

# 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION: AT A GLANCE

ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 7, 2022

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 13, 2022 (form must be received by this date)

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

- May 17, 2022 (Voter registration form must be postmarked by this date)

### In-person Early Voting:

- June 3, 2022 through June 5, 2022 (Polls will be open from 10am-8pm Friday and Saturday, and from 10am-6pm on Sunday)

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

- May 31, 2022 (County Clerk must receive application by this date)

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

- June 6, 2022 by 3:00 pm, at your County Clerk's office

### 2022 NJ Primary Election Date:

- June 7, 2022 (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.

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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 17, 2022.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. In-Person During Early Voting:**
  - Vote in person, using a voting machine, during the early voting period – June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 5<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 3. 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 31, 2022. Voters can also apply in person to the County Clerk up until 3:00 pm on June 6, 2022.

### 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



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### What is in-person early voting?

New Jersey voters are now able to vote early in-person, using a voting machine, at designated early voting polling locations. Early voting will be available from June 3, 2022 to June 5, 2022. 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, including United States President, New Jersey's Senator and Representatives to the U.S. Congress, New Jersey state legislators, as well as county and municipal seats. 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 13, 2022. You must file a Party Affiliation Declaration Form. Print and complete the form at [lwvnj.org/vote](http://lwvnj.org/vote), then return it 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 have an opportunity to declare your affiliation in person at the polls on Primary Election Day, during the early voting period, or when you cast your mail-in ballot (read the information that comes with your ballot carefully). 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. **You can learn about candidates running for federal, state, and local office by visiting [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).**

### 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](http://facebook.com/LWVNJ).