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County Clerk Reminds Voters to Apply to Vote By Mail for Primary Election

With the change of this year’s New Jersey Primary Election date to July 7th, Mercer County Clerk. Paula Sollami-Covello recommends voting by mail as an option for voting without fear of spreading COVID-19.

Governor Phil Murphy issued the order to move the Primary Election from its previous date, which was June 2nd.

To avoid spreading COVID-19 (also known as the Coronavirus), the County Clerk says that applying to vote by mail is the best option, as voters will not have to go to their polling place on Election Day. “As election officials, we need to ensure a clean, safe, and fair election,” she said. “Voting by mail, which is a safe practice, is the best way to do that in these unprecedented times.”

Voters have until June 16th to register to vote in time for the Primary. The last day to for the County Clerk’s Office to receive a vote-by-mail application by mail in time for the Primary Election is June 30th. However, past this date, voters can still walk into the County Clerk’s office, located on 209 South Broad St, Trenton, until July 6th at 3:00pm, and obtain a vote-by-mail ballot. Votes will be counted as long as they are postmarked by Election Day and received no later than 48 hours after the polls close on July 7th.

As of the publication of this release, polls will be open from 6am to 8pm on July 7th. However, the Governor may make the decision to close all or some polling locations in favor of accepting more vote-by-mail ballots.

You can download an application at https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml or call us at 609-989-6494 and you will receive one in order to vote in July, November or in all future elections, depending on what you prefer. The earliest ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed out by late May.

The County Clerk’s Office would like to remind residents that their goal as Mercer election officials is to ensure that the democratic process continues uninterrupted and that voters’ voices be heard and recorded.

To find out more about voting by mail, you can click the link to watch a video on how to apply: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUdTJN1yMUs&feature=youtu.be