

Instructions for filing Challengers:

1. Form must be filed with the Bergen County Board of Elections 2 weeks prior to Election Day. (19:7-3)
2. Forms can be emailed to elections@co.bergen.nj.us or faxed to 201-336-6242 or 201-336-6234.
3. All Challengers MUST be registered to vote within BERGEN COUNTY. (19:7-3)
4. The County Chairperson and the Municipal Chairperson may appoint 2 challengers per district. (19:7-1)
5. Candidates whose names appear on the ballot are challengers and do NOT require a badge or permit. They may also appoint 2 challengers per district. (19:7-2)
6. Only the County Chairperson can request countywide/districtwide challengers. (19:7-1)
 - a. Only 1 may be in a district at any one time. (19:7-6.1)
7. Only the County Chairperson or the “Top of the Ticket” can request challengers for Early Voting sites and days. (19:15A-2)
8. Challengers may only serve in the districts they are appointed. (19:7-3)
9. Challengers must wear their badges. (19:7-6)
10. Challengers shall file their permit with the District Board Workers and may reclaim them when leaving the polling location. (19:7-4)
11. If listing more than 1 challenger per polling location, provide the times that challenger will be present. Each party is limited to 2 challengers at any one time. This does not apply to challengers requested under #5. (19:7-6.1)
12. In the case of challengers for the proponent or opponent of a ballot question, 2 challengers may be requested per polling location. (19:7-2)
13. Individuals do NOT need challenger badges or permits to be present at the end of the night to get results.
14. Badges & permits will NOT be mailed. They must be picked up at the Board of Elections, Room 310, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ.
15. If you have any questions, call 201-336-6225.