

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

ATTENTION ALL MAIL-IN BALLOT BEARERS

Effective August 10, 2015, P.L. 2015, Chapter 84, amended that portion of Title 19 concerning the return of voted mail-in ballots by “bearers.” While previously there was no limit on the number of mail-in ballots that a bearer could mail or return to the Board of Elections on behalf of other voters, the **new law limits to three (3)** the number of qualified voters that a person may serve as a bearer for in an election. N.J.S.A. 19:63-16(d)(3).

In addition to the limit of three (3) voters for whom a person may serve as an authorized bearer, **whenever a person delivers a ballot** to the County Board of Elections, that person is now **required to provide proof of the person’s identity** in the form of a New Jersey driver’s license, or another form of identification issued or recognized as official by the federal government, the State, or any of its subdivisions, providing the identification carries the full address and signature of the person.” N.J.S.A. 19:63-16(d)(2).

All bearers may only file THREE (3) mail-in ballots on behalf of other voters for each election.

All bearers must provide identification.

Acceptable Identification:

The new law states the following as valid identification:

- 1) A New Jersey Driver’s license, or
- 2) Other form of identification issued or recognized as official by the federal government, the State, or any of its subdivisions, PROVIDING that the identification has the full address and signature of the person.

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