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**Mercer County Clerk Presents Fall Election News**

**TRENTON** – With Fall elections and their deadlines swiftly approaching, the Mercer County Clerk’s Office wants to ensure Mercer residents are fully informed on their voting options and new election legislation. There is a new [Voter Registration](https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-voter-registration/68-voter-registration-english-mecer.pdf) form and [Vote by Mail application](http://www.njelections.org/voting-information-vote-by-mail.html), and other changes. Important deadlines and election dates are listed below.

**2018 Ewing School Election**

Sept 25 Deadline to apply for Vote by Mail by mail

Oct 1 Deadline to apply for Vote by Mail in person at 3pm

Oct 2 Ewing School Election

**2018 General Election**

Oct 16 Voter Registration deadline

Oct 30 Deadline to apply for Vote by Mail by mail

Nov 5 Deadline to apply for Vote by Mail in person at 3pm

Nov 6 General Election

If a Mercer resident is not yet registered to vote, Voter Registration forms can be found [online](https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-voter-registration/68-voter-registration-english-mecer.pdf) or at many other locations in the County. Forms can be found at the Mercer County Clerk’s Trenton office, the office of the Superintendent of Elections, the Mercer County Connection in Hamilton, Municipal Clerks’ offices, the Division of Motor Vehicles and on the website of the Mercer County Clerk and the NJ State Division of Elections in multiple languages.

The second step for voters who desire to Vote by Mail is to complete and return a Vote by Mail application to the Mercer County Clerk’s office at 209 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08650. Choosing to Vote by Mail is an option for**all registered voters** and allows more flexibility for Mercer residents to cast their votes in upcoming elections.

For those who have not yet registered to Vote by Mail, but would like to in the near future, there are new options listed on the Vote by Mail application. The first is to receive a ballot for a single election. The other option you can select is to request a Vote by Mail ballot for **all future elections**. This is a change in the previous law, which only allowed mail-in ballots to be sent for (A) all elections in one calendar year or (B) all November General Elections.

If you signed up to Vote by Mail in the November 2016 General Election, you will automatically receive ballots in the mail for **all future elections**, unless the voter notifies the County Clerk in writing to opt out. New Jersey County Clerks are sending notices to inform the Vote by Mail voters of the new law.

The Mercer County Clerk’s office has prepared a step-by-step instructional video on how to fill out a Vote by Mail ballot. The video is located on Clerk’s section of the Mercer County website, mercercounty.org/government/county-clerk, or on the Mercer County YouTube channel.

If there are any other questions feel free to call the Mercer County Clerk’s Office at (609) 989-6465 or visit the websites above.

**About the Mercer County Clerk’s Office**

The County Clerk's Office offers many services that Mercer residents and businesses use every day. The Clerk's Office files and records all documents concerning real estate ownership and transfer, registers small business trade names, processes U.S. passport applications, and swears in notary public applicants.

The office offers photos for people seeking passports and County and Veteran ID cards, and Gold-Star Parent ID cards as well. The County Clerk also has certain election responsibilities – including the printing of ballots, counting of votes cast by electronic machines and the issuance of vote-by-mail ballots. We post election results for you at mercercounty.org.

We offer passport services with extended hours at our Trenton office and at the County's satellite office, the Mercer County Connection, located in the Hamilton Square Shopping Center, Route 33 and Paxson Avenue, Hamilton Township.

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