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County Clerk Hanlon Advises Candidates of Change to Petition Signature Requirements

Legislation signed this week by Gov. Murphy

FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is advising candidates that a new state law has impacted the number of endorsements to nominating petitions for candidates running in this Primary Election. Gov. Phil Murphy signed the law, A-5117/S-3994, on Monday, Feb. 3, to take effect immediately.

The deadline to file nominating petitions for the 2025 Primary Election is March 24, and specific signature requirements vary depending on the elected office.

“Candidates should reach out directly to the correct filing authority as soon as possible to double check signature requirements while there’s still plenty of time to gather signatures,” said Clerk Hanlon.

Petitions are filed at the level of government for the office being sought as follows:

- County office petitions are filed with the County Clerk of Elections Office at 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold. For more information, call 732-431-7790.
- Municipal-level office petitions and county committee positions are filed with the clerk of the municipality. Contact information for Monmouth County’s

municipal clerks can also be found on MonmouthCountyVotes.com under the Contact tab at <https://www.monmouthcountvotes.com/contact/municipal-clerks>.

- State office petitions are filed with the New Jersey Secretary of State. (See <https://nj.gov/state/elections/candidate-information.shtml> for details.)

More information about candidate petitions can be found in the Candidates section of the MonmouthCountyVotes.com website at <https://www.monmouthcountvotes.com/candidates/petitions-for-candidacy/>.

For more information about Elections in Monmouth County, visit MonmouthCountyVotes.com or contact Jesse Estlow of the Monmouth County Clerk's Elections Division at 732-431-7790, ext. 7794, or by email at Jesse.Estlow@co.monmouth.nj.us.

About the Monmouth County Clerk

The Office of the Monmouth County Clerk is comprised of five divisions handling property recordings, elections, archives, passports and records management. The County Clerk's Office also provides resident, veteran and Gold Star Family identification cards to eligible county residents, administers oaths to notaries and public officials and performs wedding ceremonies. The Monmouth County Clerk is a constitutional and administrative officer elected to a five-year term by the voters of Monmouth County. Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. was elected Monmouth County Clerk in November 2015 and was re-elected to a second term in November 2020.

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