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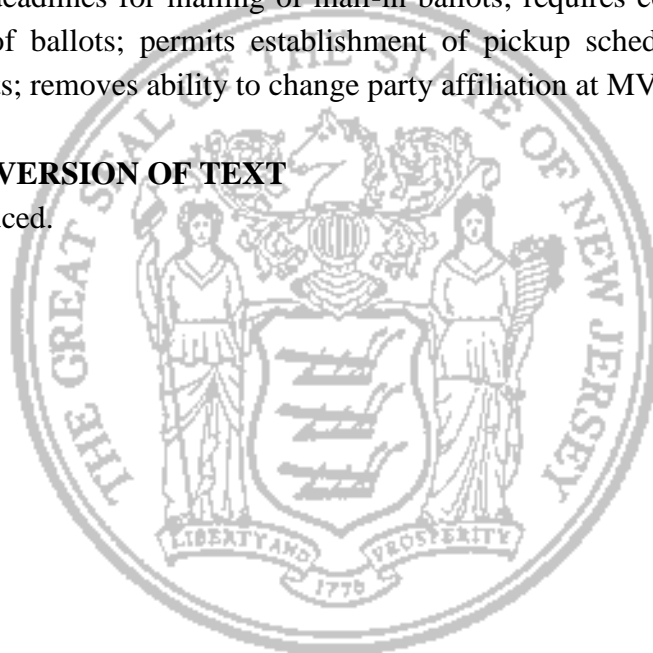
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**SYNOPSIS**

Changes deadlines for mailing of mail-in ballots; requires certain reporting on canvass of ballots; permits establishment of pickup schedule for certain mail-in ballots; removes ability to change party affiliation at MVC.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the conduct of elections and amending various  
2 parts of the statutory law.

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

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7 1. R.S.19:14-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:14-1. Every county clerk shall have ready for the printer on  
9 or before the **[50th]** 45th day prior to the primary or general  
10 election a copy of the contents of official ballots as hereinafter  
11 required to be printed for use at such election. **[He]** The county  
12 clerk shall also on or before that time place another copy of such  
13 contents on file in **[his]** the county clerk's office and keep the same  
14 open to public inspection until the sample ballots hereinafter  
15 provided to be printed shall have been distributed.

16 (cf: P.L.2011, c.37, s.6)

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18 2. Section 1 of P.L.2018, c.110 (C.19:52-3.1) is amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 1. **[The]** a. On the day of an election, the district boards of  
21 election at each polling place shall create and publicly display a  
22 notice containing an official count of the cumulative number of  
23 voters who have voted at each precinct, indicating the number of  
24 voters who have voted using **[a]** the voting [machine] equipment  
25 at the polling place and the number of voters who have voted using  
26 a provisional ballot. The first notice shall be produced two hours  
27 from the opening of the polls and updated every two hours  
28 thereafter until the time the polls close.

29 b. (1) At the close of the polls on election day and in real time  
30 thereafter, each county board of elections, in consultation with the  
31 county clerk of that county, shall list on its Internet site in an easily  
32 accessible location the number of ballots that have been received,  
33 have been counted, and are remaining to be counted. Each county  
34 board of elections shall provide the ballot tabulations by the  
35 following categories:

36 the number of early in-person ballots that have been received,  
37 have been counted, and are remaining to be counted;

38 the number of vote-by-mail ballots that have been received, have  
39 been counted, and are remaining to be counted;

40 the number of provisional ballots that have been received, have  
41 counted, and are remaining to be counted; and

42 the number of election day ballots that have been received, have  
43 been counted, and are remaining to be counted.

44 The county board of elections shall provide real time reporting of  
45 the ballot tabulations by the listed categories until all eligible  
46 ballots are counted.

**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.

1       (2) Each county board of elections shall send the same list to the  
2 Secretary of State each day after the election by 8:00 P.M. until all  
3 eligible ballots are counted. Upon receipt of the number of ballots  
4 that have been received, have been counted, and are remaining to be  
5 counted by each category from each county board of elections, the  
6 Secretary of State shall provide in an easily accessible location on  
7 the Internet site of the Division of Elections the total number of  
8 ballots for the State and for each county that have been received,  
9 have been counted, and are remaining to be counted by the same  
10 categories. The Secretary of State shall provide the ballot  
11 tabulations each day after the election by 9:00 P.M until all eligible  
12 ballots are counted.

