voter registration form
- Want to see if you're already registered? Go to 'Am I Registered' on <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>











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### New Jersey Voter Registration Application

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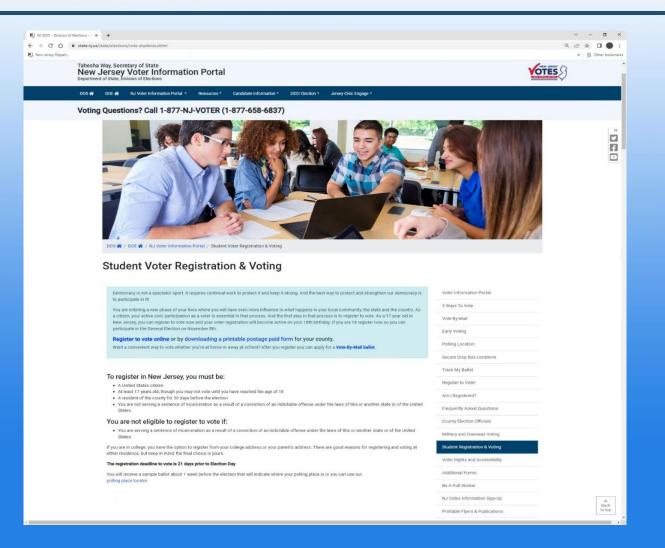
- 7) Registrants who are submitting this form by mail and are registering to vote for the first time: If you do not supply any of the information required by section 7, or the information you provide cannot be verified, you will be asked to provide a COPY of a current and valid photo ID, or a document with your name and current address on it to avoid having to provide identification at the polling place. Note: ID Numbers are Confidential and will not be released by any governmental agency. Any person who uses such numbers illegally shall be subject to criminal penalties.
- 8) If you are homeless, you may complete section 8 by providing a contact point or the location where you spend most of your time.
- 13) You may declare a political party affiliation or you may declare to be unaffiliated, regardless of any prior party affiliation. If you are a previously affiliated voter who wants to change political party affiliation or become unaffiliated, you must file this form no later than 55 days before the primary election in order to vote in the primary election. Completing section 13 is OPTIONAL and will not affect the acceptance of your voter registration application.
- 14) If you wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections, mark the appropriate box in section 14. You will continue to receive Mail-In Ballots for all future elections until you request otherwise in writing to your County Clerk's office.
- Need More Information? Check boxes below if you would like to receive more information about:
- D polling place accessibility voting if you have a disability, including visual impairment voting by mail □ becoming a poll worker □ available election materials in this alternative language: NJ Division of Elections - 01/09/20





### Student Voter Registration & Voting Page

Provides links to voter registration tools including the online voter registration form and links to printable, postage free voter registration forms for each county







### The Deadline to Register to Vote for the 2024 Primary Election is May 14

Scan the QR Code to go to the 'Student Voter Registration & Voting Page'



Be a Voter. Register to Vote!







### There are 3 Ways to Vote in New Jersey



- At Your Polling Place On Election Day
- In-Person Early Voting
- Vote by Mail







## Voting On Election Day

- Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 4
- The polls are open from **6am-8pm**
- Go to <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u> to find your polling location





### In-Person Early Voting

- In-Person Early Voting for the 2024 Primary Election begins on Wednesday, May 29 and runs through Sunday, June 2
- Each NJ county will hold five (5) days of early, in-person machine voting
- Each early voting location will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 8pm and Sunday from 10am to 6pm
- Go to <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u> to find your early voting sites





## Voting By Mail



- Applications for Mail-in Ballots can be found at <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- Deadline to submit Mail-in Ballot Application to County Clerk: To receive by Mail – May 28 In Person – June 3 by 3PM at County Clerk's Office





## Track My Ballot



- Track your Mail-in Ballot through the "Track My Ballot" feature on <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- To create an account, you will need one of the following:
  - Voter ID # (Found on "Am I Registered" page or your ballot)
  - Driver's License Number
  - $\circ~$  Last 4 Digits of SSN





# How Can I Return My Mail-in Ballot?

- **1... Mail**: It must be postmarked on or before 8pm on June 4
- 2... Secure Ballot Drop Box: Place your ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on June 4. Drop box locations can be found at <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- **3... Board of Elections Office**: Deliver your ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on June 4. County contact information can be found at <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- 4.NOTE: Your Mail-in Ballot CANNOT be returned to your early voting location or polling place for this election









### Here are the 3 ways you can vote in the upcoming Primary Election...

### 1. AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY



Vote in person at your polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 4. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

Go to **VOTE.NJ.GOV** for your polling place, listed on the Polling Locations page.

