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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits unaffiliated mail-in voters from receiving mail-in ballot for primary election; requires election officials to provide such voters certain notices; prohibits mail-in ballot envelopes from containing visible political affiliation or designation for certain elections.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 13, 2022, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning unaffiliated mail-in voters during a primary
 2 election¹, political affiliation or designation on mail-in ballot
 3 ²**[outer]**² envelopes,¹ and amending ¹**[R.S.19:23-45 and**
 4 **P.L.1976, c.16]** various parts of the statutory law¹.

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

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 9 ³**[1.** R.S.19:23-45 is amended to read as follows:
 10 19:23-45. No voter shall be allowed to vote at the primary
 11 election unless his name appears in the signature copy register.

12 A voter who votes in a primary election of a political party or
 13 who signs and files with the municipal clerk or the county
 14 commissioner of registration a declaration that **[he]** the voter
 15 desires to vote in the primary election of a political party, or who
 16 indicates on a voter registration form the voter's choice of political
 17 party affiliation and submits the form to the commissioner of
 18 registration of the county wherein the voter resides, to the
 19 employees or agents of a public agency, as defined in subsection a.
 20 of section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3), or a voter registration
 21 agency, as defined in subsection a. of section 26 of P.L.1994, c.182
 22 (C.19:31-6.11), or to the Secretary of State, shall be deemed to be a
 23 member of that party until the voter signs and files with the
 24 municipal clerk or the commissioner of registration a declaration
 25 that **[he]** the voter desires to vote in the primary election of another
 26 political party at which time **[he]** the voter shall be deemed to be a
 27 member of such other political party. The Secretary of State shall
 28 cause to be prepared political party affiliation declaration forms and
 29 shall provide such forms to the commissioners of registration of the
 30 several counties and to the clerks of the municipalities within such
 31 counties.

32 No voter, except a newly registered voter at the first primary at
 33 which **[he]** the voter is eligible to vote, or a voter who has not
 34 previously voted in a primary election, may vote in a primary
 35 election of a political party unless he was deemed to be a member
 36 of that party on the 55th day next preceding such primary election.

37 ²**[Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or any law,**
 38 **rule, or regulation to the contrary, a]** A² voter who is listed to
 39 receive mail-in ballots for all future elections, pursuant to the
 40 provisions of section 3 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-3) or section 14
 41 of P.L.2018, c.72 (C.19:63-3.1), and who is not affiliated with any
 42 political party, shall ²**[not]**² receive a ²**[mail-in ballot for a primary**
 43 **election. A voter who is not affiliated with any political party who**

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted May 12, 2022.

²Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted June 9, 2022.

³Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 13, 2022.

1 wishes to vote by mail-in ballot in the primary election of a political
2 party shall apply to the county clerk in the manner and within the
3 timeframe specified under section 3 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-3)
4 for the ballot of the political party in whose primary the voter
5 wishes to vote, or designate a political party affiliation for the first
6 time by whatever means permitted by law. Nothing in this section
7 shall be construed to prohibit any unaffiliated mail-in voter from
8 voting in-person by provisional ballot and affiliate with a political
9 party at a polling place on the day of the primary election.

10 A voter who is listed to receive mail-in ballots for all future
11 elections, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of P.L.2009, c.79
12 (C.19:63-3) or section 14 of P.L.2018, c.72 (C.19:63-3.1), and who
13 is not affiliated with any political party shall receive a notification
14 that the voter is not affiliated with any political party and shall not
15 receive a primary ballot for a primary election of a political party.
16 The notification shall include instructions on how to register with a
17 political party through a² political party affiliation declaration
18 form and ²[instructions on] information concerning² how to vote in
19 person ²[by provisional ballot]² and affiliate with a political party
20 at a polling place on the day of a primary election. The Secretary of
21 State shall cause to be prepared uniform language for such
22 notifications. The commissioners of registration of the several
23 counties and the clerks of the municipalities within such counties
24 shall distribute such ²[notifications] forms and information² to
25 ²[a] such² registered ²[voter who is not affiliated with any political
26 party] voters².

27 A member of the county committee of a political party and a
28 public official or public employee holding any office or public
29 employment to which he has been elected or appointed as a member
30 of a political party shall be deemed a member of such political
31 party.

32 A voter may declare the voter's party affiliation or change the
33 voter's party affiliation, or declare that the voter is unaffiliated with
34 any party regardless of any previously declared party affiliation, by
35 so indicating on a political party declaration form filed with the
36 municipal clerk or the county commissioner of registration. A voter
37 may also indicate that the voter wishes to declare a political party
38 affiliation or that the voter does not want to declare a political party
39 affiliation on a voter registration form filed at the time of initial
40 registration.

