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Mail-In Ballots for the 2026 Primary Election Are Available for Monmouth County Voters

FREEHOLD, New Jersey – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is advising voters that mail-in ballots for the 2026 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections are available.

“Voting by mail is a safe and secure way to vote,” said Clerk Hanlon. “Voters this year can enjoy the added convenience of applying for a mail-in ballot online for the first time.”

Registered voters can apply for a mail-in ballot through the state’s [Voter Registration System](#) as a result of a new state law that took effect in 2026. Proof of identity, such as a current, valid driver’s license, a non-driver identification card or social security number, is required. Online applicants are also required to provide a digital signature that matches the record of their current voter registration signature or Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) signature records.

Monmouth County voters continue to have the option of applying for a mail-in ballot by completing a paper [vote-by-mail ballot application form](#) which may be submitted by mail or in person to the Clerk of Elections Office at 300 Halls Mill Road in Freehold.

The deadline for completed applications submitted by regular mail is seven days before the election, which is Tuesday, May 26, 2026, for this year's June 2nd Primary Election.

Applications may be submitted in person up until 3 p.m. on June 1st, the day before Primary Election Day.

Simple instructions for completing and returning vote-by-mail ballots are included in the ballot package that accompanies the ballot. An [instructional video](#) on how to complete a mail-in ballot is also available on the Monmouth County Clerk's YouTube Channel. Voters may return completed ballots in person at the County Board of Elections located at 300 Halls Mill Road, by mail or via one of the County's ballot [drop box locations](#).

For more information, including [sample mail-in ballots](#), visit MonmouthCountyVotes.gov, download the County Clerk's [free "Monmouth County Votes" mobile app](#) or call the Clerk of Election Office at 732-431-7790.

About the Clerk of Elections / Monmouth County Clerk

The Monmouth County Clerk serves as the Clerk of Elections, one of [three independent entities overseeing the elections process](#) in Monmouth County in conjunction with the Superintendent of Elections and Board of Elections. The Clerk of Elections processes vote-by-mail ballot applications, prepares ballots, verifies candidate petitions and certifies elections results. Voter registration, voting records and voting machines fall under the purview of the Superintendent of Elections, while the Board of Elections is responsible for counting ballots, overseeing poll workers and maintaining polling locations.

The [Office of the Monmouth County Clerk](#) is comprised of five divisions handling elections, property recordings, archives, passports and records management. The County Clerk's Office also provides resident, veteran and Gold Star Family identification cards to eligible county residents, administers oaths to notaries and public officials and performs wedding ceremonies. The Monmouth County Clerk is a constitutional and administrative officer elected to a five-year term by the voters of Monmouth County. Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. has served as Monmouth County Clerk since 2015.