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SYNOPSIS

Allows minors to serve as election workers between 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on election days.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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AN ACT allowing minors to serve as election workers and amending P.L.1940, c.153.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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- 1. Section 3 of P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.3) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. Except as provided in section 15 of P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.15) and except for domestic service or messengers employed by communications companies subject to the supervision and control of the Federal Communications Commission, no minor under 18 years of age shall be employed, permitted, or suffered to work in, about, or in connection with any gainful occupation more than six consecutive days in any one week, or more than 40 hours in any one week, or more than eight hours in any one day, nor shall any minor under 16 years of age be so employed, permitted, or suffered to work before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m. of any day, except a minor who is 14 or 15 years of age may work in a restaurant, supermarket or other retail establishment, or in any occupation not prohibited by the provisions of this act, P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.1 et seq.) or by regulations promulgated by the commissioner pursuant to this act, P.L.1940, c.153 (C.34:2-21.1 et seq.), during the period beginning on the last day of a minor's school year and ending on Labor Day of each year until 9 p.m. of any day with written permission from a parent or legal guardian, and except a minor who is 14 or 15 years of age may be employed as a little league umpire for little leagues chartered by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, until 9 p.m. of any day with written permission from a parent or legal guardian; nor shall any minor between 16 and 18 years of age be so employed, permitted, or suffered to work before 6 a.m. or after 11 p.m. of any day; provided that minors between 16 and 18 years of age may be employed after 11 p.m. during any regular vacation season, and on days which do not precede a regularly scheduled school day, with a special written permit from their parents or legal guardian stating the hours they are permitted to work; provided that minors between 16 and 18 years of age may be employed in a seasonal amusement or restaurant occupation after 11 p.m. and following 12:01 a.m. of the next day, if that employment is a continuation of a workday which began before 11 p.m., either during any regular school vacation season, or on workdays which do not begin on a day which precedes a regularly scheduled school day, with a special written permit from their parents or legal guardian stating the hours they are permitted to work, except that in no case shall minors between 16 and 18 years of age be employed after 3 a.m. or before 6 a.m. on a day which precedes a regularly scheduled school

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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1 day; provided, further, that minors may be employed in a concert or a 2 theatrical performance up to 11:30 p.m.; provided, further, that minors 3 between 16 and 18 years of age may serve at an election pursuant to 4 R.S.19:6-2, between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on a day that 5 the election is held; and provided, further, that minors not less than 16 6 years of age and who are attending school may be employed as 7 pinsetters, lane attendants, or busboys in public bowling alleys up to 8 11:30 p.m., but may not be so employed during the school term 9 without a special written permit from the superintendent of schools or 10 the supervising principal, as the case may be, which permit shall state 11 that the minor has undergone a complete physical examination by the 12 medical inspector, and, in the opinion of the superintendent or 13 supervising principal, may be so employed, without injury to health or 14 interference with progress in school, such special permits to be good 15 for a period of three months only and are revocable in the discretion of 16 the superintendent or supervising principal. Such permit may not be 17 renewed until satisfactory evidence has been submitted to the 18 superintendent or supervising principal showing that the minor has had 19 a physical examination and the minor's health is not being injured by 20 said work; and provided, further, that minors between 16 and 18 years 21 of age may not be employed after 10 p.m. during the regular school 22 vacation seasons in or for a factory or in any occupation otherwise 23 prohibited by law or by order or regulation made in pursuance of law. 24 The hours of work of minors under 16 employed outside school hours 25 shall not exceed three hours in any one day when school is in session 26 and shall not exceed in any one week when school is in session the 27 maximum number of hours permitted for that period under the federal 28 "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938," 29 U.S.C.s.201 et seq., and 29 regulations promulgated pursuant to that federal act. 30

This section is not applicable to the employment of a minor between 16 and 18 years of age during the months of June, July, August or September by a summer resident camp, conference or retreat operated by a nonprofit or religious corporation or association, unless the employment is primarily general maintenance work or food service activities.

(cf: P.L.1998, c.138, s.1)

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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This bill amends existing law to permit minors between the ages of 16 and 18 to be employed as election workers, pursuant to R.S.19:6-2, between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on a day that an election is held.