41 Any person voting in the primary ballot box of any political
42 party in any primary election in contravention of the election law
43 shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and any person who
44 aids or assists any such person in such violation by means of public
45 proclamation or order, or by means of any public or private
46 direction or suggestions, or by means of any help or assistance or
47 cooperation, shall likewise be guilty of a disorderly persons offense.
48 (cf: P.L.2011, c.134, s.27)]³

1 ³[2. Section 2 of P.L.1976, c.16 (C.19:23-45.1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 2. a. The county commissioner of registration in each of the
4 several counties shall cause a notice to be published in each
5 municipality of their respective counties in a newspaper or
6 newspapers circulating therein. The notice to be so published shall
7 be published once during each of the two calendar weeks next
8 preceding the week in which the 55th day next preceding the
9 primary election of a political party occurs.

10 b. (1) The notice required to be published by the preceding
11 paragraph shall inform the reader thereof that:

12 (a) no voter, except a newly registered voter at the first primary
13 at which he is eligible to vote, or a voter who has not previously
14 voted in a primary election may vote in a primary election of a
15 political party unless he was deemed to be a member of that party
16 on the 55th day next preceding such primary election¹. It shall
17 further inform the reader thereof that¹;

18 (b) a voter who is listed to receive mail-in ballots for all future
19 elections, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of P.L.2009, c.79
20 (C.19:63-3) or section 14 of P.L.2018, c.72 (C.19:63-3.1), and who
21 is not affiliated with any political party shall ²[not]² receive a
22 ²[mail-in ballot for a primary election. A voter who is not affiliated
23 with any political party who wishes to vote by mail-in ballot in the
24 primary election of a political party shall apply to the county clerk
25 in the manner and within the timeframe specified under section 3 of
26 P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-3) for the ballot of the political party in
27 whose primary the voter wishes to vote, or designate a² political
28 party affiliation ²[for the first time by whatever means permitted by
29 law. An unaffiliated mail-in voter shall be permitted to vote in
30 person by provisional ballot and affiliate with a political party at a
31 polling place on the day of the primary election¹ declaration form²;
32 and

33 (c) a voter who votes in the primary election of a political party,
34 or who signs and files with the municipal clerk or the county
35 commissioner of registration a declaration that he desires to vote in
36 the primary election of a political party, or who indicates on a voter
37 registration form the voter's choice of political party affiliation and
38 submits the form to the commissioner of registration of the county
39 wherein the voter resides, to the employees or agents of a public
40 agency, as defined in subsection a. of section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30
41 (C.19:31-6.3), or a voter registration agency, as defined in
42 subsection a. of section 26 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.19:31-6.11) or to
43 the Secretary of State, shall be deemed to be a member of that party
44 until the voter signs and files with the municipal clerk or the
45 commissioner of registration a declaration that he desires to vote in
46 the primary election of another political party, at which time he
47 shall be deemed to be a member of such other political party, or that
48 the voter chooses not to be affiliated with any political party.

1 (2) The notice shall also state the time and location where a
2 person may obtain political party affiliation declaration forms or
3 voter registration forms.

4 (cf: P.L.2011, c.134, s.28)]³

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12 desires to vote in the primary election of a political party, or who
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14 party affiliation and submits the form to the commissioner of
15 registration of the county wherein the voter resides, to the
16 employees or agents of a public agency, as defined in subsection a.
17 of section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3), or a voter registration
18 agency, as defined in subsection a. of section 26 of P.L.1994, c.182
19 (C.19:31-6.11), or to the Secretary of State, shall be deemed to be a
20 member of that party until the voter signs and files with the
21 municipal clerk or the commissioner of registration a declaration
22 that **[he]** the voter desires to vote in the primary election of another
23 political party at which time **[he]** the voter shall be deemed to be a
24 member of such other political party. The Secretary of State shall
25 cause to be prepared political party affiliation declaration forms and
26 shall provide such forms to the commissioners of registration of the
27 several counties and to the clerks of the municipalities within such
28 counties.

29 No voter, except a newly registered voter at the first primary at
30 which **[he]** the voter is eligible to vote, or a voter who has not
31 previously voted in a primary election, may vote in a primary
32 election of a political party unless **[he]** the voter was deemed to be
33 a member of that party on the 55th day next preceding such primary
34 election.

