

# Hudson County Clerk's Office

## *Hon. Barbara A. Netchert*



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# Introducing the new Vote by Mail Legislation

- **In New Jersey, any eligible voter can now vote by mail in any election.**
- ***You no longer need a reason to Vote by Mail.*** Don't feel like going to the polls? Simply vote by mail. *Now there is "no excuse" not to vote.*
- Avoid long lines at polls, and vote in the privacy of your own home, at your convenience.



# To Vote by Mail in Hudson County:

- You must be a registered voter in Hudson County
- You must submit an application
  - Print and neatly fill out an application
  - Print and sign your name where indicated, exactly as it appears in your Voter Registration record.
- You must mail the application to, or drop the application off at:

*The Hudson County Clerks Office  
Elections Division  
257 Cornelison Ave – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jersey City, NJ 07302*

- Do not submit more than one application for the same election



# How to Obtain an Application to Vote by Mail

- You can download an application at [www.hudsoncountyclerk.org/elections](http://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org/elections)  
(click on the Vote By Mail link.)

(We have also provided – via the link above – downloadable forms and applications for **Voter Registration** and **Political Party Affiliation/Change**, which should be submitted to the *Office of the Superintendent of Elections*. You can contact the Superintendent's Office at 201-369-7740 for further information regarding registering to vote, or your political party affiliation.)

- Pick up a Vote By Mail application at:  
*The Hudson County Clerk's Office: Elections Division, 257  
Cornelison Ave – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302.*
- Or call us at 201-369-3470 *option #6* and request to have one mailed to you.



# Vote By Mail

## Application Rules

- The Vote by Mail application must be received by the County Clerk no later than 7 days prior to the election, unless you apply in person or via authorized messenger.
- A voter may apply in person to the County Clerk until 3:00 p.m., the day before the election.
- The County Clerk can't accept faxed or emailed copies of an application for a Vote by Mail Ballot, unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter, since an original signature is required.
- You must apply for a mail in ballot for each election, unless you designate otherwise under "Voter Options." (see next slide)



# “Voter Options”

*You must apply for a mail in ballot for each election, unless you designate otherwise under the “Voter Options” section of your application.*

**1. Select Voter Option A:**

If you wish to receive a Mail-In ballot for all elections to be held during the **REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR.**

**2. Select Voter Option B:**

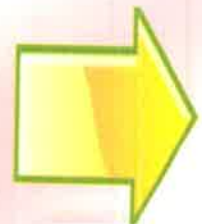
If you wish to receive a Mail-In ballot in **ALL FUTURE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS,** until you request otherwise.

**3.** *If such voter no longer wants this option, the County Clerk’s office must be notified in writing.*



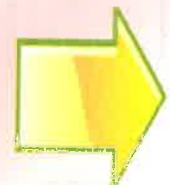
# Authorized Messengers

- You can choose to have an authorized messenger – a family member or a registered voter of Hudson County – deliver your ballot to you.
- No authorized messenger can be a candidate in the election for which you are requesting a Mail-In Ballot OR serve as a messenger for more than TEN qualified voters per election.
- Authorized messengers must sign the application and show photo ID in presence of the County Clerk or County Clerk designee.



# What Happens After you Apply for A Vote by Mail Ballot

1. You will receive written instructions with your Vote by Mail ballot.
2. You will select your candidates by shading in a small bubble next to his or her name. You must use blue or black pen *only* to complete the ballot.
3. You will not be permitted to vote by machine at your polling place in the same election.
4. If you applied for a ballot, received it and did not return it to the Clerk's Office in time, you will only be allowed to vote provisionally at the polls on Election Day.



# Reasons for Vote by Mail Ballot Rejections

1. Received too late for processing (must be received 7 days prior to the election unless you apply in person at the Clerk's Office by 3 p.m. the day before the election)
2. Illegible handwriting
3. Signature verification (signature does not match polling book)
4. If you are not listed as a Registered Voter in Hudson County or if the residence address doesn't match address in system.
5. If you moved make sure to update your voter registration form with your new address. You can get the form from the Superintendent of Elections by calling the following number: 201-369-7740, or by visiting the County Clerk's website, [www.hudsoncountyclerk.org](http://www.hudsoncountyclerk.org), for a link to download the form.



# Additional Election- Related Information

**Please take note of the election services listed below and the appropriate Hudson County office you should seek regarding each.**

## COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE - *County Clerk: Hon. Barbara A. Netchert*

- Provides / Processes Vote by Mail Applications
- Mails all approved applicants their Vote by Mail Ballot
- Petitions & Filings
- Election Results
- Certifies School, Primary, General & Special Election Results
- Ballot Drawings
- District Sheets

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS - *Superintendent: Marie Borace* **(201) 369-7740**

- Voter Registration (including change of Name or Address)
- Party Affiliation (or Change of Affiliation)
- Voting Machines & Warehouse Issues

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS – *Clerk of the Board: Michael Harper* **(201) 369-3435**

- Poll Workers & Polling Place Information
- Ward & District Maps
- Challenges
- Receives all *Completed* Vote by Mail Ballots