

## New Jersey

*Voting is the cornerstone right of our democracy. You can only have your voice and your needs reflected in government if you vote. Pre-registration is an important tool that allows people younger than 18 to vote as soon as they are eligible.*

- ✓ In New Jersey, you may register to vote before you turn 18 if you will be 18 on or before the day of the general election.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ To register, fill out your [specific county's voter registration form](#) and mark that you are at least 17 years old. Mail or deliver the form in person to the [County Commissioner or Superintendent of Election](#) for your county.

New Jersey law does not allow those younger than 18 to vote in primary elections, even if they will be 18 by the time of the general election.<sup>2</sup>

New Jersey law allows 16- or 17-year-olds to be appointed as poll workers. To serve, you must attend or have completed secondary school or have received a GED. 16- or 17-year-olds must also have written permission from their parents or guardians. To apply, fill out [this application](#) and return it to your county's Board of Elections.<sup>3</sup>

For more information, see ACS's resources on [pre-registration](#) and [youth poll workers](#) in all 50 states.

*ACS encourages everyone to learn more about voter registration in their state. ACS is not a voter registration entity. This is simply an informational tool and is not intended, nor should it serve, as legal advice.*

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<sup>1</sup> NJ R.S. 19:31-5 (Enacted by SB 832 in 2015)

<sup>2</sup> See *supra*, at note 1.

<sup>3</sup> NJ R.S. 19:6-2(a)