35 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or any law, rule,
36 or regulation to the contrary, a voter who is listed to receive mail-in
37 ballots for all future elections, pursuant to the provisions of section
38 3 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-3) or section 14 of P.L.2018, c.72
39 (C.19:63-3.1), and who is not affiliated with any political party,
40 shall not receive a mail-in ballot for a primary election. Such
41 unaffiliated mail-in voters shall receive a political party affiliation
42 declaration form and information concerning how to affiliate with a
43 political party and how to vote in person at a polling place on the
44 day of a primary election. The Secretary of State shall cause to be
45 prepared uniform language for such notifications. The
46 commissioners of registration and the county clerks of the several
47 counties and the clerks of the municipalities within such counties

1 shall distribute such forms and information to such registered
2 voters.

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4 public official or public employee holding any office or public
5 employment to which **[he]** the person has been elected or appointed
6 as a member of a political party shall be deemed a member of such
7 political party.

8 A voter may declare the voter's party affiliation or change the
9 voter's party affiliation, or declare that the voter is unaffiliated with
10 any party regardless of any previously declared party affiliation, by
11 so indicating on a political party declaration form filed with the
12 municipal clerk or the county commissioner of registration. A voter
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18 party in any primary election in contravention of the election law
19 shall be guilty of a disorderly persons offense, and any person who
20 aids or assists any such person in such violation by means of public
21 proclamation or order, or by means of any public or private
22 direction or suggestions, or by means of any help or assistance or
23 cooperation, shall likewise be guilty of a disorderly persons
24 offense.³

25 (cf: P.L.2011, c.134, s.27)

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37 paragraph shall inform the reader thereof that:

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39 at which **[he]** the voter is eligible to vote, or a voter who has not
40 previously voted in a primary election may vote in a primary
41 election of a political party unless **[he]** the voter was deemed to be
42 a member of that party on the 55th day next preceding such primary
43 election**].** It shall further inform the reader thereof that**];**

44 (b) a voter who is listed to receive mail-in ballots for all future
45 elections, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of P.L.2009, c.79
46 (C.19:63-3) or section 14 of P.L.2018, c.72 (C.19:63-3.1), and who
47 is not affiliated with any political party shall not receive a mail-in
48 ballot for a primary election. Such unaffiliated mail-in voters shall

1 receive a political party affiliation declaration form and information
2 concerning how to affiliate with a political party and how to vote in
3 person at a polling place on the day of a primary election; and

4 (c) a voter who votes in the primary election of a political party,
5 or who signs and files with the municipal clerk or the county
6 commissioner of registration a declaration that **[he]** the voter
7 desires to vote in the primary election of a political party, or who
8 indicates on a voter registration form the voter's choice of political
9 party affiliation and submits the form to the commissioner of
10 registration of the county wherein the voter resides, to the
11 employees or agents of a public agency, as defined in subsection a.
12 of section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3), or a voter registration
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17 that **[he]** the voter desires to vote in the primary election of another
18 political party, at which time **[he]** the voter shall be deemed to be a
19 member of such other political party, or that the voter chooses not
20 to be affiliated with any political party.

21 (2) The notice shall also state the time and location where a
22 person may obtain political party affiliation declaration forms or
23 voter registration forms.³
24 (cf: P.L.2011, c.134, s.28)
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26 ¹3. Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-2) is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 2. If an election by mail is authorized pursuant to section 1 of
29 this act, P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-1), the county clerk shall:

30 a. publish, in advance of the election and pursuant to rules and
31 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State, official notice
32 that the election shall be conducted by mail together with such other
33 information regarding the conduct of the election as shall be
34 deemed necessary by the Secretary of State;

35 b. mail a ballot, including an outer envelope and an inner
36 envelope substantially similar to the envelopes provided for mail-in
37 ballots pursuant to sections 12 and 13 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-12
38 and C.19:63-13), not sooner than the 20th day prior to the day of
39 the election nor later than the 14th day prior to the day of the
40 election, to each person registered to vote in the municipality at that
41 election, ensuring that², except for a primary election for the
42 general election,² the ²[outer] delivery² envelope ²[and] , which
43 is² the envelope that is used to mail the blank ballot, ²the² outer
44 envelope, and ²the² inner envelope to each voter shall not contain
45 any political affiliation or designation visible to the public on the
46 envelope's exterior;

