

# NEW JERSEY

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Saturday, September 24, 2016

Commencement of mailing of Mail-In Ballots for General Election

### Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Registration deadline for General Election (evening registration available from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM in county election offices)

### Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Deadline to apply for Mail-In Ballots by mail

### Monday, November 7, 2016 by 3:00 PM

Deadline to apply for Mail-In Ballots in person

### Tuesday, November 8, 2016 by 8:00 PM

Deadline for receipt of Mail-In Ballots by mail or in person

### Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Election Day – Polls open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

## PROBLEM VOTING? Call 1.866.OUR.VOTE

*This card is a resource, not legal advice. It is provided for informational purposes only. New Jersey may revise its laws after the publication of this card. Therefore, it is your responsibility to determine how all applicable laws concerning voting in New Jersey affect you.*

# PREPARED TO VOTE 2016

## VERIFY YOUR VOTER INFORMATION

### How can I verify that I am registered to vote?

You should receive a voter registration certificate after you register to vote. You can verify your voter registration status and poll location online at <https://voter.njsvrs.com> or by calling the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE or the New Jersey Division of Elections at 609.292.3760.

### Can I register to vote if I have a felony conviction?

Yes, but only if you have completed your entire sentence (including probation or parole) for your felony conviction. If so, you can register to vote; if you were registered to vote prior to your felony conviction, you must re-register to vote. Individuals detained in jail awaiting trial or serving time for a misdemeanor offense, and who are not also completing a sentence for a criminal conviction, are also eligible to vote. Learn how to register to vote at [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org) or by calling the New Jersey Division of Elections at 609.292.3760.

## COMMON POTENTIALLY DISCRIMINATORY VOTING CHANGES

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) closely monitors voting changes that may adversely affect communities of color. Accordingly, we encourage you to let us know of any changes that are planned in your area that you believe may negatively impact your community by emailing LDF at [vote@naacpldf.org](mailto:vote@naacpldf.org). These potentially discriminatory voting changes may include: changing polling hours and locations; reducing the number of polling places; canceling election dates; changing or eliminating early voting days and/or hours; replacing district voting with at-large elections; annexations; implementing onerous candidate qualifications or changing candidate qualifying periods; implementing onerous registration qualifications like proof of citizenship; purging qualified voters from registration lists; and eliminating same-day voter registration.

## PREPARED TO VOTE PARTNERS



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### GARDEN STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

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### NEW JERSEY NAACP

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### NEW JERSEY BLACK ISSUES CONVENTION

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[www.njbic.org](http://www.njbic.org)



### LATINO ACTION NETWORK

P.O. Box 943, Freehold, NJ 07728  
973.418.7012

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

### ELECTION PROTECTION

1.866.OUR.VOTE

### NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

609.292.3760 <http://www.njelections.org>

### NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (LDF)

[vote@naacpldf.org](mailto:vote@naacpldf.org)

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE VOTING SECTION

1.800.253.3931 [voting.section@usdoj.gov](mailto:voting.section@usdoj.gov)

### NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

973.624.9410 [www.njisj.org](http://www.njisj.org)

## VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

### When are the polls open?

Polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. You have the right to vote if you are in line or inside the polling place when the polls close.

### Where do I vote?

You must go to the polling place to which you are assigned, which should be listed on the voter registration card that you received in the mail after you registered, and is available online at <https://voter.njsvrs.com>.

### How do I verify my polling place?

You can look up your polling place online at <https://voter.njsvrs.com> or by calling the New Jersey Division of Elections at 609.292.3760 or Election Protection at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.

### What if I need help?

Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read and write may receive assistance in voting. The voter may choose anyone to assist their ballot, except for their employer, an agent of their employer, an officer of their union, or an agent of their union.

### Can I bring literature to the polls?

Yes. You can take written or printed election materials, including this guide, with you into the polling place as long as they are for your own use and are not campaign materials.

### Can I wear campaign clothing to the polling place?

No, you cannot wear campaign clothing, stickers, or buttons in your polling place unless you cover them up.

## VOTER PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION

### Do I have to show photo ID to vote in person?

No. New Jersey law does not require voters to present a photo ID before receiving a ballot to vote in person. However, if you did not provide identification to the county commissioner of registration on or with your voter registration form (i.e., your driver's license number, non-driver identification number, the last four digits of your social security number, or a copy of an identifying document) or the county commissioner of registration was unable to verify this identification information, you must show some form of personal identification at the polling place when you go to vote.

### What are the acceptable forms of personal identification?

Acceptable forms of ID include, but are not limited to:

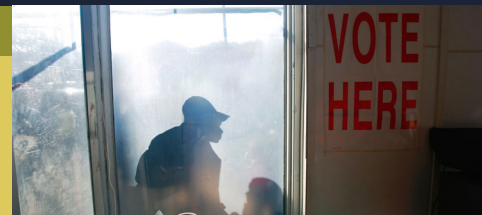
- any current and valid photo ID, such as a New Jersey Driver's License, military or government ID, student or job ID, store membership card or U.S. Passport; or
- a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, car registration, government check, rent receipt, or other official document that contains the name and address of the voter.

### What if I don't have any ID?

If you do not have any of these forms of ID, you may still cast a provisional ballot.

### What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is used to record your vote when there is an unresolved question about your eligibility to vote. You should never be turned away from a polling place just because poll workers are not sure whether you are eligible to vote, and election officials are required to make every effort to provide you with the opportunity to vote. A provisional ballot is a way for you to cast a ballot if your eligibility to vote on Election Day cannot be immediately verified. It has all the candidates and offices on it, and is the same ballot every other voter gets. If you are given a provisional ballot because you did not provide a form of ID on Election Day, you must submit a copy of your ID to your county election office before the close of business on the second day after the election for your ballot to be counted.



## VOTING BY MAIL-IN BALLOT

### Can I vote before Election Day?

You can vote before Election Day by casting a Mail-In Ballot either by mail or in person. Anyone can apply for a Mail-In Ballot in New Jersey. For more information visit <http://www.njelections.org> or call the New Jersey Division of Elections at 609.292.3760.

### How do I apply for a Mail-In Ballot?

Request an application for a Mail-In Ballot by contacting your County Clerk or by downloading one online at <http://www.njelections.org>. Applications for mail-in ballots can be returned to the County Clerk by mail until Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Thereafter, applications may be returned in person to the County Clerk until 3:00 PM on Monday, November 7, 2016.

### How do I submit a Mail-In Ballot?

You may return your completed Mail-In Ballot by mail or in person to the Board of Elections of your county. All Mail-In Ballots must be received by 8:00 PM on Election Day.