### 2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING



This option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot in person, using a voting machine, during a five-day period prior to Election Day. You can choose to vote, in person, when it's most convenient for your schedule.

No matter where you live in the county, you can vote your specific ballot at any of your county's designated in-person early voting sites. Find your county's sites at VOTE.NJ.GOV.

In-person early voting sites will be open Wednesday, May 29, through Sunday, June 2. Hours will be Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.

### 3. VOTE BY MAIL

Registered voters can apply for a mail-in ballot by following the instructions found at VOTE.NJ.GOV or contacting their County Clerk.

Then, VOTE and RETURN your ballot one of the following ways...

- Secure Ballot Drop Box: Place your mail-in ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. Drop box locations can be found at VOTE.NJ.GOV.
- Board of Elections Office: Deliver your mail-in ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. County Election Officials' contact information can be found at VOTE.NJ.GOV.
- Mail: Your mail-in ballot MUST be postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4 and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before Monday, June 10.

### NOTE: Mail-in ballots CANNOT be returned to your early voting site or polling place. To learn more, access our Voter Education Video Series at Vote.NJ.gov or scan here.

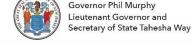
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### A continuación figuran las 3 maneras en que usted puede votar en las próximas Elecciones Primarias...

### 1. EN SU LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES



Vote en persona en su lugar de votación, de 6:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. el martes, 4 de junio, Día de las Elecciones. Se harán ajustes para votantes con discapacidad.

Visite VOTE.NJ.GOV para su lugar de votación, que figura en la página de Ubicaciones de los Lugares de Votación.

### 2. VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA EN PERSONA



Esta opción permite a todos los votantes registrados emitir su voto en persona, utilizando una máquina de votación, durante un período de cinco días antes del Día de las Elecciones. Puede elegir votar en persona, cuando más conveniente sea para usted.

No importa dónde en el condado usted viva, puede emitir su voto específico en cualquier lugar de votación temprana en persona designado de **su** condado. Encuentre las ubicaciones de su condado en VOTE.NJ.GOV.

Los lugares de votación temprana en persona estarán abiertos desde el miércoles, 29 de mayo hasta el domingo, 2 de junio. El horario será: miércoles a sábado, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. y domingo, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. No se requiere cita. Se harán ajustes para votantes con discapacidad.

### 3. VOTACIÓN MEDIANTE BOLETA POR CORREO



Los votantes registrados pueden solicitar una **boleta de voto por correo** siguiendo las instrucciones encontradas en VOTE.NJ.GOV o contactando a su Secretario del Condado. Luego, VOTE y DEVUELVA su boleta de voto por correo una de las siguientes maneras...

- Buzón Seguro de Elecciones: Coloque su boleta de voto por correo en uno de los buzones seguros de su condado antes de las 8:00 p.m. del 4 de junio. Las ubicaciones de los buzones pueden ser encontradas en VOTE.NJ.GOV.
- Oficina de Junta Electoral: Entregue su boleta de voto por correo en persona a la Oficina de la Junta Electoral de su condado antes de las 8:00 p.m. del martes, 4 de junio. La información de contacto de los Funcionarios de la Junta Electoral del Condado pueden ser encontradas en VOTE.NJ.GOV.
- Por correo: Su boleta de voto por correo DEBE estar franqueado en o antes de las 8:00 p.m. del 4 de junio y ser recibido por la Junta Electoral de su condado en o antes del lunes, 10 de junio.

