



# NJ Voters' Bill of Rights

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## ▶ Voting Machine

### You Can Vote in 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).
- there are no successful challenges to your right to vote.

### You Have the Right to –

- vote in private in the voting machine.
- bring voting materials into the voting booth to help you vote.
- a “reasonable” amount of time to cast your votes.

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

### Assistance in the Voting Machine:

- If you are blind, physically disabled or cannot read the ballot on the machine, you can have someone of your choice assist you in the voting machine.
- 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 go into 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.

## ▶ ID Requirements for First-time Registrants by Mail Only

1. 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.**
2. 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 ■ Store Membership Card, or,Any current document with your name and address on it, **including but not limited to:**
  - Bank statement ■ Pay check ■ Sample ballot ■ Government check or document
  - Car registration ■ Rent receipt ■ Utility bill ■ Non-photo NJ driver's license

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

## ▶ Provisional Ballot Voting

### You MUST Vote by Provisional Ballot if:

1. 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,**
2. your registration information is not complete in the poll book; for example your signature or address is missing; **or,**
3. you are a first-time registrant by mail in the County after January 1, 2003 who has not provided identification information.
4. if there is an “A” in the poll book but you did not receive, or did not apply for, an absentee ballot.

**ID must be submitted to Mercer County Superintendent of Elections (609-989-6770)**

**by the close of business on the second day after the election. Office hours are 8:00-4:00.**

### How to Vote by Provisional Ballot:

1. The board worker will give you a paper ballot and an envelope.
2. Vote the ballot. The board worker must provide you with a place to vote the ballot in secret.
3. Put the voted ballot in the envelope and seal it.
4. Sign and complete the “Affirmation Statement” that is attached to the envelope. **DO NOT DETACH** the Affirmation Statement.
5. Give the envelope to the board worker.
6. Watch the board worker put the envelope into the provisional ballot bag, or you may put your ballot into the bag yourself.
7. If you spoil your ballot, you have the right to ask the boardworker for another ballot.

**No Provisional Ballot is Counted 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 counted. If your ballot was not counted, you can find out why it was rejected.

**Complaint Forms are available** if you have a complaint regarding the conduct of the election at this polling place.

Ask any board worker for a form.

**You may also call the Mercer County Superintendent of Elections at 609-989-6770 or 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)**