

- are a resident at a school, college or university.
- prevented from voting by the hours and nature of employment.

**Apply for a Military Service Ballot if you:**

- are in the military service, including spouses and dependents.
- are a patient in a veterans' hospital.
- are a civilian attached to or serving with the Armed Forces out of this state, including spouses and dependents residing with or accompanying you.
- are the relative of a member of the Armed Forces and wish to have a ballot sent to the serviceman or servicewoman.

**How to vote absentee:**

- apply in person or by mail to:
  - County Clerk for Primary and General Elections
  - Municipal Clerk for Municipal Elections
  - School District Clerk for School Elections
  - your local or county party committee members
- State serial number (where applicable), home address, address to which ballot should be sent, and the reason for the request. Sign with the same signature used at the polls. Ballot and instructions will be mailed to you.
- Application for the ballot must be received by mail no later than 7 days preceding the election.
- You may vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk up until 3 p.m. the day before the election.
- no one receiving an absentee ballot shall be permitted to vote at their polling place.
- all absentee ballots must reach County Election Board by close of election day.

**Elections:**

General Election: the first Tuesday after the First Monday in November.

Primary Election: the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

Municipal Elections: held with the General Election every even-numbered year.

Special Elections: held for certain types of referenda, or to fill legislative vacancies when and as required.

School Elections: the first Tuesday in April. These are nonpartisan elections to elect the Board of Education and to approve the proposed school budget.

**Election Machinery:**

District Board of Elections

--4 members, 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans, for each election district

--appointed by County Boards of Elections upon recommendation of the County Committee members

--term: 1 year

--function: to conduct the elections at the polling place

County Board of Elections

--4 members, 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans

--appointed by the Governor upon nomination by party officials

--term: 2 years

--function: to set up machinery for voting, to be responsible for the administration of the elections, to settle controversial questions connected with elections.

School Board of Elections

--appointed by the Board of Education for each school voting district.

**Reporting Campaign Finances:**

Since 1973 all candidates, political committees, and "political information organizations" which take positions on candidates or public questions must report their finances to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, a bipartisan agency. For further information, contact the N.J. Election Law Enforcement Commission, 28 West State Street, Trenton, N.J., 08705.

**How to become a candidate:**

For Township Council--qualified\* persons must file a petition containing fifty signatures of declared registered voters of the candidate's party with the Township Clerk forty days before the primary.

For County Committeeman and Committeewoman--same as above, except only ten signatures of declared registered voters of the candidate's district are required.

For School Board--qualified\* persons must file a petition containing ten signatures forty days before the election with the Secretary of the School Board.

\*"Qualified" refers to legal qualifications specified for any office; check with appropriate clerk.