

## **New Jersey Primary Election Dates & Deadlines**

\* Important Note about Early Voting: There is pending legislation that, if passed, would slightly expand the in-person early voting time period for the upcoming June primary election. The League of Women Voters of New Jersey will be sure to keep you informed of that update!

### **Primary: Party Affiliation Deadline**

The deadline to change party affiliation ahead of New Jersey's 2025 Primary Election is April 16, 2025. Your county Commissioner of Registration or your municipal clerk must receive the form by this deadline.

- A primary is an election that allows members of a political party to choose a candidate to represent them in an upcoming general election. In New Jersey, only voters who are registered members of a political party may participate in nominating that party's candidates. Currently, only the Republican and Democratic parties use a primary election system to select nominees.
- Unaffiliated voters (voters currently not affiliated with any party) have multiple options to declare a party, including in person at the polls.
- A registered voter currently affiliated with a political party who wishes to change their party affiliation must file a Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form 55 days before a Primary Election. If you are unsure of your party affiliation, please contact your Commissioner of Registration/Superintendent of Elections.

[Find the Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form Here](#)

### **Unaffiliated Voters:**

All unaffiliated voters can declare their affiliation in person at the polls on Primary Election Day or during the early voting period.

- Unaffiliated Voters on the Permanent Vote-By-Mail list:  
Unaffiliated voters who automatically receive Vote-By-Mail Ballots will not be sent ballots for the primary election. To receive a Vote-By-Mail Ballot, these voters must declare a party by filling out a party affiliation declaration form and returning it to the municipal clerk or county Commissioner of Registration by mail or in-person Vote-By-Mail application deadlines (see below).
- Unaffiliated voters not signed up to Vote-By-Mail that wish to do so:  
Must declare their party and apply for a mail-in ballot by the Vote-By-Mail application deadlines (see below).

### **Primary: Voter Registration Deadline**

The voter registration deadline for the June 2025 Primary Election is May 20, 2025. Remember to re-register to vote if you change your name or address, or are no longer serving a sentence of incarceration. [You can register to vote online here](#) or print and mail a voter registration form to your County Commissioner of Registration or Superintendent of Elections.

Not sure if your registration is up to date? Check now!

### **Primary: Vote-by-Mail**

How to Apply for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot:

- To apply through the mail, the Vote-By-Mail application must be received by the County Clerk by June 3, 2025. [Find Vote-by-mail applications by county here](#). Do not wait until the last minute to apply if you want to Vote by mail!
- Voters can also apply for a Vote-By-Mail Ballot in-person at their County Clerk's office. The deadline to apply in-person is 3pm on June 9, 2025.

You can check your Vote-By-Mail status using the [Track My Ballot Tool](#) or by contacting your county clerk.

June 3, 2025 – Vote-By-Mail Application Deadline (by mail)

By 3pm on June 9, 2025 – Vote-By-Mail Application Deadline (in-person)

[Find Vote-by-Mail Applications Here](#)

### **Spring Local Elections**

Some local municipalities are holding school board and nonpartisan municipal elections in March, April, and May. [Below is a list of those elections](#) and important deadlines.

Remember to vote local and make a difference in your community!

- Note: 16 years old and 17 years old Newark residents can now register and vote in local school board elections! Register to vote online here. The deadline to register to vote in Newark's school board election is March 25, 2025.

Register to vote today and participate in this election. Decisions by school boards impact you and your education - make your voice heard!

- [Is your district missing?](#) Let us know by emailing [mmarks@lwvnj.org](mailto:mmarks@lwvnj.org) so that we can share with the public!

If you are a registered voter in any of the above communities, be sure to get out the vote and make your voice heard!

Not registered? [Register to vote online here](#)

Visit [Vote411.org/new-jersey](http://Vote411.org/new-jersey) to make your voting plan and see what's on your ballot.

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