

NEW JERSEY VOTERS: NOT PERMITTED TO VOTE ON A VOTING MACHINE ON ELECTION DAY?

REQUEST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT



PROVISIONAL BALLOT FAQ'S:

What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a paper ballot issued to voters whose eligibility is at issue at their polling locations, preventing them from voting on the machine.

What types of issues prevent someone from voting on the machine?

A voter may have submitted an application for a mail-in ballot, but claims that s/he never received it or never mailed it in; a voter's name or signature might be missing in the poll book; a first-time voter arrives at the polling place without an I.D. and did not provide the necessary identification when registering to vote; or a voter has recently moved *within* her/his county, but has not re-registered to vote at the new address.

How do I vote using a provisional ballot?

Each provisional paper ballot comes with an envelope that has an Affirmation Statement attached to it. Do not tear off the Affirmation Statement from the envelope. The poll worker must provide you with a private area to complete your ballot. After choosing your candidate(s) on the provisional ballot, you must place it in the envelope and seal it. Then, complete and sign the Affirmation Statement and return the envelope to the poll worker.

Where does the provisional ballot go?

After the polls close, all provisional ballots are brought to the County Commissioner of Registration's office for verification and counting by the County Board of Elections. Provisional ballots are not counted at district polling locations.

If I make a mistake on the provisional ballot, can I request another one?

Yes, you have the right to ask for a new provisional ballot if you make any mistakes.

How do I know if my provisional ballot is counted?

After the election, call 1-877-NJVOTER (1-877-658-6837) to check whether your provisional ballot was counted or rejected (and the reason why).

What if I do not want to vote by provisional ballot or am worried my provisional ballot won't be counted?

On Election Day, voters have the right to appear before an election judge, who will determine a person's eligibility to vote. If you need assistance, call 1-800-792-VOTE (8683).