Sample Ballots in Polling Places
Sample ballots will be available at the polling place on the day of the election.
The sample ballot shall be as nearly as possible a facsimile of the official ballot and shall have printed on it:

- The number of the election district
- The location of the polling place
- The hours of the election
- The date of the election
- An indication of whether the polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities. If non-accessible, the sample ballot must indicate the availability of Vote by Mail ballots

Information on how the voter can obtain or view the Voter’s Bill of Rights

Voting Machine
You Can Vote on the Voting Machine if:

- Your complete voter registration information is in the poll book;
- You currently live in the election district or moved out of the County after the close of registration for this election (thereafter you must be registered in your new County); and
- There are no successful challenges to your right to vote.

You Have the Right to

- Vote in private on the voting machine;
- Bring voting materials (such as the sample ballot, but no campaign material) into the voting booth to help you vote;
- A “reasonable” amount of time to cast your vote.

Instructions on use of the voting machine are available in the polling place.
If you do not see them, ask any board worker.

Assistance on the Voting Machine

- If you are blind, disabled or cannot read the ballot on the machine, you have someone of your choice assist you with the voting machine. You can not have assistance of a representative of your employer or union.
- If you are alone and are entitled to assistance, two board workers of opposite political parties may help you. You have the right to have both workers assist you or one worker - it is your choice.
- The district board workers must first fill out a disability certificate for you before you can use the voting machine.

Standing in Line to Vote: If you are in line to vote after the polls have closed, you MUST be allowed to vote. Board workers CANNOT turn you away.

Emergency Ballots: If the voting machine is not working, DO NOT LEAVE THE POLLING PLACE. A board worker will give you a Paper Emergency Ballot. If you spoil your ballot, you have the right to ask the board worker for another ballot.

First-Time Voter
The following signs will be available in each polling place:

- Signs in the interior corridors directing voters to the location of the polling room
- Three sample ballots for the election district, posted on the wall of the polling room
- The Voter Bill of Rights, posted on the wall
- Voting machine instructions adjacent to the voting machine

ID Requirements
Certain “Need ID” Voters
The following voters have to show ID at the polling place:

- If you registered to vote by mail in this County after January 1, 2003, and never voted in a federal election in the County, you were required to provide identification. If you did not provide identification before voting for the first time at the polling place, you must show the board workers identification today; or
- The hours of the election
- The date of the election
- An indication of whether the polling place is accessible to voters with disabilities. If non-accessible, the sample ballot must indicate the availability of Vote by Mail ballots

- If you were a mail-in registrant and did not provide your driver’s license number or the last four digits of your social security number, but the numbers could not be verified, you must show the board workers identification today.

If you DO NOT show the board workers any identification you CANNOT vote on the voting machine. You MUST vote with a provisional paper ballot.

An identifying document may include, but is not limited to:

- Any valid and current photo ID:
  - NJ driver’s license
  - Military or other Government ID
  - Student or Job ID
  - Non-photo NJ driver’s license

Vote By Mail
The Vote By Mail application must go to your County Clerk’s Office. If you mail it to your County Clerk, it needs to get there at least 7 days before the election. After that day, you must deliver the application to the County Clerk’s Office in person. Ballots can be issued by the Clerk until 3:00 p.m. the day before the election.

Now, you can ask for a Vote By Mail ballot for all the elections in a calendar year with one application. Also, any voter who wishes to vote only by mail for all general elections can request to automatically receive a ballot for each such election.

Authorized Messenger Process
Any voter may ask someone to be their Authorized Messenger to go to the County Clerk’s office to get the ballot.

- At the bottom of the application, you must write the name of the person you choose as your Authorized Messenger.
- No one can be your Authorized Messenger without your permission.
- The Authorized Messenger must be a family member of the voter or a registered voter of the county.
- No person can be an Authorized Messenger for more than three qualified voters in an election.
- No candidate in the election for which you are requesting a Vote by Mail ballot can be an Authorized Messenger.

You MUST Vote by Provisional Ballot if:

- You are a registered voter in the County who moved within the County and did not notify the County Commissioner of Registration before election day of your current address; or
- You are an “Active need ID” or “Inactive need ID” voter who has not provided identification information (see above section); or
- There is a marking in the poll book that you applied for a Vote by Mail ballot, but you did not apply for a Vote by Mail ballot, you applied for a Vote by Mail ballot, but did not receive the ballot; or you received a Vote by Mail ballot but did not return it.

For the provisional ballot to count, a copy of your ID must be submitted to your County Commissioner of Registration by close of business on the second day after the election.

How to Vote by Provisional Ballot:

The board worker will give you a paper ballot and an envelope.

The board worker must provide you with a place to vote the ballot in secret.

The board worker must complete the “Affidavit Statement” that is attached to the envelope. DO NOT DETACH THE Affidavit Statement. *If you do not sign the Affidavit Statement, your ballot will not be counted.*

Give the envelope to the board worker.

Watch the board worker put the envelope into the provisional ballot bag, or you may put your ballot into the bag yourself.

If you spoil your ballot, you have the right to ask the boardworker for another ballot.

No provisional ballot is cast at the polling place. All provisional ballots are taken to the County Commissioner of Registration’s office after the close of the polls for verification and counting by the County Board of Election.

After the election, you can call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837) to find out if your ballot was cast. If your ballot was not cast, you can find out why it was rejected.

Challenger Do’s & Don’ts
Challengers Can:

- Challenge a voter if the challenger believes the voter is not qualified to vote.
- In order to vote a person must be:
  - A United States citizen
  - Registered to vote
  - 18 years of age or older
  - A resident of the County for at least 30 days before the election

Challengers Cannot:

- Challenge a voter for any of these reasons:
  - They think they know how the voter is going to vote.
  - The race or ethnic origin of the voter.
  - The voter resides in a particular ward, house complex, or section of an election district, municipality or county.

It is a Criminal Offense for a Challenger to Challenge a Voter for Any of the Above 3 Reasons.

- Sit with the district board workers or touch the election materials.
- Take your vote in private on the voting machine.
- Have someone of your choice assist you with the voting machine. You can not have the assistance of a representative of your employer or union.
- Use the inside corridors directing voters to the location of the polling place.
- Use Voting machine instructions adjacent to the voting machine.
- Use signs in the interior corridors directing voters to the location of the polling place.
- Use three sample ballots for the election district, posted on the wall of the polling place.
- Use the Voter Bill of Rights, posted on the wall.
- Use voting machine instructions adjacent to the voting machine.

Exit Polling
It is Legal. You may be asked by a media representative about your voting when you are leaving the polling place. You do not have to answer any questions — it is your choice.