- 1 c. designate the county clerk's office or the municipal clerk's
2 office as the places to obtain a replacement ballot pursuant to
3 section 5 of P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-5);
- 4 d. designate, after consultation with the county board of
5 elections and pursuant to criteria established by the Secretary of
6 State, places within the county or municipality that shall be
7 available for the deposit of voted ballots for the election;
- 8 e. make a provisional ballot available at the office of the
9 county clerk and the office of the municipal clerk so that each
10 person who has been a resident of the county or municipality in
11 which the person seeks to register and vote at least 21 days prior to
12 the day of the election and has moved to a location within the
13 municipality after that 21st day and prior to the day of the election
14 may vote;
- 15 f. suspend distribution to each registered voter in the
16 municipality of samples of the official ballot of any election, but
17 distribute to each registered voter in the municipality with each
18 ballot a copy of the voter information notice provided for in section
19 1 of P.L.2005, c.149 (C.19:12-7.1) as modified and supplemented
20 by the Secretary of State as deemed appropriate for use in
21 municipalities conducting elections by mail, and such instruction
22 about the completion of the ballot as deemed necessary by the
23 Secretary of State;
- 24 g. make certain that all qualified voters in the municipality
25 requesting a mail-in ballot between the 45th day and the 21st day
26 prior to the day of an election receive such ballot after the 20th day
27 prior to the day of an election and voters requesting a ballot on or
28 before the seventh day prior to the date of the election shall receive
29 a ballot authorized pursuant to this section; and
- 30 h. establish, after consultation with the county board of
31 elections and in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by
32 the Secretary of State, the time by which all ballots must be
33 received by the board on the day of an election to be considered
34 valid and counted.¹
35 (cf: P.L.2011, c.37, s.29)
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- 37 ²[¹4. Section 7 of P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-7) is amended to
38 read as follows:
39 7. For a primary election for the general election:
40 a. the county clerk shall mail the ballot of a political party to
41 each voter in the municipality who is registered as being affiliated
42 with the political party as of the 21st day before the day of the
43 primary election; and
44 b. a voter who is not affiliated with any political party who
45 wishes to vote in the primary of a political party shall apply to the
46 county clerk or municipal clerk in writing for the ballot of the
47 political party in whose primary the voter wishes to vote, or
48 designate a political party affiliation for the first time by whatever

1 means permitted by law, and the application or designation shall be
2 presented to the clerk through the day of the election.

3 c. The county clerk shall ensure that the outer envelope and the
4 envelope that is used to mail the blank ballot, outer envelope, and
5 inner envelope to each voter shall not contain any political
6 affiliation or designation visible to the public on the envelope's
7 exterior.¹

8 (cf: P.L.2005, c.148, s.7)]²

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10 ²[¹5.] ⁴ Section 7 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-7) is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 7. a. Each county clerk shall have printed sufficient mail-in
13 ballots for each primary election for the general election, and for
14 the general election. Along with such ballots the clerk shall also
15 furnish inner and outer envelopes and printed directions for the
16 preparation and transmitting of such ballots used in the election in
17 the county. ²[Each] Except for any primary election for the general
18 election, each² county clerk shall ensure that the ²[outer] delivery²
19 envelope ²[and] , which is² the envelope that is used to mail the
20 blank ballot, ²the² outer envelope, and ²the² inner envelope to each
21 voter shall not contain any political affiliation or designation visible
22 to the public on the envelope's exterior.

23 b. The mail-in ballots shall be printed on paper of a different
24 color from that used for any primary or general election ballot, but
25 in all other respects, shall be as nearly as possible facsimiles of the
26 election ballot to be voted at the election.¹

27 (cf: P.L.2011, c.134, s.51)

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29 ²[¹6.] ⁵ Section 12 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-12) is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 12. Each county clerk shall send, with each mail-in ballot,
32 printed directions for the preparation and transmitting of the ballots
33 as required by this act. The directions shall be printed in such
34 manner and form as the Secretary of State shall require, together
35 with two envelopes of such sizes that one will contain the other.
36 The directions prepared by the Secretary of State shall inform the
37 voter that the status of the voter's mail-in ballot may be checked
38 using the free-access system provided in section 5 of P.L.2004, c.88
39 (C.19:61-5). ²[Each] Except for a primary election for the general
40 election, each² county clerk shall ensure that the ²[outer] delivery²
41 envelope ²[and] , which is² the envelope that is used to mail the
42 blank ballot, ²the² outer envelope, and ²the² inner envelope to each
43 voter shall not contain any political affiliation or designation visible
44 to the public on the envelope's exterior.

