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## **Deadline approaching to earn \$400 as a N.J. poll worker for Tuesday's election**

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New Jersey residents have until noon Monday to apply as poll workers for the next day's primary election, after lawmakers doubled the pay amid fears of staff shortages.

Residents of all ages, including high school students, are encouraged to apply online to earn \$400 for working long hours Tuesday.

Voters will decide which Republican challenges Gov. Phil Murphy for the state's top job as well as several local legislative races.

Poll workers are typically paid \$200 for a full day, but officials have said the pandemic dampened interest. Lawmakers rushed a bipartisan bill (A5842) setting aside more money to the governor, who signed it earlier this week.

The legislation also reduces the number of poll workers required at each site to two, as long as they're from different political parties, and allows members of the National Guard in civilian clothes to staff polling places, although they can't get additional pay.

The changes only apply to Tuesday's primary.

Residents can also work a half day for less money. The short application asks about language skills and if you've ever worked as a poll worker, among eight other questions. Training will be provided.