

Public Questions to Be Voted Upon

STATE PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

Do you approve amending the Constitution to legalize a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis”?

Only adults at least 21 years of age could use cannabis. The State commission created to oversee the State’s medical cannabis program would also oversee the new, personal use cannabis market.

Cannabis products would be subject to the State sales tax. If authorized by the Legislature, a municipality may pass a local ordinance to charge a local tax on cannabis products.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This amendment would legalize a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis”. Only persons at least 21 years of age could use cannabis products legally.

The Cannabis Regulatory Commission would oversee the new adult cannabis market. This commission was created in 2019 to oversee the State’s medical cannabis program. The scope of the commission’s new authority would be detailed in laws enacted by the Legislature.

All retail sales of cannabis products in the new adult cannabis market would be subject to the State’s sales tax. If authorized by the Legislature, a municipality may pass a local ordinance to charge a local tax on cannabis products.

STATE PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 2 PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION AND EXEMPTION FOR PEACETIME VETERANS

Do you approve amending the Constitution to give a \$250 property tax deduction to veterans who did not serve in time of war? Do you also approve amending the Constitution to give a 100 percent property tax exemption to certain totally disabled veterans who did not serve in time of war?

The widow or widower of these veterans also would receive this \$250 deduction or 100 percent exemption after the veteran’s death.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This amendment would give a \$250 property tax deduction to veterans who did not serve in time of war. The widow or widower of a veteran who did not serve in time of war would receive this deduction after the veteran’s death.

The amendment also extends the 100 percent property tax exemption for disabled veterans to veterans who became disabled during peacetime military service. Persons who became disabled during peacetime military service and reside in a continuing care retirement community would not receive the 100 percent exemption for disabled veterans.

Currently, these property tax deductions and exemptions are only given to veterans who served during time of war. The amendment would give the deductions and exemptions to veterans who did not serve in wartime.

STATE PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING SCHEDULE IF CENSUS DATA IS DELAYED

Do you approve amending the Constitution to change when new legislative districts are created if the federal census data is delayed?

The current COVID-19 pandemic has delayed census data collection. If New Jersey does not receive the census data in a timely manner, new legislative districts may not be ready in time for State legislative elections in the year ending in one.

This change to the redistricting schedule will allow legislators to be elected that year from their existing districts for their two-year term in office. The new districts will be used starting with the next scheduled general election for the State legislature.

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This constitutional amendment changes when new legislative districts are created if the federal census data is delayed.

The United States Constitution requires that a census be taken every ten years to count the people living in the country. Census data is then used to create new legislative districts to ensure residents have equal representation from elected officials. However, the current COVID-19 pandemic has delayed census data collection. This may delay census data to the states and may affect the creation of new legislative districts.

The State Constitution requires an Apportionment Commission to create new legislative districts every ten years after the federal census is completed. If the census data is delayed, the new legislative districts may not be created in a timely manner to hold elections.

This constitutional amendment requires the commission to delay creating the new districts if the Governor receives the federal census data after February 15 of the year ending in one. The commission will adopt the new districts after the November general election, but not later than March 1 of the year ending in two.

The new districts will be used starting with legislative elections in the year ending in three. They will continue to be used until new districts are again created by the Apportionment Commission after the next federal census.

For the June primary and November general elections in the year ending in one, Senators and Assembly members will use their existing districts to run for a term of two years. The old districts will also be in effect in the year ending in two if any legislative election is held in that year.

This amendment requires the commission to begin conducting its business when the Governor receives the census data. It also requires the eleventh member of the commission to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court within one month after the Governor receives the census data.

Nothing in this amendment will alter the appointment of the members of the commission made by the State political party chairs pursuant to Article IV, Section III, paragraph 1 of the State Constitution on or before November 15, and certified by the Secretary of State on or before December 1, of the year in which the census is taken.

