

Register to vote if you are or will be:

- A U.S. citizen residing, at the time you apply, in the district in which you expect to vote.
- A resident of your county for 30 days by the date of the next election.
- At least 17 years old. If you are 17, your registration is marked "pending". You will be able to vote as soon as you turn 18.
- **You are not eligible** to vote if you are serving a sentence or on parole or probation, as a result of a conviction of an indictable offense under state or federal law.
- **You are also not eligible** to vote if you have been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting.

How, when, and where to register:

- Registration forms are available at many sites.
- To register by mail, obtain a form, fill it out according to the instructions and mail it back.
- To vote in a specific election, you must be registered at least 21 days before that election.
- Registration is permanent.

Changes of address, name, or status

- If you move, even within the same election district, you should let election officials know as soon as possible, and promptly return the change of address card you will be sent.
- If you are registered to vote and you move to a new home in the same county, you will be able to vote in your new election district, but you must either complete the change of address process by 21 days before the next election or meet with your municipal clerk to process the change after that deadline. In some cases, you may be able to go directly to the new polling place on election day and vote by completing a provisional ballot.
- **If you moved to a new county:** (1) within 20 days before an election, you can vote at your old polling place. Check with election officials to verify procedures; (2) more than 20 days before an election, and did not complete the change of address process in time, you cannot vote.
- You must submit a written statement to the county if you change your name by marriage, divorce or court decree (if you changed in a 20 day period before an election you may vote in that election by signing both names).
- If you had been disqualified to vote and are no longer disqualified, you must re-register.

ELECTIONS

PRIMARY ELECTION - Held the first Tuesday after June 1. Voters can designate a party when they register to vote. Those without a party affiliation can declare one at the polls for a primary election. Once affiliated with a party, if the voter wishes to make a

change to a different party, a declaration must be filed at least 55 days before the primary election. As of 2005, "independent" is no longer recognized as a party in New Jersey. At present, only Democrats and Republicans have primaries in NJ.

GENERAL ELECTION - The first Tuesday after November 1.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS - With the general elections, except for those municipalities with the nonpartisan form of government. These are generally held on the second Tuesday in May.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS - All Camden County and Gloucester County school districts have moved their BOE elections to the general election in November.

FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS - Held in some areas.

VOTING

Voting is in person at the polling place in your electoral district or by mail-in ballot. A *sample ballot* is mailed to registered voters before all elections (except fire district elections) giving polling places and hours. *Bring identification to the polls.* A picture ID is best, but most documents with your name and address on them will suffice.

First time registrants should receive a voter registration card in the mail. If you do not receive a card, contact the Superintendent of Elections.

Camden County now uses electronic voting machines. To cast your vote, you press a touch pad to place an "X" by your selection. Pressing the same X again will undo that selection and allow you to make a different one. When you have finished making all selections, pressing the large, red, "Cast your vote" button records your vote.

To "write in" a candidate's name, use a keypad located in the bottom center of the machine, directly beneath the ballot, to type the person's name.

MAIL-IN BALLOTS

Applications are available by mail or in person from the county clerk. **To obtain a ballot by mail**, the completed application must be received by the clerk no later than seven days before the election. Ballot and instructions are mailed to the voter. Voters who apply and receive a mail-in ballot, but did not receive or return it may vote by provisional ballot at the polls.

To obtain a ballot in person: within the seven-day period, and until 3 p.m. the day before any election you may vote by mail by going to the county clerk's office and applying for a ballot. You may also send someone as your messenger to obtain your ballot. The messenger must be either a family member or a registered voter in the same county, will need a photo ID, and cannot be a candidate on the ballot.

CAMDEN COUNTY OFFICIALS

Board of Chosen Freeholders

Seven members, the governing body of the county. Members are elected at large for staggered three-year terms (end shown). 856-225-5431 Mail: 520 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102-1375

- Louis Cappelli Jr. (D) Dir. (12/20) 856-225-5451
- Edward T. McDonnell (D) Dep. Dir (12/19). 856-225-5458
- Susan Shin Angulo (D) (12.18) 856-225-5305
- William F. Moen, Jr. (D) (12/18) 856-225-5563
- Jeffrey L. Nash (D) (12/18) 856-225-5466
- Carmen Rodriguez (D) (12/19)..... 856-225-5575
- Jonathan L. Young, Sr. (D) (12/20)..... 856-225-5562

County Row Officers and Other Officials

- County Clerk** (elected, 5-year term)
 - Joseph Ripa (D) (12/19)..... 856-225-5300
- Sheriff** (elected, 3-year term)
 - Gilbert L. 'Whip' Wilson (D) (12/18) ... 856-225-5470
- Surrogate** (elected, 5-year term)
 - Michelle Gentek-Mayer (D) (12/20)..... 856-225-7282
- Prosecutor** (appointed)
 - Mary Eva Colalillo..... 856-225-8400
- Superintendent of Elections** (appointed)
 - Phyllis Pearl..... 856-661-3555

County Store

County Store, Voorhees Town Center..... 856-566-2920

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the clerk in your municipality,
The County Clerk (856-225-5300)
the Superintendent of Elections (856-661-3555),
or the County Board of Elections (856-401-VOTE (8683))