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### **County Clerk Reminds Voters about the New Vote by Mail Law which will affect the November General Election**

FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is reminding voters that a new law signed by Governor Phil Murphy in August dramatically changed the Vote by Mail rules in New Jersey. These changes are effective immediately and will impact the November General Election.

The new law mandates that all voters who voted by mail in the 2016 General Election be sent a Mail-In Ballot for the 2018 General Election, even if they did not request one. If these voters do not want to receive a 2018 General Election Mail-In Ballot, they must notify the County Clerk in writing to opt out.

“All of these 2016 Mail-In Ballot voters have been sent a letter from the County Clerk’s Office advising of this change, so it is important that voters be on the lookout for this letter,” said Clerk Hanlon.

According to State law, any voter who has not opted out and receives a Mail-In Ballot will not be permitted to vote on a voting machine on Election Day. These voters will be limited to voting the Mail-In Ballot or paper provisional ballot at the polls.

Voters can download the updated Vote by Mail application from our Elections Website at [MonmouthCountyVotes.com](https://www.monmouthcountynj.gov/elections) and from our free Monmouth County Votes Mobile App.

If you have any questions about the Vote by Mail process or questions about the new law, please contact the County Clerk's Elections Division at 732-431-7790.

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