

# 2023 ELECTION NEWS

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## UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

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- Special School Referendum - March 14, 2023
  - Primary Election - June 6, 2023
  - General Election - November 7, 2023
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## VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

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- A United States citizen
- At least 17 years old, though you may not vote until you have reached the age of 18
- A resident of Somerset County for 30 days before the election
- A person not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States.

The registrant must complete a Voter Registration Application then mail/deliver the form to the Somerset County Commissioner of Registration at 30 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876. **You may also register to vote online using the NJ Voter Registration website.**

The **Voter Registration Deadline** is 21 days before the election. The 2023 Registration deadlines are as follows:

- Primary Election May 16, 2023
- General Election October 17, 2023

[Click Here](#) to download a copy of the Voter Registration Application.

[Click Here](#) to vote online using the NJ Voter Registration Website.

[Click Here](#) to check your Voter Registration Status

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## DEADLINE TO DECLARE PARTY AFFILIATION:

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A registered voter currently affiliated with a political party who wishes to change their party affiliation must file a Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form **55 days before a Primary Election**. A registered voter currently not affiliated with a political party may declare their party affiliation up to and including Primary Election day. You can print and complete the Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form and mail or deliver to the Somerset County Commissioner of Registration at 30 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876. The Commissioner of Registration cannot accept faxed copies or an electronic transmission of Party Affiliation Declaration Forms, since an original signature is required. **Wednesday, April 12, 2023** is the last day to declare/change party affiliation [Click Here](#) for a copy of the Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form

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## NOMINATING PETITIONS: MUNICIPAL OFFICES & COUNTY COMMITTEE

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Nominating petitions for County & Municipal Offices for the **Primary Election** must be filed by 4PM on **Monday, March 27, 2023**

- 1. County Candidates (Primary Election)** - File with the County Clerk at 30 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876. The minimum number of signatures varies by Election District and Party.
  - To view the number of signatures required for petitions, [Click Here](#)
- 2. Municipal Candidates (Primary Election)** - File with the Municipal Clerk at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
  - [Click Here](#) to download a copy of the Nominating Petition
  - [Click Here](#) for **Additional Signature page for Petitions**
- 3. Independent Candidates (General Election)** - File with the County Clerk at 30 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876. The deadline for Independent Candidates is **June 6, 2023** at 4pm
  - Please call the County Clerk for petition and signature requirement

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## SOMERSET COUNTY BALLOT DROP BOX

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The Somerset County Ballot Drop Box (located in the Municipal Complex Parking Lot across from the Police Station) will be open on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 until 8P.M. on March 14, 2023 for the return of Vote by mail ballots for the Special School Referendum Election scheduled for March 14, 2023

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## ELECTION BOARD WORKERS NEEDED

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You can participate in the electoral process not only by voting, but by serving as an Election Board Worker at the polling places. The Somerset County Board of Elections is seeking qualified district board workers to staff the polls in Bridgewater Township and throughout the County during the 2023 election cycle. The hours on Election Day are from 5:15 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. A two-hour training class is required for new board workers.

Interested parties should fill out and submit this application to [ElectionBd@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:ElectionBd@co.somerset.nj.us) as soon as possible, and will be directed to an online training program they must complete before being assigned a polling location.

### **Training**

All poll workers are now required to attend a class every other year. Failure to comply will reduce the Election Day compensation to \$50.00. [Click here for a brief summary of the poll worker training.](#)

### **Application**

Please complete the [Poll Worker Application](#), sign and return to Somerset County Board of Elections, PO Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

If you are planning on working for the Republican Party, please send the form to the attention of Regina.

If you are planning on working for the Democratic Party or if you are Unaffiliated, please send the form to the attention of Robin.