The Office of the County Clerk County of Monmouth

Governor Murphy signed a law changing the election process for the November 3, 2020 general election. These are the important points for you to know:

1. The election will be conducted **primarily by mail-in ballots**. As such, the State has mandated that you be sent this ballot for voting. Our office has provided a postage paid envelope. You are not required to attach a stamp.
2. There will be **limited in-person polling locations open** on Election Day, where voters can vote **by provisional paper ballot only**. You will receive a notice with your polling location in the mail.
3. Per state law, there will be **no voting machines** at the polling locations, except for voters with a disability who need an ADA accessible voting device.
4. If you have a disability and need an accessible vote by mail ballot, please contact our office at 732-431-7790.
5. In order to have timely results, it is strongly encouraged that you complete and return your mail-in ballot as soon as you receive it. Since this election will be different than past general elections, detailed instructions are included.

Important Note: Please be advised that state law requires you to sign the certificate of mail-in voter on the inner envelope which you will place the ballot in, even though you may not have applied for this ballot. The state law acts as your application for the purpose of this election.

If you misplace or damage your mail-in ballot, please call 732-431-7790 or visit in person at 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please do not hesitate to call the County Clerk’s office for any other questions, and for more information, visit the Monmouth County elections website, MonmouthCountyVotes.com.

Track your ballot: the State of New Jersey has two options for tracking your ballot. You can call 1-877-NJ-VOTER or go to the State Division of Elections website, trackmyballot.nj.gov. Please note that these are programs run by the State of New Jersey and the County elections offices do not have jurisdiction over them.


Para información en español, visite MonmouthCountyVotes.com

Please be advised that this mandatory language has been provided by the State of New Jersey to be included in the ballot packet.

Instructions For Voting


1. To vote for any candidate whose name is printed on this ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the candidate's name (from this ○, to this ●). Do not vote for more than the number of candidates to be elected to each office.
2. Use ONLY an ink pen (blue or black) to mark your ballot. Do not use red ink or a marker.
3. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot, write the person's name on the blank line(s) (marked "write in") beside the proper title of office and fill in the oval to the right of the name (from this ○, to this ●).
4. To vote in favor of a Question, fill in the oval to the right of the word "YES." To vote against it, fill in oval to the right of the word "NO."
5. Do not mark this ballot in any manner other than provided for and do not erase. If you spoil your ballot, request a new one from the County Clerk by calling 732-431-7790. If you mark your ballot in such a way that your intent is unclear, or if you vote for more than the number to be elected to an office, your vote for that office will not be counted.

AT NO TIME MAY ANYONE CAMPAIGN OR ELECTIONEER WHILE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE YOUR MAIL-IN BALLOT.




VOTE YOUR BALLOT
Use black or blue pen. DO NOT USE RED INK OR A MARKER.

- Fill in the oval to the right of your choice.
- To make a write-in choice, fill in the oval and clearly print the name of the candidate.

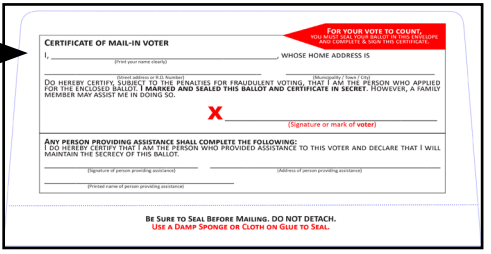



Office Title		Personal Choice
Vote for One	Jane DOE	<input type="radio"/>
	John DOE	<input type="radio"/>
		write in (and fill in oval)



INSERT YOUR BALLOT INTO THE CERTIFICATION ENVELOPE & COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE
Place the ballot into this envelope and seal it.

