



Guidance for League of Women Voters Volunteers: Important Changes to Vote by Mail Procedures

Recently passed legislation is making it easier for voters to apply for mail-in ballots for multiple elections. These changes are currently in effect so please update your information and procedures immediately.

Changes:

1. Qualified voters may now apply for mail-in ballots for all future elections or any single election. Previously, voters had the option to apply for all future general elections, all future elections in a calendar year, or any single election.
2. If returning your mail-in ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the County Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the polls close on Election Day. If returning your ballot in person, it must be received before the polls close on Election Day. Previously, all ballots had to be received by the close of polls.
3. Voters may apply for mail-in ballots at the same time they register to vote, using the newly revised voter registration form.
4. If a voter applied to receive a mail-in ballot for the 2016 General Election, she or he will automatically receive mail-in ballots for all future elections, including this upcoming November General Election, **unless** they notify their county clerk in writing that they do not wish to receive mail-in ballots. These voters should have received notification in the mail from their county clerks with instructions on how to opt out of receiving mail-in ballots. The deadline to reply to this notice is September 14, 2018. If voters do not reply, they will receive a mail-in ballot for the November General Election and may vote using that ballot or may vote at the polls on Election Day using a provisional ballot. They will not be allowed to vote on the machine on Election Day.

New Vote by Mail Applications: The applications for vote by mail ballots have been updated to reflect the changes. Please use the new applications available here:

<http://www.njelections.org/voting-information-vote-by-mail.html>

New Voter Registration Forms: <http://www.njelections.org/voting-information.html#vrfv>

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact us at 609-394-3303 or jburns@lwvnj.org.