2020 Primary Election to be Primarily Vote-By-Mail

Per Governor Phil Murphy’s announcement, the July 7 Primary Election will be conducted primarily by mail-in ballots. This is to help reduce the spread of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Before the election, all registered Democrats and Republicans in the state will receive a mail-in ballot which will be usable for this election. All registered voters who are not affiliated with a political party, as well as any inactive voters, will receive an application to vote by mail in the election instead of a ballot, and must fill it out and return it by the deadline (June 30) if they wish to vote by mail. Postage on all envelopes, whether they are part of applications or ballots, is paid. There will be at least one polling place per municipality that will be open on Election Day, with further details, as well as polling locations and drop boxes, to be determined by the Mercer County Board of Elections.

“We have been preparing to mail ballots as directed by the Governor,” said Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello. “The fact is, we all must continue to do our part to reduce the risk that COVID-19 poses to the public. Not only is voting by mail at this time safest for New Jerseyans, but the paper trail ensures that votes will be recorded securely.”

For those who have already applied to vote by mail, the earliest ballots will be mailed out in late May and early June. The deadline to register to vote in time for the Primary Election remains unchanged; that day is June 16. As mentioned earlier, the final day to mail in an application to vote by mail is June 30. Any registered voters may also walk into the County Clerk’s office, located at 209 South Broad Street in Trenton, until July 6 at 3pm to obtain a mail-in ballot. All ballots mailed in must be postmarked no later than July 7 and received by the Board of Elections no later than July 14, one week after the Election.

For more information on the July 7 Primary Election, please visit the website for the Mercer County Clerk at http://www.mercercounty.org/government/county-clerk/elections. You may also call the Elections department at 609-989-6494.