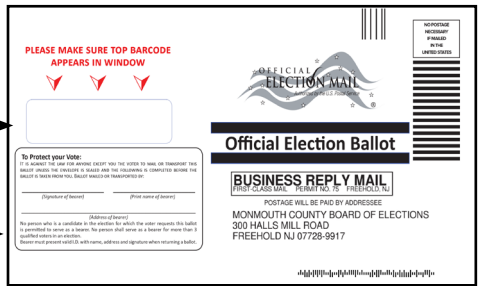
- **Complete** and **Sign** the **Certificate of Mail-in Voter**. **DO NOT DETACH THE CERTIFICATE** from the envelope.
- If someone assists you in completing your ballot, they must complete the assistor portion.
Candidates, union representatives, & employers cannot be assistants.






INSERT THE CERTIFICATION ENVELOPE INTO THE RETURN ENVELOPE

- Place the certification envelope in the pre-addressed return envelope. **Make sure the TOP BARCODE on the certification envelope appears in the window.**
- If someone mails or delivers your ballot for you, they must complete the **Bearer Portion** in front of you before the ballot leaves your possession.




TO PROTECT YOUR VOTE: It is against the law for anyone except you, the voter, to mark or inspect this ballot. However, a family member may assist you in doing so. If you are an incapacitated voter, a person other than a family member may also assist you in doing so.


How To Return Your Ballot



BY MAIL: Our office has provided you with a postage paid return envelope. It is recommended that you mail it at least a week before the deadline. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day, November 3.



BY BALLOT DROP BOX: Ballot drop boxes are available 24/7 and are located throughout the County. Visit MonmouthCountyVotes.com or call 732-431-7802, ext. 7150 for locations. Ballots can be placed in any drop box in the County up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.



IN PERSON TO COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Ballots can be hand delivered to the County Board of Elections at 300 Halls Mill Road, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon, and up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Identification is required (any form of identification with name, address and signature).

IN PERSON TO POLLING LOCATIONS ON ELECTION DAY: Voters can drop off their mail-in ballots to their designated polling location between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Election Day. A voter can only drop off his or her own ballot.

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Aberdeen Township
Aberdeen Municipal Building
1 Aberdeen Square
Aberdeen, NJ 07747

Allentown Borough
Allentown Borough Hall
8 North Main Street
P.O. Box 487
Allentown, NJ 08501

Asbury Park City
Asbury Park City Hall
City Council Chambers (Bangs Avenue Entrance)
1 Municipal Plaza
Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Belmar Borough
Borough of Belmar Municipal Building
601 Main Street
Belmar, NJ 07719

Eatontown Borough
Eatontown Borough Municipal Building – Rear Entrance
47 Broad Street
Eatontown, NJ 07724

Freehold Township
Board of Elections Office
Special Services Complex Building – Side Entrance
300 Halls Mill Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Hazlet Township
Hazlet Agency- NJ Motor Vehicle Commission
1374 Highway 36 Airport Plaza
Hazlet, NJ 07730

Howell Township
Howell Township Municipal Building – Rear Entrance
4567 Route 9 North
Howell, NJ 07731

Long Branch City
Long Branch City Hall
344 Broadway
Long Branch, NJ 07740

Manalapan Township
Manalapan Township Municipal Building
120 County Rd 522
Manalapan, NJ 07726

Middletown Township
Croydon Hall
900 Leonardville Road
Middletown, NJ 07737

Middletown Municipal Building
1 Kings Hwy
Middletown Township, NJ 07748

Neptune Township
Neptune Township Municipal Building (Library Entrance)
25 Neptune Boulevard
Neptune, NJ 07753

Ocean Township
Ocean Township Town Hall
399 Monmouth Road
Oakhurst, NJ 07755

Red Bank Borough
Red Bank Borough Municipal Building
90 Monmouth Street
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Rumson Borough
Rumson Borough Hall (Front Parking Lot)
80 East River Road
Rumson, NJ 07760

Wall Township
Wall Township Municipal Building
2700 Allaire Road
Wall, NJ 07719

Please be advised that all mail-in ballots will be counted by the Board of Elections before any provisional ballots. Provisional ballots are paper ballots that are voted on at the polls on Election Day. **It is recommended that you vote and return your mail-in ballot early, and be counted FIRST!**