

Commissioner Vacancy Election – General Election (5/13/2025)
2025 Deadlines and Citations – General Information
(See Attached for Details)

1. Municipal Election to be held May 13, 2025 **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-5)**
Polls are open from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm;

The polling places are:

 Districts 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7 - Audubon Senior Center, 247 Oakland Ave
 Districts 3, 4 & 8 - FJW Rec & Com Center, 602 Hampshire Ave
2. Each candidate must reside in the municipality, and must be a registered voter therein for one year prior to the election **(N.J.S.A. 40A:9-1.12 and 1.13)**
3. Each candidate must be at least 18 years of age.
4. Petitions must have at least 1% of registered voters (7,313 x 1% = 73). Each registered voter is permitted to sign the petition of no more than three candidates, as that is the number of vacancies to be filled. Blank petitions are attached. Candidates are allowed to sign their own petition. It is recommended that a minimum of 100+ petitions be submitted, as some may be rejected for various reasons. REMINDER – no new nominating petitions can be added after the deadline for submission.
5. Petitions must be accompanied by affidavit of candidate and affidavit of campaign manager **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-8)**. Blank Affidavits are attached.
6. February 27, 2025 – Nominating petitions are due to the Municipal Clerk by 4:00 pm **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-8)**
7. When petitions of nomination are presented for filing to the Municipal Clerk, they shall examine them and ascertain whether or not they conform to the provisions of the law. If they do not conform, the Municipal Clerk shall retain the petition(s) and notify the person nominated of the defect by written notice delivered to them personally or by certified mail **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-9)**

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8. Where a nominating petition, or any affidavit or affidavits thereto, is found defective, the candidate named therein may file such amendment or amendments as may be necessary to eliminate the defect, whether of matters of substance or form, and when so amended the effect shall be as if the petition had been originally filed in the amended form. After the last day for the filing of the original petition, no amendment may be made for the purpose of adding the name of any person who did not sign the original petition, nor shall any amendment be made at any time for the purpose of changing the name of the candidate or the office for which he was to be nominated.
9. March 3, 2025 – Last day to amend a nominating petition, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:45-9(d). However, no signatures may be added on or after February 27, 2025 at 4:00 pm.
10. The Municipal Clerk shall immediately provide the Election Law Enforcement Commission with the official certification of the filing or withdrawal of a petition of nomination **[N.J.S.A. 40:45-8]**
11. March 3, 2025 – Filing Deadline for Objections to Nominating Petitions for Non-Partisan Candidates; no later than 4 days after filing deadline **[N.J.S.A. 19:60-4]**
12. March 7, 2025 – Drawing for position on the ballot in the Clerk's Office (second floor) of Borough Hall at 2:00 p.m. N.J.S.A. 40:45-12 does not specify the date for the drawing.
13. March 7, 2025 – Deadline for determination of Petition Challenge to Municipal Non-Partisan Candidates to be voted at the November General Election; 9 days after the last day for filing nomination petitions **[N.J.S.A. 19:13-11]**
14. Send list of candidates' names and contact information in ballot position order to County Board of Elections and ELEC as soon as possible after the drawing for position, as well as to the printer.
15. April 22, 2025 – Last day to register to vote before the election.
16. May 6, 2025 – Last day to request Vote-by-Mail ballot from County Clerk by mail, 7 days prior to election; application must be received by County Clerk no less than 7 days prior to election if mailed.
17. May 12, 2025 – Last day (by 3:00 pm) to make application for an absentee ballot in person or by designated messenger at the County Clerk's Office.
18. May 13, 2025 – Election Day

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19. Time for taking office – **[N.J.S.A. 19:20-8 & 9, N.J.S.A. 19:63-17, N.J.S.A 40A;16-21]**
- a. All appointees to fill a vacancy, whether to fill the unexpired term or temporarily, shall take office immediately after appointment and qualification. All persons elected to service for the unexpired term of an office shall take office immediately upon certification of the results of the election pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 19:20-9.
 - b. All persons elected to serve for a full term of office shall take office after the following has occurred:
 - [1] Receipt of mail-in ballots WITHOUT USPS postmarks up to 48 hours AFTER the close of polls
 - [2] Receipt of mail-in ballots WITH USPS postmarks up to 144 hours AFTER the close of polls
 - [3] Per N.J.S.A. 19:63-17 the County Board of Elections shall, promptly after receiving each mail-in ballot, undertake procedures and requirements concerning the acceptance or rejection of each mail-in ballot, and allow for a specified period to cure rejected ballots, when such rejection is considered curable.
 - [4] Final canvass of votes is to take place 48 hours after the cure period has ended.

NOTE: Refer to **N.J.S.A. 40:45** and **N.J.S.A. 19** at www.njleg.state.nj.us/ under Laws and Constitution, Statutes for specific regulations.

