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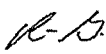
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** County Clerks

**FROM:** Robert F. Giles, Director   
NJ Division of Elections

**DATE:** September 11, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **Vote by Mail Notification Language**

It has come to the attention of the Division of Elections that incorrect information regarding voters' appearances in poll books may have been shared in the communications several of your offices sent to voters, seeking to inform them about the new Vote by Mail law. Please be aware that voters who applied for a vote by mail ballot in 2016 are not removed from the poll book. The voter's name remains in the poll book and "Mail-In Voter" is stamped in their signature box to indicate they applied for a Vote by Mail ballot. If the voter does not wish to use a mail-in ballot, the voter can elect to go to their polling place and vote on a provisional ballot.

Please also be advised that the new law also requires that all voters who received a mail-in ballot for the November 2016 General Election are to be added to the list of registered voters who are to receive mail-in ballots for all future elections.

The Division of Elections recommends that any notifications that conveyed inaccurate or confusing information be revised immediately.