

# 2023 PRIMARY ELECTION: AT A GLANCE

All applications and information can be found at [www.lwvnj.org/vote](http://www.lwvnj.org/vote) and [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

## NJ Primary Election: Important Dates & Deadlines:

### Party Affiliation Declaration Deadline:

- April 12, 2023 (form must be received by this date)

### Voter Registration Deadline (by mail or online):

- May 16, 2023 (Voter registration form must be postmarked by this date)

### In-person Early Voting:

- June 2, 2023 through June 4, 2023 (Polls will be open from 10am-8pm Friday and Saturday, and from 10am-6pm on Sunday)

### Vote By Mail Application Deadline (by mail):

- May 30, 2023 (County Clerk must receive application by this date)

### Vote By Mail Application Deadline (in person):

- June 5, 2023 by 3:00 pm, at your County Clerk's office

### 2023 NJ Primary Election Date:

- June 6, 2023 (polls open 6 am – 8 pm)

## What is a primary? Am I eligible to vote in the New Jersey Primary?

A primary is an election that allows members of a political party to choose a candidate to represent them in an upcoming general election. In New Jersey only voters who are registered members of a political party may participate in nominating that party's candidates. Unaffiliated voters can declare a party when voting in a primary. Currently, only the Republican and Democratic parties use a primary election system to select nominees.

## Other questions?

Email the League of Women Voters of New Jersey at [mmarks@lwvnj.org](mailto:mmarks@lwvnj.org), tweet us @LWVNJ, or reach out on Facebook [facebook.com/LWVNJ](https://facebook.com/LWVNJ).

ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 6, 2023

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## Am I eligible to vote and how can I register to vote?

To register to vote in NJ, you must be: a United States citizen; at least 17 years old (and understand you cannot vote until you reach the age of 18); a resident of the county for 30 days before the election; and not currently serving a sentence of incarceration because of a felony conviction. You can register to vote if you are on parole or probation. The voter registration deadline for the June Primary Election is May 16, 2023.

## What are my voting options?

Here are the 3 ways you can vote in the June Primary:

### 1. In-Person on Election Day:

- Vote in person, using a voting machine, at your polling place, from 6am to 8pm on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. In-Person During Early Voting:

- Vote in person, using a voting machine, during the early voting period – June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. By Mail:

- Registered voters can apply for a Vote by Mail ballot ahead of the application deadline.
- Return your vote by mail-in ballot:
  - **By Mail;** your ballot must be postmarked by 8pm on Election Day
  - **Secure Ballot Drop Box;** place your mail-in ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8pm on Election Day
  - **In-Person;** deliver your mail-in ballot to your county's Board of Elections office by 8pm on Election Day



### **I want to vote in person. Where is my polling location?**

You have multiple choices for voting in-person at a polling location. You can vote early using an early voting polling center: these are specific polling locations that will be open starting June 2. You can also vote at your polling place on Election Day. Visit [www.lwvnj.org/vote](http://www.lwvnj.org/vote) or [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) to learn more and to find your polling place. Your election day polling location will also be listed on your sample ballot. Voters receive sample ballots in the mail about a week before Election Day.

### **How can I vote by mail?**

In New Jersey, any eligible registered voter can Vote by Mail – you do not need a reason to request a Vote by Mail ballot, but you do need to apply. To receive your Vote by Mail ballot by mail, the application must be received by your County Clerk by May 30, 2023. Voters can also apply in person to the County Clerk up until 3:00 pm on June 5, 2023.

### **How do I return my mail-in ballot?**

Do not wait until the last minute to return your ballot. You may return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it, and it must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the County Board of Elections within 144 hours (6 days) after the close of polls. You may also bring your ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections office, or to a secure ballot drop box location before polls close on Election Day. Be sure to check with your county for drop box locations.

### **How do I become a poll worker?**

Poll workers play an extremely important role in every election. New Jersey is currently looking for individuals to help facilitate in-person voting for early voting and Election Day. This is a paid position and training will be provided. **Apply at [Pollworker.NJ.Gov](http://Pollworker.NJ.Gov)**

**Print Out Vote by  
Mail Application**



**Track Your Vote  
by Mail Ballot**



### **What is in-person early voting?**

New Jersey voters can vote early in-person, using a voting machine, at designated early voting polling locations. Early voting will be available from June 2, 2023 to June 4, 2023. During this time, the polls will be open from 10am-8pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 10am-6pm on Sunday. Check with your county for early voting polling locations or visit [www.lwvnj.org/vote](http://www.lwvnj.org/vote).

### **Who am I voting for when I vote in a primary?**

Primary elections happen at all levels of government. During the June 2023 Primary Election voters will have an opportunity to vote for the State Senator and State Assembly representatives in their district. Declared party members vote to choose which candidate will be that party's nominee to appear on the ballot in an upcoming general election.

### **I am currently affiliated with a political party but want to change my affiliation before the primaries. What do I do?**

The deadline to change party affiliation is April 12, 2023. You must either file a Party Affiliation Declaration Form, or declare a party or change your party affiliation using the online voter registration form. Visit [lwvnj.org/vote](http://lwvnj.org/vote) to print and complete a Party Affiliation Declaration Form or to access the online voter registration form. Party Affiliation Declaration Forms must be returned to the Commissioner of Registration or your municipal clerk.

### **I am not currently affiliated with a political party but want to vote in the upcoming Primary Election. What do I do?**

Unaffiliated voters can register with a political party up to and including Primary Election Day. Unaffiliated voters can declare your affiliation in person at the polls on Primary Election Day or during the early voting period. Starting this year, unaffiliated voters who have signed up to a receive mail-in ballot will no longer be sent ballots for the primary election. These voters will instead be sent a party affiliation form, which must be returned by April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the 2023 Primary Election. You retain that party affiliation unless you file a Party Affiliation Declaration Form after the election.

### **How do I learn about the candidates?**

Candidate forums are essential venues to help voters learn more about a candidate and their stance on key issues. Candidates might also vocalize their opinions through the local newspaper and news channel, on social media, at local community meetings, and send out campaign material. **Learn about candidates running for federal, state, and local office by visiting [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).**