13       (3) Each county board of elections and the Division of Elections  
14 shall note on their respective Internet site that the number of ballots  
15 that have been received, have been counted, and are remaining to be  
16 counted are unofficial ballot tabulations and are subject to change  
17 as each county board of elections receive and process ballots that  
18 have been cast in the election.

19 (cf: P.L.2018, c.110, s.1)

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21       3. Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-2) is amended to read  
22 as follows:

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

25       a. publish, in advance of the election and pursuant to rules and  
26 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State, official notice  
27 that the election shall be conducted by mail together with such other  
28 information regarding the conduct of the election as shall be  
29 deemed necessary by the Secretary of State;

30       b. mail a ballot, including an outer envelope and an inner  
31 envelope substantially similar to the envelopes provided for mail-in  
32 ballots pursuant to sections 12 and 13 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-12  
33 and C.19:63-13), not sooner than the 20th day prior to the day of  
34 the election nor later than the 14th day prior to the day of the  
35 election, to each person registered to vote in the municipality at that  
36 election;

37       c. designate the county clerk's office or the municipal clerk's  
38 office as the places to obtain a replacement ballot pursuant to  
39 section 5 of P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-5);

40       d. designate, after consultation with the county board of  
41 elections and pursuant to criteria established by the Secretary of  
42 State, places within the county or municipality that shall be  
43 available for the deposit of voted ballots for the election;

44       e. make a provisional ballot available at the office of the  
45 county clerk and the office of the municipal clerk so that each  
46 person who has been a resident of the county or municipality in  
47 which the person seeks to register and vote at least 21 days prior to  
48 the day of the election and has moved to a location within the

1 municipality after that 21st day and prior to the day of the election  
2 may vote;

3 f. suspend distribution to each registered voter in the  
4 municipality of samples of the official ballot of any election, but  
5 distribute to each registered voter in the municipality with each  
6 ballot a copy of the voter information notice provided for in section  
7 1 of P.L.2005, c.149 (C.19:12-7.1) as modified and supplemented  
8 by the Secretary of State as deemed appropriate for use in  
9 municipalities conducting elections by mail, and such instruction  
10 about the completion of the ballot as deemed necessary by the  
11 Secretary of State;

12 g. make certain that all qualified voters in the municipality  
13 requesting a mail-in ballot between the ~~45th~~ 38th day and the  
14 21st day prior to the day of an election receive such ballot after the  
15 20th day prior to the day of an election and voters requesting a  
16 ballot on or before the seventh day prior to the date of the election  
17 shall receive a ballot authorized pursuant to this section; and

18 h. establish, after consultation with the county board of  
19 elections and in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by  
20 the Secretary of State, the time by which all ballots must be  
21 received by the board on the day of an election to be considered  
22 valid and counted.

23 (cf: P.L.2011, c.37, s.29)

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25 4. Section 1 of P.L.2020, c.72 (C.19:63-16.1) is amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 1. a. In addition to delivering a voted mail-in ballot by mail or  
28 in person as provided under "The Vote By Mail Law," P.L.2009,  
29 c.79 (C.19:63-1 et seq.), a mail-in voter shall be entitled to deposit  
30 the voter's completed mail-in ballot in a ballot drop box established  
31 by the county board of elections as provided under this section.  
32 Each mail-in ballot deposited in a ballot drop box by the time  
33 designated under current law for the closing of the polls for that  
34 election shall be considered valid and shall be canvassed. If, at the  
35 closing of the polls, a voter deposits a mail-in ballot at a ballot drop  
36 box in a county in which the voter does not reside, the county board  
37 of elections, upon discovering that fact, shall notify and timely  
38 deliver the ballot to the county board of elections of the county in  
39 which the voter resides, who shall accept the ballot for processing.  
40 The limitations and prohibitions applicable to mail-in ballot bearers  
41 under "The Vote By Mail Law," P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-1 et seq.)  
42 shall apply under this section.

43 b. (1) For any election, the county board of elections in each  
44 county shall establish ballot drop boxes where voters may deposit  
45 their voted mail-in ballots at least 45 days before the election. The  
46 ballot drop boxes shall be located throughout the county in a  
47 manner specified under paragraph (2) of this subsection. The

1 county board of elections may establish a pickup schedule to  
2 retrieve mail-in ballots deposited in ballot drop boxes.

3 (2) (a) A ballot drop box shall mean a secured drop box that is  
4 not required to be within view of a live person for monitoring. All  
5 ballot drop boxes shall be available for use by a voter 24 hours a  
6 day and shall be placed at locations equipped with security cameras  
7 that allow for surveillance of the ballot drop box.

