

#### **PRIMARY ELECTION PARTY DECLARATION INFORMATION**

State law requires that certain voters file a Declaration of Party Affiliation form no later than 55 days before the date of a primary election in order to vote in that election. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 02, 2026. Therefore, voters who are required to file these forms must complete a Declaration of Party Affiliation form and file it with the Municipal Clerk or the county commissioner of registration no later than April 08, 2026 in order to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election.

#### **YOU MUST FILE A DECLARATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION FORM IF YOU WISH TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF A POLITICAL PARTY OTHER THAN THE PARTY WITH WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY AFFILIATED.**

You need **NOT** file a Declaration of Party Affiliation form by April 08, 2026 in order to vote in the June 02, 2026 primary election if:

1. You are currently affiliated with the political party in whose primary you wish to vote.
2. You have never declared a political party, and have never previously voted in a primary election.  
You may declare your party affiliation at the polling place on the day of the Primary Election. Your choice of party affiliation can then be changed only if you complete a Declaration of Party Affiliation form and file it with the municipal clerk or the county commissioner of registration.
3. You are a newly registered voter and the June 02, 2026 primary election is the first primary at which you are eligible to vote.
4. You were an "independent" voter as of January 1, 2007, and have not affiliated with a party since that time.

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE TO "INDEPENDENT" VOTERS**

As of January 1, 2007, voters previously declared "INDEPENDENT" are, by law, now classified as "UNAFFILIATED".

- Unaffiliated voters may declare their affiliation with a political party by filing a Declaration of Party Affiliation form.
- An unaffiliated voter may, however choose instead to declare affiliation with either the Democratic or Republican party at the polling place on the day of the primary election.

#### **DEADLINE FOR FILING DECLARATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION FORMS IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2026.**

You may obtain party affiliation declaration forms from the office of the commissioner of registration at the address below, or from your municipal clerk's office, either in person, by writing, or by telephoning the number below.

Ocean County Board of Elections  
129 Hooper Avenue  
Toms River, NJ 08754  
732-929-2167

Copies of the form are also available online at  
[www.co.ocean.nj.us/06/Elections/](http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/06/Elections/)  
[www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-forms.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-forms.shtml)  
3/25, 4/1/2026 (\$139.04)