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## **MORRIS COUNTY CLERK ANN GROSSI CLARIFIES CONCERNS REGARDING VOTER PARTY AFFILIATION PRINTED ON PRIMARY ENVELOPES.**

Recently, we have been fielding a multitude of questions concerning a notation on Primary Election envelopes where the voter's party identification appeared. This will not happen in the General Election because all registered voters are eligible to vote.

However, in New Jersey our Primary Elections are partisan. This means that only registered Democrats and Republicans are eligible to vote. The voters' party affiliation and address information is automatically generated by the State Voter Registration System and that information is printed on the envelope.

During the Primary Election, the party affiliation is printed on the envelope for no other purpose than to ensure that the correct ballot is inserted into the correct voter's envelope in preparation for mailing. The notation as to party affiliation is also required during the Primary Election for sorting purposes to expedite correct counting of ballots by the accepting election agency.