45 The outer envelope shall be addressed to the county board of
46 elections of the county in which is located the home address of the
47 person to whom the mail-in ballot is sent, as certified by the county

1 clerk. At the discretion of the county clerk, the outer envelope may
2 be a postage paid return envelope. On the outside and front of each
3 outer envelope, there shall be printed or stamped the following:

4 To protect your vote:

5 IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR ANYONE EXCEPT YOU
6 THE VOTER TO MAIL OR TRANSPORT THIS BALLOT
7 UNLESS THE ENVELOPE IS SEALED AND THE FOLLOWING
8 IS COMPLETED:

9 Ballot mailed or transported by

10 (signature of bearer)

11 (print name of bearer)

12 (address of bearer)

13 The reserve side of the outer envelope shall contain the
14 following:

15 REMINDER

16 For your vote to count, you must:

17 1) Vote your ballot and place it in the inner envelope with the
18 attached certificate.

19 2) Seal the envelope.

20 3) Place the envelope into the larger envelope addressed to the
21 board of elections and seal that envelope.

22 4) If another person will be mailing your ballot or bringing it to
23 the board of elections, MAKE CERTAIN THAT PERSON
24 COMPLETES THE "BEARER PORTION" ON THE ENVELOPE
25 ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BEFORE THE
26 BALLOT IS TAKEN FROM YOU. NO PERSON WHO IS A
27 CANDIDATE IN THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE VOTER
28 REQUESTS THIS BALLOT IS PERMITTED TO SERVE AS A
29 BEARER. NO PERSON IS PERMITTED TO SERVE AS A
30 BEARER FOR MORE THAN THREE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN
31 AN ELECTION, BUT A PERSON MAY SERVE AS SUCH FOR
32 UP TO FIVE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN AN ELECTION IF
33 THOSE VOTERS ARE IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS
34 RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE BEARER.

35 The Secretary of State is authorized to make such changes to the
36 instructions for mail-in ballot materials as the Secretary of State
37 deems necessary or as is mandated by federal or State law.

38 The inner envelope shall be so designed that it can be sealed
39 after the mail-in ballot has been placed therein and the flap thereof
40 shall be of such length and size as to leave sufficient margin, after
41 sealing, for the printing thereon of the certificate hereinafter
42 described. The flap shall be so arranged that, after the inner
43 envelope has been sealed, the certificate can be contained, with the
44 inner envelope, in the outer envelope, and that the margin
45 containing the certificate can be detached without unsealing the
46 inner envelope.

47 On the outside of each envelope in which a mail-in ballot is sent
48 to a mail-in voter by the clerk, there shall be printed or stamped the

1 words "Official Mail-In Ballot." In addition, there shall be printed
2 or stamped the following:

3 To protect your vote:

4 IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR ANYONE EXCEPT YOU
5 THE VOTER TO OPEN, MARK, INSPECT OR SEAL THIS
6 BALLOT.

7 However, a family member may assist you in doing so.

8 The reverse side of each inner envelope shall contain the
9 following statement:

10 A PERSON MAY BE FINED AND IMPRISONED AND MAY
11 ALSO LOSE THE RIGHT TO VOTE UNTIL RESTORED BY
12 LAW if that person attempts to vote fraudulently by mail-in ballot,
13 prevents the voting of a legal voter, certifies falsely any
14 information, interferes with a person's secrecy of voting, tampers
15 with ballots or election documents or helps another person to do
16 so.¹

17 (cf: P.L.2020, c.71, s.10)

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19 ²[¹⁷.] 6.² Section 13 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-13) is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 13. a. On the margin of the flap on the inner envelopes to be
22 sent to mail-in voters there shall be printed a certificate in the
23 following form:

24 CERTIFICATE OF MAIL-IN VOTER

25 I,, whose home address is

26 (print your name clearly) (street

27, DO HEREBY CERTIFY,

28 address or R.D. number) (municipality) subject to the penalties for
29 fraudulent voting, that I am the person who applied for the enclosed
30 ballot. I MARKED AND SEALED THIS BALLOT AND
31 CERTIFICATE IN SECRET. However, a family member may
32 assist me in doing so.

33

34 (signature of voter)

35 Any person providing assistance shall complete the following:

36 I do hereby certify that I am the person who provided assistance
37 to this voter and declare that I will maintain the secrecy of this
38 ballot.

39

40 (signature of person providing
41 assistance)

42

43 (printed name of person providing
44 assistance)

45

46

47 (address of person providing
48 assistance)

1 or designation on the inner envelope provided to each voter shall
2 not be visible to the public on the outer envelope's exterior.¹

3 (cf: P.L.2020, c.70, s.9)

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5 ¹~~[3. This]~~ ²~~[8.]~~ ^{7.}² Sections 1 and 2 of this¹ act shall take
6 effect immediately ¹and sections 3 through ²~~[7]~~ ⁶² shall take effect
7 on January 1 next following the date of enactment¹.