

Arthur Stig Blomkvist
Chairman
Susan L. DeLanzo
Secretary
Kevin R. Lare
Member
Kathleen M. Gorman
Member

Cape May County
Board of Elections
10-12 Mechanic Street
P. O. Box 5000
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
(609)465-1050 * Fax (609)465-1639
capemaycountygov.net



E. Marie Hayes
Freeholder

CHALLENGERS

Purpose/ Rights of Challengers-

- To challenge a voter whom they know or have a reasonable belief is not qualified to vote.
- To examine the counters on the voting machine prior to the opening of polls.
- To be present in the polling place while votes are being cast.
- To examine the counters on the voting machine after the close of the polls.
- To be present during the counting of the vote.
- To check and balance the polling process to assure fairness.

Qualifications-

- Must be a registered voter within the county.
 - **Elections Candidates** are automatic challengers
 - **Elected Officials** may be challengers but still need to be appointed.

Appointment-

- Made by any of the following:
 - County Chairperson
 - Municipal Chairperson
 - Election Candidate

Badges-

- Must identify the candidate, Political Party or Referendum Group the Challenger is representing. **All badges must be worn at the polls.**

Challenge Process for Individual Voters:

Challengers may challenge the right of any person whom he or she knows or has reason to believe, does not possess the qualifications to vote, or is disqualified. In other words, the grounds for a challenge are **limited to:**

- Citizenship
- Age
- Residency
- Possession of a disqualification (criminal)

For this purpose, the challenger may raise all the necessary questions, but ONLY to the District Board of Election or Poll Workers.

- **Challenger is to sign affidavit C-2**
- **Poll Workers are to read aloud- Information for Challenged Voter C-3**
- **Poll Workers request the voter to show suitable, identifying document:**
 - A valid New Jersey Driver's License.
 - Official government documents.
 - Utility or telephone bills, tax documents and/ or rent receipt.
- Poll workers are to cast vote-
 - 3-1 for allowing voter to vote- voter votes.
 - 2-2 for the voter- voter votes.
 - 3-1 to deny voter- voter must go to the County Board of Elections.
 - If County Board denies voter's right to vote- voter may then go to Superior Judge.