

# NEWS



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## **County Says No Voter Will Be Turned Away in November for Failure to Produce ID**

(West Deptford, NJ) – Gloucester County residents will not be turned away at the polls this November, even if they cannot produce identification.

Freeholder Director Robert M. Dammingier and Deputy Director Giuseppe 'Joe' Chila, Liaison to the Superintendent of Elections, said that many voters are calling the County Office of Elections to see if they will be able to vote in this year's Presidential election without producing photo identification.

Freeholder Director Dammingier said, "We have a lot of senior citizens who are concerned they won't be able to vote because they no longer possess a valid driver's license or passport. The laws of New Jersey are not the same as Pennsylvania and no registered voter will be turned away from the polls in Gloucester County for the reason of not having identification," stated Director Dammingier.

If there is a challenge or concern about identification that the voter may be asked to cast a provisional ballot, but would not be refused the right to vote on the basis of identification.

"The Office of Election has been swamped with callers asking if they need to have identification in order to vote and we want to allay their concerns," said Freeholder Deputy Director Giuseppe 'Joe' Chila. "With this year's Presidential election and the school district elections being moved into November we want to clear up as much confusion as possible," Chila said.

Chila said of the approximately 200,000 registered voters in Gloucester County, about 700 are asked to produce identification.

According to New Jersey's law, if you registered to vote after January 1, 2003 and if you **did not** provide identification to the county Superintendent of Elections on the voter registration form or if the identification information **could not be verified** (i.e., your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number), you must show identification at the polling place when you go to vote.

If no identification can be provided, you may vote a Provisional Ballot.

**ID does NOT have to be photo** Identification and it may include, **but is not limited to one of the following:**

- NJ driver's license

- Military or other Government ID
- Student or Job ID
- Store Membership Card
- United States Passport,
- A County valid Voter ID card

Or

- Bank statement
- Car registration
- Government check or document
- Non-photo NJ driver's license
- Rent receipt
- Sample Ballot
- Utility bill
- or any other official documents

Voters with questions can call the Gloucester County Superintendant Of Elections Office at 856-384-4500.