



UNDERSTANDING THE NEW

VOTE-BY-MAIL LAW

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Every registered voter will be able to vote in the 2018 election – either on a voting machine, using provisional ballot, or by submitting a mail-in ballot. The League of Women Voters of New Jersey breaks down your options and how changes to vote-by-mail procedures might impact you.

WHAT'S NEW IN 2018:

All voters who applied for a mail-in ballot in 2016 have automatically received a mail-in ballot for this November 6th election *unless* they opted-out. If:

- You applied to vote-by-mail in 2016, but did not receive a mail-in ballot this year: Call your County Clerk and ask if you are on the vote-by-mail list and where your ballot was sent. If you are on the list, and haven't received your ballot, you can vote using a provisional ballot at your polling place or ask to have a replacement ballot issued.
- You received your 2018 mail-in ballot, but do not wish to vote by mail: Do not cast your mail-in ballot. Instead, go to your polling place on Election Day and vote using a provisional ballot. You will not be allowed to vote on the machine.
- You applied for a 2018 mail-in ballot, but haven't received it: Call your County Clerk to inquire about your ballot. If you do not receive your ballot (or receive it and do not wish to use it), you can vote using a provisional ballot at your polling place. You will not be allowed to vote on the machine.
- You haven't applied for a 2018 mail-in ballot, but want one: You can apply for a mail-in ballot in person at your County Clerk's office up until 3 pm on November 5th.

New this year: Casting your mail-in ballot – If returning your mail-in ballot in person, it must be *received* before close of polls on Election Day. If returning your mail-in ballot by mail, it must be *postmarked* no later than Election Day and received no later than 48 hours after the close of polls for the election.

What this does this change mean? Voters now have the option to postmark their mail-in ballots (go to the post office and make sure you get a postmark) on Election Day as long as the ballot reaches the Board of Elections within 48 hours after polls close.

However, don't wait until the last minute if you don't have to! Get your mail-in ballot in the mail as soon as possible to ensure it reaches the Board of Elections in time to be counted!

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