8 (b) Beginning with the 2021 general election, at least one ballot  
9 drop box shall be located: at any county government building in  
10 which the main office of the county clerk is located; in each  
11 municipality with a population larger than 5,000 residents; at the  
12 main campus of each State college or university; and the main  
13 campus of each independent four-year college or university with  
14 enrollments larger than 5,000 students. Notwithstanding the  
15 locational criteria established by this subparagraph, whenever two  
16 or more ballot drop box locations are separated by a distance of less  
17 than 2,000 feet, the board of elections in each county shall  
18 determine secondary locations for those ballot drop boxes in  
19 compliance with the requirements of this section. The secondary  
20 ballot drop box locations shall be located within the municipality  
21 where those ballot drop boxes were originally located and shall be  
22 approved by a majority vote of the members of the board of  
23 elections. However, in the event of a tie in the votes cast by the  
24 members of the board of elections, the county clerk shall cast the  
25 deciding vote. Whenever possible, at least one ballot drop box shall  
26 be located in a municipality with an average per capita income or a  
27 median family income at or below 250% of the federal poverty  
28 guideline according to the most recent federal American  
29 Community Survey.

30 (c) The board of elections in each county shall establish no fewer  
31 than 10 ballot drop boxes. To the best of their ability, the board of  
32 elections of every county shall place secure ballot drop boxes based  
33 on geographic location and population density to best serve the  
34 voters of each county in compliance with the guidelines adopted  
35 pursuant to subsection c. of this section. The Secretary of State  
36 shall establish guidelines for the placement of the ballot drop boxes,  
37 the security of the ballot drop boxes, and the schedule for ballot  
38 pickup from the ballot boxes.

39 (d) All ballot drop box locations shall be on sites that meet the  
40 accessibility requirements applicable to polling places under  
41 R.S.19:8-2 and shall be subject to the same compliance oversight  
42 applicable to polling places under section 3 of P.L.1991, c.429  
43 (C.19:8-3.3). A ballot drop box site shall be considered accessible  
44 if it is in compliance with the federal "Americans with Disabilities  
45 Act of 1990" (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et seq.).

46 (e) Except as otherwise provided herein, no ballot drop box shall  
47 be located inside, or within 100 feet of an entrance or exit, of a  
48 State, county, or municipal police station.

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph, a ballot  
2 drop box that has already been installed and permanently affixed  
3 prior to the effective date of this act, P.L.2021, c.459, at any of the  
4 following locations may remain at that location notwithstanding  
5 that the ballot drop box is within 100 feet of an entrance or exit of a  
6 State, county, or municipal police station if the county  
7 commissioners approve the continued presence at that location by a  
8 majority vote of the commissioners and with the reasons therefor  
9 subject to public disclosure:

10 any county government building in which the main office of the  
11 county clerk is located; any municipal government building in  
12 which the main office of the municipal clerk is located in  
13 municipalities with populations larger than 5,000 residents; the  
14 main campus of a county community college; the main campus of a  
15 State college or university; and the main campus of an independent  
16 four-year college or university with enrollments larger than 5,000  
17 students.

18 (f) Except as otherwise permitted herein, no State, county, or  
19 municipal police officer shall remain or stand within 100 feet of a  
20 ballot drop box in use during the conduct of an election. Nothing  
21 herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the police officer from:

22 voting at that ballot drop box in a personal capacity;

23 traveling to and from, or remaining within, their personal  
24 residence if that residence is within 100 feet of a ballot drop box;

25 investigating, addressing, or removing any cause for a  
26 disturbance, or otherwise responding to a request for assistance, on  
27 or around the premises of the location of that ballot drop box; or

28 escorting to or from, or both, a ballot drop box or the premise on  
29 which it is located any person who may require the assistance of the  
30 officer.

31 (g) No person shall wear, display, sell, give, or provide any  
32 political or campaign slogan, badge, button, or other insignia  
33 associated with any political party or candidate within 100 feet of a  
34 ballot drop box in use during the conduct of an election, except with  
35 respect to the badge furnished by the county board as provided by  
36 law. A person violating the provisions of this subparagraph shall be  
37 guilty of a disorderly persons offense.

