

Elections in Atlantic County come under the supervision of three divisions. The following represents the responsibilities of the Superintendent of Elections Office, the office to the County Clerk, and the Board of Elections.

JOANNE ARMBRUSTER 343-2246
SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS
COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION

Enforce election law pursuant to NJSA Title 19
Investigate all voting discrepancies * Voter Registration
Change of Residence * Custody of Voting Machines
Voter Poll Books * Issue Voter Registration Cards
Party Declarations * Inspection of Polling Places

MICHAEL GARVIN 625-4011
COUNTY CLERK

Filing of Candidates * Printing of Election Ballot Materials *
Absentee Ballots * Certification of School Board, Primary, and
General Elections

BOARD OF ELECTIONS 343-2235

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Appointing and Training Poll Workers * Certification of Polling
Places * Issue Challenger Permits and Badges * Process/Tally
Absentee Ballots * Election Recounts * Redistricting Election
Districts * Compliance with American Disability Act

DID YOU KNOW?

The Constitution of the United States of America established that Presidential Elections should be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The month of November was chosen by our founding fathers because by November, the fall harvest season was over and citizens have the time to travel to the county seat where most official business was conducted.

It was decided that Tuesday should be Election Day because Sunday was a day of religious observance and a day of rest, and the first Monday of the month was generally reserved for official court business in the county seat. Our forebearers chose the first Tuesday after the first Monday as Election Day so that the voters would have a full day to travel to their polling place in order to exercise their right to vote.

HOW IMPORTANT IS ONE VOTE?

In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.

In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German.

In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1875, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States.

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ELECTION GUIDE

**ATLANTIC COUNTY
NEW JERSEY**



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Facts About Elections

All General Elections are held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

All Primary Elections are held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

Municipal Elections are held at the same time as the General Election in November, except for municipalities with a non-partisan form of government. Nonpartisan elections are held on the second Tuesday in May. In Atlantic County, the following municipalities have nonpartisan elections: Ventnor, Margate and Longport.

Polls are open from 6a.m. to 8p.m. in all elections with the exception of School Board elections.

School Board Elections are held during the month of April. Polling hours for School Elections vary with each municipality. Contact the local School Board Secretary for the hours of operation.

Facts About Voter Registration

A person may register to vote who is:

- * A United States citizen
- * 18 years old by Election Day
- * Not otherwise denied the right to vote because of idiocy, insanity or criminal record.

A qualified person may register to vote at any time prior to the twenty-ninth day before any election. All registration forms postmarked on the twenty-ninth day preceding the election will be accepted. Voters whose registrations are received after the filing deadline, will be eligible to vote in the next election.

A citizen may register in person at the Atlantic County Commissioner of Registration or the Municipal Clerk any day during office hours or on selected evenings prior to the close of registration. A citizen may also register to vote at Motor Vehicle Agencies and all Social Service Agencies. A citizen may register to vote by mail. Mail registration forms, available in Spanish as well as English, may be obtained by writing or telephoning the Commissioner of Registration at 343-2246 or 645-5882.

If an eligible voter is unable to write his/her name, he/she must make an "x" which is followed by the words "his or her mark", as the case may be, written in by the person receiving the application.

Provisional Ballot

A Provisional Ballot voter is a registered voter who has moved within the county and his/her voter registration records do not reflect the change.

It is important to note that the former "29 Day Rule" is no longer in effect. Now, a voter who moves from one election district to another in the **SAME** town or moves from one town to another in Atlantic County, before election day, and has not notified the Superintendent's Office in writing of this change before the deadline date, must go to your new polling location, on election day, in the municipality of your new residence in order to vote. You can call your local municipal clerk or one of the Offices of the Superintendent of Elections at 343-2246 or 645-5882.

Provisional Ballot voters may contact the Municipal Clerk in their new municipality to locate their new polling place.

A voter who moves outside of Atlantic County is governed under the following regulations:

1. If a voter has moved less than 29 days before the election, the voter **MAY** vote at the old polling place. Before voting, the voter must complete an Affirmation of Residency form.
2. If the voter has moved more than 29 days before the election, and has not registered in his/her new county, the voter **MAY NOT** vote.

The voter may appeal this decision to the office of the Commissioner of Registration for an appearance before a Superior Court Judge.

Superintendent Joanne Armbruster is available to answer any questions that any voter may have.

It is up to each and every American Citizen to exercise their right to vote. Each and every election is equally important.

Facts About Party Affiliation

1. Only party members may vote in the primary election in New Jersey. Voters participating in their first primary election, regardless of the number of years registered, must state their party affiliation at the polls on primary election day.
2. In order to change party affiliation, the voter must file a party declaration form with the Atlantic County Superintendent of Elections no later than fifty (50) days prior to the primary election. Party declaration forms may be obtained from the Municipal Clerk or the Superintendent of Elections office.