



Data Summary of 2004-2005 Survey of County Election Offices' Responses to Voter Registration of Ex-Offenders

COUNTY	FOLLOWS TITLE 19 WITH RESPECT TO EX-OFFENDER VOTER REGISTRATION	RESPONSE TIME TO QUERIES (a)	Ease of Information Gathering From Staff-phone & copies of written materials (b)	General Attitude
Atlantic Superintendent of Elections	yes, and mails voter registration form to most recent address	required 3 calls	phone staffer had few details, insisted I speak with Superintendent	average
Bergen Superintendent of Elections	NO- requires proof that sentence completed from Parole or Probation	required at least 3 calls	phone staffer had few details, had to speak to "investigator"	average
Burlington Superintendent of Elections	NO- requires copy of release form in order to be removed from conviction list	immediate	had to speak to one person in charge of ex-offender rights	helpful
Camden Superintendent of Elections	NO- though will check with Central records if voter can't produce termination documents	required 3 calls	had to speak to person in charge of disenfranchised voters; sent materials requested	helpful
Cape May Commissioner of Registration	yes	required 2 calls	had to speak with specific staff worker; they needed approval to get materials requested	helpful
Cumberland Commissioner of	NO- requires release papers to be brought	immediate	had to speak with staff in charge of prosecutor	helpful

Registration	personally to office		files; sent materials requested	
Essex Superintendent of Elections	conflicting information given out; stated policies follow Title 19	non-responsive, required several calls and a visit	phone staffer had few details; had to speak with staff in charge of ex-offender information; had to get permission from Superintendent to receive materials	Very variable
Gloucester Commissioner of Registration	yes	required 2 calls	phone staffer had few details; cautious about speaking with surveyor; transferred to higher official; sent materials requested	cautious
Hudson Superintendent of Elections	NO- requires release papers as proof of sentence completion	non-responsive; required 2 calls	phone staffer had few details; had to speak with specific staffer; required written request to send materials	Not forthcoming
Hunterdon Commissioner of Registration	NO- requires proof of release, Commissioner then double-checks with Probation Dept.	immediate	had to speak with specific staffer for complete details; had to send written request for materials	helpful
Mercer Superintendent of Elections	yes	required us to call state number for information	had to call other numbers for details; Investigator and state Division; no materials available	variable;
Middlesex Commissioner of Registration	yes- must bring in release papers if released early.	required 3 calls	they had to get permission from above to send me materials;	helpful
Monmouth Superintendent of	yes	non-responsive; unable to get names of staffers	required that I request a formal OPRA form &	suspicious; few details

Elections			submit their form in writing in order to get copies of materials	
Morris Superintendent of Elections	yes	transferred numerous times to get details; required 3 calls	required written request to receive materials; materials never received	
Ocean Commissioner of Registration	NO- requires release papers or letter from Parole Officer	immediate	sent materials requested	variable
Passaic Superintendent of Elections	NO- requires letter from parole office	immediate	had to speak with person in charge of database ; sent materials requested after speaking directly with Superintendent	helpful
Salem Commissioner of Registration	NO- requires copy of release form	immediate	sent materials requested	
Somerset Commissioner of Registration	yes	non-responsive in October, required several calls	key staffers unavailable both times to answer survey questions, had to ask Superintendent directly for materials	average
Sussex Commissioner of Registration	yes	immediate	sent materials requested	helpful
Union Commissioner of Registration	yes	immediate	sent materials requested; second time-had to speak directly with administrator to get materials	helpful
Warren Commissioner of Registration	yes	required 2 calls	unable to get copies of materials	helpful

(a) All of the non-responsive interactions occurred in the October/November Survey, the busiest time at election offices (2004 in particular was very busy, as the state and county election offices received nearly half-a-million voter registration forms).

(b) Surveyors asked for copies of letters of notification sent to voters convicted of a crime, copies of written procedures relating to disenfranchisement of convicted voters and ex-offender registration.

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