

**MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**EARLY VOTING - 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
300 HALLS MILL ROAD, FREEHOLD, NJ 07728  
(732) 431-7802 ext. 7803

**APPLICATIONS DUE ON OR BEFORE:**

**Thursday, 5/21/26 by 4:00 PM**

I, the undersigned, a Candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully request that you appoint the persons named on the attached list to act as Challengers for and in my behalf at **EARLY VOTING POLL SITES** from May 26 - May 31 for the **June 2, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION** at the sites as set forth. This request is made pursuant to N.J.S.A. Title 19: 15-18 through 28.

**CIRCLE ONE:**

*Republican*

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

*Democrat*

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF PETITIONER: CANDIDATE(S) / COUNTY and/or MUNICIPAL CHAIR

*Other*

(Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
MUNICIPALITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER

**CIRCLE ONE:**

*County Chair*

*Municipal Chair*

*Candidate*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

List Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials to be picked up by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTION - EARLY VOTING

## RULES FOR APPLICATION FOR CHALLENGER CREDENTIALS

(N.J.S.A. Title 19 - Election - Chapter 7-6.1)

**EARLY VOTING DEADLINE DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS:** **Thursday, May 21, 2026**, before 4pm  
Applications for challenger credentials must be filed with the Monmouth County Board of Elections, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, New Jersey, and **NO LATER than 5 days prior to the start of Early Voting. ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATION** for such credentials will be accepted after the deadline date

### WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED?

No person shall be appointed who is not a registered voter in Monmouth County. No challenger shall serve in any district other than the one to which that challenger has been appointed. **(A challenger does not have to reside in the district or municipality in which that challenger has been designated to serve).**

### PERMITS TO CHALLENGER:

Such permits (credentials) are issued by the Monmouth County Board of Elections. Challengers must file credentials with the district election board before being permitted to sit the polling place. These credentials may be revoked and others issued in their stead at any time up to and including the day of election. However, such changes must be effected AT THE OFFICE of the Monmouth County Board of Elections.

### BADGE:

Every challenger must wear a badge furnished by the County Board of Elections.

### NUMBER OF CHALLENGERS PERMITTED PER CANDIDATE:

- Each **county chair** of any political party who has filed a petition, may appoint two (2) challengers per group of candidates together on the ballot, for each early voting site (10 total sites).
- Each **municipal chair** of any political party who has filed a petition, may appoint two (2) challengers for each early voting site, on behalf of the group of candidates on the ballot running for local office within the chairpersons' local municipality.
- **Other candidates not grouped** with any other candidates on the ballot, who has filed a petition, may appoint two (2) challengers for each early voting site at which the candidate is to appear on the ballot.
- **For candidates grouped together on a ballot not represented by a county or municipal committee of any political party**, the candidate listed on the "highest" position on the ballot, who has filed a petition, may appoint two (2) challengers (i.e. school board or fire election) for each early voting site.

The candidate's name and the office for which the candidate has been nominated **MUST APPEAR** on the application, and the candidate's signature is required on same. PLEASE NOTE, although two credentials are issued, only one challenger for each candidate may be present at any one time.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

Application for challenger credentials must be in writing, giving the correct name, address, and the EV poll site in which the challenger is to serve, also the correct town and district in which that person resides.

**THE NAME AND ADDRESS MUST BE PRINTED EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN THE E-POLL BOOK. INCORRECT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A CHALLENGER.**

**ALL CHALLENGERS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR DUTIES ON ELECTION DAY**



## **NOTE: Challengers Must Present Credentials to the District Board Worker**

### **CHALLENGERS AT THE POLLING PLACE**

**Title 19:7 - 1 thru 6.1**

The **DUTIES** of a **CHALLENGER** are to observe the election, keep a record of who votes, and challenge any voter for whom they have a reasonable basis to believe is not qualified to vote.

- ◆ Pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 19:7-4 and 19:32-25**, the **COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS** has both the right to issue and revoke a challenger's credential up to and including the day of the election. The District Board (board workers) or a challenger must call this office immediately should there be any disturbance regarding challengers, so that it can be dealt with immediately on Election Day.

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#### CHALLENGERS CAN NOT

1. **Challenge a voter for any of these reasons:**
  - a. they think they know how the voter is going to vote
  - b. the race or ethnic origin of the voter
  - c. the voter resides in a particular housing complex or section of a municipality
2. Challenge a provisional ballot **N.J.S.A. 19:53C-3j**
3. Challengers **MAY NOT ELECTIONEER**, wear buttons, pins or t-shirts showing candidate or political party support. **N.J.S.A. 19:34-15**
4. **Challengers may not sit at the same table as board workers, address voters, nor handle any voting materials.** (e-pollbooks, voting authorities, voting machines, etc.)
5. Challengers **MAY NOT** use cellular phones in the polling place

REASON FOR CHALLENGE **N.J.S.A. 19:15-20, 19:4-1**

A voter can be challenged if he or she is:

- under 18 year's age
- not a citizen
- not living in the county for thirty (30) days
- serving a sentence for any indictable offense

A candidate whose name appears on the ballot automatically serves as a challenger; they **DO NOT** need a credential.