

FAST FACTS

Can I vote by absentee ballot?

Any registered voter in New Jersey can vote by absentee ballot. You must obtain the application for the absentee ballot from your county clerk or online at <http://tinyurl.com/6kc56g>. Mail the completed form at least seven days before the election, or in person by 3 p.m. on November 3.

Where is my polling place?

Your polling location is indicated on your sample ballot, which you'll receive in the mail. You can also call your county elections office to ask where you vote. Or visit NJ's online poll locator at <http://tinyurl.com/2xz7kt>

Do I have to show ID on Election Day?

You need to provide ID if you are a first-time voter who registered by mail and did not provide identification numbers or the information you provided could not be verified.

Is my polling place accessible?

All polls and voting machines are required to be accessible. If yours is not, call our hotline 1-800-792-VOTE or the Office of the Public Advocate.

How do I know if the machine counted my vote?

If you're not sure whether your vote was counted, ask a poll worker for help. Make sure that you press "X" to the bottom right once you make your selections. You may only vote on an emergency paper ballot if the poll worker has determined that the machine is malfunctioning.

2008 VOTER PROTECTION YOUR NJ VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

Your vote is important. The non-partisan ACLU-NJ and LWWNJ Voter Protection Project is dedicated to protecting everyone's right to vote.

CALL THE VOTER HOTLINE
TO REPORT ANY PROBLEMS

1-800-792-VOTE

TOLL-FREE IN NEW JERSEY
OR LOOK FOR OUR POLL MONITORS OUTSIDE
YOUR POLLING PLACE

Trained volunteers will answer your voting questions, and lawyers on hand will provide legal assistance when possible. The information you provide helps New Jersey assess the health of our election systems. If you see something, report it!

The best way to protect your right to vote is to know your rights on Election Day.

For more information on voting and elections, visit
www.lwwnj.org or www.aclu-nj.org

This card is designed to help you protect your right to vote.
Keep it handy. Take it with you to the polls on Election Day.

Voter Protection Hotline 2008

Questions about voter registration or voting?
Problems? Need assistance?

CALL THE VOTER HOTLINE
1-800-792-VOTE (8683)
TOLL-FREE IN NEW JERSEY

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4
Polls open 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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WHO CAN VOTE

You have the right to vote on November 4 if:

- You have registered to vote by October 14, 2008.

You can register to vote if:

- You are a U.S. citizen and have been a resident of a New Jersey county for at least 30 days before the election;
- You will be at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- You have not been declared by a court to be mentally incapacitated;
- You are not in prison, on probation or on parole for a felony conviction on Election day; and
- College students have the right to register at the address considered the primary residence. It can be a school address or a home address.
- If you're serving time for a misdemeanor you can still vote. You have the right to register and to vote from jail by absentee ballot.
- For a felony conviction your right to vote is automatically restored once you complete your sentence, parole and probation. You must register to vote, even if you were registered before your conviction.
- Homeless people can register at the address considered their primary residence. It can be a shelter, a park or any place you usually stay.

NEW JERSEY VOTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS ON ELECTION DAY

You have the right:

- To vote without anyone trying to influence your decision.
- To bring your children into the voting booth with you.
- To file a signed or anonymous written complaint at your polling place if you are dissatisfied with the way the election is being run.
- To bring someone of your choice into the voting booth to assist you with voting if you cannot read or write English or have a physical disability. You can also request special assistance from the pollworker.
- To vote by an emergency paper ballot if the machines are malfunctioning. Emergency ballots are counted automatically.
- To be given a provisional ballot if you are not allowed to vote on a machine or by emergency ballot, with written instructions about your provisional ballot and how to find out if it was counted. Your eligibility to vote must be verified by the county before your provisional ballot is counted.
- To vote under your original name if you have changed your name since registering to vote.
- To ask for assistance from a poll worker.

VOTING PROBLEMS AT THE POLLS

If your polling location is not open when you arrive, call our hotline at 1-800-792-VOTE (8683) or the Division of Elections at 1-877-NJVOTER to alert officials to the problem. Polls are open 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

If your right to vote is challenged by an official challenger, ask the poll worker for an affidavit, which you will sign to confirm your identity or address. The worker will allow you to vote either on the machine or by a provisional ballot.

You have the right to vote by Provisional Ballot if:

- You believe you are entitled to vote but your name is not on the poll list of voters.
- You have moved recently within your county and have not registered at your new address.
- You are a first-time voter and you did not provide the accepted form of ID when you registered to vote and did not bring it on Election Day. You must bring acceptable ID to the county clerk with 48 hours of voting for your provisional ballot to be counted.
- You requested an absentee ballot but didn't receive it in time.

You have the right to present your case in a legal court on Election Day. A judge will determine your eligibility to vote based on the facts that you and election officials present. The judge can order that you be allowed to vote that same day. If you intend to appear before an election judge, call our VOTELINE at 1-800-792-VOTE for assistance.