

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS - GENERAL ELECTION
RULES FOR APPLICATION FOR CHALLENGER CREDENTIALS - EARLY VOTING

(N.J.S.A. Title 19 - Election - Chapter 7-6.1)

DEADLINE DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS: October 18, 2021

Applications for challenger credentials must be filed with the Monmouth County Board of Elections, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, New Jersey, **and NO LATER than 5 days prior to the start of Early Voting. 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 that challenger has been designated to serve).**

PERMITS TO CHALLENGER:

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 the polling place. These credentials may be revoked and others issued in their stead at any time up to and including the day of election. However, such changes must be effected **AT THE OFFICE** of the Monmouth County Board of Elections.

BADGE:

Every challenger must wear a badge furnished by the County Board of Elections.

NUMBER OF CHALLENGERS PERMITTED PER CANDIDATE:

- Each **county chair** of any political party who has filed a petition, may appoint two (2) challengers per group of candidates together on the ballot, for each early voting site (10 total sites).
- Each **municipal chair** of any political party who has filed a petition, may appoint two (2) challengers for each early voting site, on behalf of the group of candidates on the ballot running for local office within the chairpersons' local municipality.
- **Other candidates not grouped** with any other candidates on the ballot, who has filed a petition, may appoint two (2) challengers for each early voting site at which the candidate is to appear on the ballot.
- **For candidates grouped together on a ballot not represented by a county or municipal committee of any political party**, the candidate listed on the "highest" position on the ballot, who has filed a petition, may appoint two (2) challengers (i.e. school board or fire election) for each early voting site.

The candidate's name and the office for which the candidate has been nominated **MUST APPEAR** on the application, and the candidate's signature is required on same. **PLEASE NOTE**, although two credentials are issued, only one challenger for each candidate may be present at any one time. **A CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE BALLOT, DOES NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR A CHALLENGER CREDENTIAL FOR HIM/HERSELF. Candidates are automatically a challenger and DO NOT NEED A CREDENTIAL.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Application for challenger credentials must be in writing, giving the correct name, address, and the EV poll site in which the challenger is to serve, also the correct town and 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.

ALL CHALLENGERS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR DUTIES ON ELECTION DAY