

Voting: It's Your Right!

Get Ready for the 2018 Midterm Election

1 Get Ready!

Get ready for the midterm election by learning what a midterm election is, what offices will be voted on, and the importance of this election.

What is a midterm election?

A midterm election is a general election that happens halfway through a President's time in office. During a midterm election, one-third of members in the U.S. Senate and all members of the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election.

What offices are up for election in the midterms?

Voters in New Jersey's 2018 midterm election will elect 1 member to the U.S. Senate and 12 members to the U.S. House of Representatives (1 per congressional district) on November 6, 2018.

Why is it important to vote in the midterm election?

Midterm elections are important because they decide which political party will have control over both houses of the U.S. Congress for the next 2 years. Unfortunately, far fewer voters participate in midterm elections than in those held during Presidential election years. You know what that means? Your vote matters even more!



The midterm election is coming up fast!

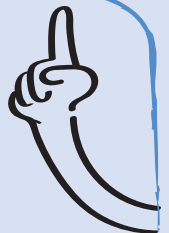
**Primary Election:
June 5**

**General Election:
November 6**



Did you know?

During the last midterm election in 2014, only 36% of eligible New Jersey voters turned up at the polls.*



*Brent Johnson, NJ.com, 2014

2 Get Involved!

Register by **May 15th** to vote in the primary election and **October 16th** to vote in the general midterm election.

Learn more about how to register on the next page.



It's easier than you might think!

You must register at least 21 days before an election by completing and mailing a Voter Registration Application to your county clerk's office. You can access the Voter Registration Application on the New Jersey Division of Elections website using this link:

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information.html>

If you'd prefer to apply in-person, you can visit the office of the County Commissioner of Registration. To find information for the Commissioner of Registration in your county, call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837) or visit the link listed above.

To vote in the primary election, you'll need to be registered as a Republican or Democrat. If you're registered as an Unaffiliated Voter (Independent), you must become a member of the Republican or Democratic Party to vote in the primary election. Don't worry—you can do this up to and including the day of the primary.



Let others know how important it is to vote!

Talk about the importance of voting with others—friends, family, and anyone else with a thirst to make a difference. You can use the information you learned here to get your points across.

Be sure to share what you know about how candidates plan to address disability issues that the election could impact, like Medicaid, civil rights for people with disabilities, employment and fair wages, and affordable, accessible housing.

Get to know the candidates and their positions on issues you care about.

A few resources for learning more about the candidates and where they stand are:

- REV UP: Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power- <https://www.aapd.com/advocacy/voting/>
- REV UP New Jersey: Alliance Center for Independence- <https://www.adacil.org/voting/>
- VOTE411.org: League of Women Voters Education Fund- <http://www.vote411.org/>
- BALLOTEDIA- <https://ballotpedia.org/Elections>

3 Get Out to Vote!

Vote in the primary election on June 5th to determine which candidates will be on the ballot in November.

Vote in the general election on November 6th.

For any election, you can vote in-person at your assigned polling place or by mail. You can learn more about both of these options on the Division of Elections website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information.html>

The good thing is...

You'll only have to register once, unless you move to another county or state.



Want more information?

To learn more about the voting process in New Jersey, your voting rights, and accessibility, check out Voting: It's Your Right:

<http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/products/VotingItsYourRight.html>



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