### NOTA: Su voto por correo NO PUEDE ser devuelto a su lugar de votación temprana en persona o a su lugar de votación.



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### Become A Poll Worker

Citizens, including college and high school students 16 & above, are encouraged to apply. Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity to **earn additional money** and **participate in our democracy.** 

Submit an application to be a poll worker by visiting: Pollworker.NJ.Gov









### How to Become a Poll Worker for the Primary Election

New Jersey's counties, in partnership with the Department of State, Division of Elections, are actively seeking residents to serve as poll workers for the upcoming Primary Election.

Here are the answers to three top questions about becoming a poll worker:

### 1... WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

- Your community needs you! By staffing a polling location, you will:
- Earn \$21.43 per hour on in-person early voting days and \$300 on Primary Election Day.
- See our great democracy in action, firsthand, and enjoy the feeling that comes with contributing to your local community, your state and your country.

### 2... WHO CAN APPLY?

- You can apply to serve as a poll worker in New Jersey if you:
- Are a United States citizen and a resident of New Jersey.
- Are a registered voter in the county in which you reside.
- Are at least 16 years of age. College and high school students are encouraged to apply. Note: Those under 18 years of age will work limited hours per shift and do not have to be registered to vote. Contact the County Board of Elections for further information.
- Are not running as a candidate in this election.

### 3... WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Possible work dates span Wednesday, May 29 through Sunday, June 2 (the in-person early voting period) and Tuesday, June 4 (Election Day). Hours and days may vary.

### Apply now at PollWorker.NJ.Gov!

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### Cómo ser Trabajador Electoral en las Elecciones Primarias

- Los condados de Nueva Jersey, en colaboración con la División de Elecciones del Departamento de Estado, están activamente buscando residentes para las próximas Elecciones Primarias.
- Las respuestas a tres preguntas principales sobre cómo convertirse en un trabajador electoral figuran a continuación:

### 1... ¿POR QUÉ DEBERÍA SOLICITAR?

- ¡Su comunidad lo necesita! Trabajando en un lugar de votación, usted:
- Ganará \$21.43 por hora en los días de votación anticipada en persona y \$300 el Día de las Elecciones Primarias.
- Verá nuestra gran democracia en acción, de primera mano, y disfrutará de la sensación que viene con contribuir a su comunidad local, su estado y su país.

### 2... ¿QUIÉN PUEDE SOLICITAR?

- Puede solicitar ser trabajador electoral en Nueva Jersey si usted:
- Es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y residente de Nueva Jersey.
- Está inscrito como votante en el condado en el que reside.
- Tiene por lo menos 16 años de edad. Se anima a los estudiantes universitarios y de secundaria a que presenten su solicitud. Nota: Los menores de 18 años trabajarán un número limitado de horas por turno y no tienen que estar registrados para votar. Comuníquese con la Junta Electoral del Condado para obtener más información.
- No se presentan como candidatos en estas elecciones.

### 3... ¿QUÉ MÁS DEBO SABER?

Las posibles fechas de trabajo abarcan desde el miércoles, 29 de mayo hasta el domingo, 2 de junio (período de votación anticipada en persona) y el martes, 4 de junio (Día de las Elecciones). El horario y los días podrían variar.

### ¡Solicite ahora en PollWorker.NJ.Gov!



Para obtener más información, acceda a nuestra serie de vídeos de educación del votante en Vote.NJ.gov o escanee aquí.

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### Primary Election Day & Key Dates

Here are key deadlines for the *upcoming Primary Election :* 

- April 20: Commencement of mailing of Mail-in Ballots for the Primary Election
- May 14: Deadline to Register to Vote for the Primary Election
- May 28: Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot by Mail for Primary Election
- May 29 June 2: In-Person Early Voting Period
- June 3 at 3pm: Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot in person at your County Clerk's office
- June 4: Primary Election Day Polls are open from 6:00am-8:00pm





## Here's What You Can Do:

- Make sure you are registered to vote!
- Make a commitment to VOTE!
- VOTE!
- Ask 5 of your friends to register to vote
- Ask 5 friends to vote
- Become a Poll Worker
- Let people know about <u>Vote.NJ.Gov</u>
- Follow us on social media & share our posts
  - New Jersey Division of Elections @NJ\_Votes
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  - Use the hashtag #NJStudentsVote











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