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MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS General Election

RULES FOR APPLICATION FOR CHALLENGER CREDENTIALS (N.J.S.A. Title 19 - Election - Chapters 7)

DEADLINE DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS: October 20, 2020

Applications for challenger credentials must be filed with the Monmouth County Board of Elections, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, New Jersey, **NOT LATER** than the **second Tuesday** preceding any election. **ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATION** for such credentials will be accepted after the deadline date. Early filing is recommended to avoid errors and delays caused by last minute application.

WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED:

No person shall be appointed who is not a **registered voter** in Monmouth County. No challenger shall serve in any district other than the one to which that challenger has been appointed. (A challenger does not have to reside in the district or municipality in which he has been designated to serve).

PERMITS TO CHALLENGE:

Such permits (**credentials**) are issued by the Monmouth County Board of Elections. Challengers must file credentials with the district election board before being permitted to sit in the Polling place. Unused credentials may be revoked and others issued in their stead at any time up to and including the day of election. **HOWEVER**, such changes can only be made by presenting the credential and badge **AT THE OFFICE of the Monmouth County Board of Elections** -----**NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE BY PHONE.**

BADGE:

Every challenger **MUST** wear a badge furnished by the County Board of Elections. The badge is attached to the credential.

NUMBER OF CHALLENGERS PERMITTED:

Permits will be issued to **two (2) challengers per district for the OPPONENTS and two (2) challengers per district for the PROPONENTS.** PLEASE NOTE, although two credentials are issued, **only one challenger** for each side of the public question may be present at any one time. **ALSO, a candidate, whose name appears on the ballot, does not need to apply for a challenger credential for him/herself. They are automatically a challenger and DO NOT NEED A CREDENTIAL.**

MULTIPLE CREDENTIALS:

Multiple credentials can be used to permit one person to enter more than one polling place. **This is NOT IN ADDITION to the above restriction of two (2) challengers per district.**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Organizations applying for these credentials should use appropriate forms. These forms are available at your Municipal Clerk and the County Board of Elections.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Application for challenger credentials must be in writing, giving the correct name, address, and the district in which the challenger is to serve, also the correct district in which that person resides. **THE NAME AND ADDRESS MUST BE PRINTED EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS IN THE REGISTRY BOOK. INCORRECT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A CHALLENGER!**

CHALLENGERS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR DUTIES ON ELECTION DAY.