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JANUARY 2ndELECTION PACKET AVAILABLE

Packets include sufficient number of petitions, Affidavit of Candidate for Office, Affidavit of Campaign Manager, District Map, Number of Registered Voters by District, Appropriate statutes – where applicable, and where to obtain additional information

FEBRUARY 27THNOMINATION PETITION DEADLINE

- a. Petitions of Nomination due by 4:00 p.m. **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-8)**
- b. Candidates' Oath and Acceptance of Nomination (annexed to petition) **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-8)**
- c. Campaign Manager's Oath (annexed to petition) **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-8)**
- d. Application for Designation of Slogan (6 words)(included in petition) **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-10)**
- e. Application for bracketing of Candidates (included in petition) **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-10)**
- f. Identification (candidates with same name)**(N.J.S.A. 40:45-14)**
- g. Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) to be notified of eligible candidates by Municipal Clerk **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-8)** – NOTE: will receive letter from State ELEC offices providing email and fax information to provide the required information to them

MARCH 3RDDEADLINE TO AMEND DEFECTIVE PETITION

- a. Last day for defects in petitions to be corrected **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-9)**
Signatures may not be added after the last day for filing of original petition
- b. Municipal Clerk makes determination on sufficiency of petition filed

MARCH 3RDFILING DEADLINE FOR OBJECTIONS TO PETITIONS

Last day to file written objections, by 4:00 p.m. **(N.J.S.A. 19:13-10)**

MARCH 4THNOTICE OF BALLOT DRAW

Two-day notice to candidates by registered mail of date, time and place for drawing for position on ballot **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-12)**

MARCH 7THBALLOT DRAW

Drawing for position on ballot held at Municipal Clerks office. As soon as practicable thereafter the Municipal Clerks shall have the Official Ballot ready for the printer **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-12)**. In addition, send list to County Board of Elections, ELEC, and those listed for Sunshine Notices.

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MARCH 18thPUBLISH NOTICE – MAIL-IN BALLOT AVAILABILITY
TO BE PUBLISHED BY CAMDEN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE - Notice to persons desiring mail-in ballots, including civilian and persons in military service or patients in veteran's hospitals and to their relative and friends, as specified in 19:57-6; notice to be published in at least one newspaper and also in a display advertisement **[N.J.S.A. 19:63-6(d)]**

MARCH 9TH THRU 12THPUBLICATION OF CANDIDATES' NAMES
(Within 10 days after filing deadline and ballot draw)
Send to The Retrospect on 3/7 for 3/14 edition and
Send to The Courier Post on 3/7 for 3/12 edition and
Send to Trentonian Times on 3/7 (get online information)
ALSO SEND AS A PRESS RELEASE TO ALL
Names of candidates as they appear on ballot to be published once in each of two newspapers having circulation in the municipality and published in the State of New Jersey **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-13)**

MARCH 23RD THRU APRIL 21STPUBLICATION OF NOTICE ELECTION
Send to The Retrospect on 3/24 for 3/28 edition and
Send to The Courier Post on 3/24 for 3/27 edition and
ALSO SEND AS A PRESS RELEASE TO ALL
Notice of election, stating date of election, voting hours and a list of all polling places, as well as when the deadline to register to vote is must be published once during the 30-day period prior to the deadline to vote, **(N.J.S.A. 19:12-7)**

APRIL 22NDVOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Last day for voters to register **(N.J.S.A. 19:31-6)**

APRIL 27TH THRU MAY 3RDPUBLISH NOTICE OF ELECTION
Send to The Retrospect on 5/28 for 5/30 edition and
Send to The Courier Post on 5/28 for the 6/1 edition
ALSO SEND AS A PRESS RELEASE TO ALL
Notice of election, stating date of election, voting hours and a list of all polling places must be published once during the calendar week preceding the Municipal Election, **(N.J.S.A. 19:12-7)**

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APRIL 29THDEADLINE FOR FILING OF CHALLENGER CREDENTIALS

(Second Tuesday preceding election)

Last day to file with County Board of Elections names of two challengers for each candidate per district. Generally, only one may remain in polling place at any one time **(N.J.S.A. 19:7-3)**

MAY 9THDELIVERY OF BALLOT AND POLLING PLACE SUPPLIES

(On the day preceding the election)

Ballots, ballot boxes, keys and other equipment and supplies delivered to District Boards **(N.J.S.A. 19:14-35)**

MAY 9THDEADLINE FOR CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION IN PERSON

(On any day up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before the election)

Mail-In Voters who fail to apply in writing for a Vote-by-Mail ballot seven days prior to the election (May 13th) may apply in person, or by authorized messenger, to the County Clerk on any day up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election **(N.J.S.A. 19:57-4)**

MAY 13THELECTION DAY

General/Municipal Election to be held with polls open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm **(N.J.S.A. 40:75-2 and 40:45-13)** Election results certificates, completed by District Boards, shall be delivered to Municipal Clerks, County Clerks and Superintendents as required **(N.J.S.A. 40:45-16)**

UPON CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS.....COMMENCEMENT OF TERM

Term of office of each elected commission begins once final canvass of votes has been completed **(N.J.S.A. 40A:16-21)**