38 c. The Secretary of State, in consultation with county boards of  
39 elections, shall establish the guidelines necessary to ensure the  
40 secure and successful implementation of the mail-in ballot drop  
41 boxes required by this section to ensure adequate access in various  
42 geographic areas of the county. In determining the ballot drop box  
43 locations, the secretary and county boards of elections shall  
44 consider, at a minimum, concentrations of population, geographic  
45 areas, voter convenience, proximity to public transportation,  
46 community-based locations, travel time to the location, proximity to  
47 other voting locations and ballot drop boxes, commuter traffic

1 patterns, and security. The guidelines shall include, but may not be  
2 limited to, criteria for each county board of elections to:

3 (1) determine the number of ballot drop boxes required per voter  
4 population, considering both the number of registered voters and  
5 the number of registered mail-in voters in each county before each  
6 election;

7 (2) select the geographic location of each ballot drop box,  
8 ensuring an equitable distribution of ballot drop boxes across the  
9 county to maximize convenience to voters;

10 (3) ensure the accessibility of ballot drop boxes and drop box  
11 locations to persons with disabilities; and

12 (4) maintain the security of ballot drop boxes and of the ballots  
13 deposited therein, including standards and procedures for ballot  
14 retrieval by authorized persons only, and for ensuring the proper  
15 chain of custody and safe storage of voted mail-in ballots before  
16 each election.

17 d. Each county clerk shall include the locations of the ballot  
18 drop boxes established in the county along with the instructions  
19 furnished with the mail-in ballot package sent to each mail-in voter  
20 pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-7). At least 45  
21 days before each election, each county board of elections shall  
22 cause to be published on their respective websites the location of  
23 the ballot drop boxes in each county, and shall provide this  
24 information to the Secretary of State for publishing the same on the  
25 Division of Elections website.

26 e. Whenever a municipal, school, or special election is held, the  
27 board **【may】 shall, at a minimum, open 【only】** the ballot drop box  
28 located geographically closest to the municipal government  
29 building in which the main office of the municipal clerk is located  
30 and the ballot drop box located at the board of elections or county  
31 office, if one is placed at that location. When a school election  
32 encompasses more than one municipality, the board shall be  
33 responsible for the selection of the ballot drop box location with  
34 respect to each municipality.

35 (cf: P.L.2021, c.459, s.4)

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37 5. Section 9 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-9) is amended to read as  
38 follows:

39 9. a. Starting on or before the **【45th】 38th** day before the day an  
40 election is held, each county clerk shall forward mail-in ballots by  
41 first-class postage or hand delivery to each mail-in voter whose  
42 request therefor has been approved. Mail-in ballots that have been  
43 approved before the **【45th】 38th** day before an election shall be  
44 forwarded or delivered at least **【45】 38** days before the day of the  
45 election. Hand delivery of a mail-in ballot shall be made by the  
46 county clerk or the clerk's designee only to the voter, or the voter's  
47 authorized messenger, who must appear in person. No person shall  
48 serve as an authorized messenger for more than three qualified

1 voters in an election, but a person may serve as such for up to five  
2 qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family  
3 members residing in the same household as the messenger. Ballots  
4 that have not been hand delivered shall be addressed to the voter at  
5 the forwarding address given in the application.

6 b. (1) Whenever the clerk forwards a mail-in ballot by mail to a  
7 mail-in voter between the ~~45th~~ 38th day and the 13th day before  
8 the day of an election, the ballot shall be transmitted within three  
9 business days of the receipt of the application.

10 (2) Whenever the clerk forwards a mail-in ballot by mail to a  
11 mail-in voter between the 12th day and the seventh day before the  
12 day of an election, the ballot shall be transmitted within two  
13 business days of the receipt of the application.

14 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to: (a) annual  
15 school elections and special school elections in those school  
16 districts holding such elections, pursuant to P.L.1995, c.278  
17 (C.19:60-1 et seq.); (b) any municipality in which elections are  
18 conducted by mail, pursuant to P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-1 et seq.);  
19 (c) annual elections for members of the boards of fire district  
20 commissions, pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-72, when such elections are  
21 held at a time other than the time of the general election; and (d) the  
22 vote on any public question submitted to the voters of a local unit to  
23 increase the amount to be raised by taxation by more than the  
24 allowable adjusted tax levy, pursuant to section 11 of P.L.2007,  
25 c.62 (C.40A:4-45.46).

26 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2011, c.37).  
27 (cf: P.L.2020, c.71, s.9)

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29 6. Section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2) is amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 24. a. The Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Chief  
32 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, shall  
33 provide for an eligible applicant to simultaneously apply for a  
34 motor vehicle driver's license, an examination permit, a  
35 probationary driver's license, or a non-driver identification card, as  
36 applicable, and be automatically registered to vote, or have an  
37 existing voter registration updated, in a manner which satisfies both  
38 the requirements necessary to receive a license to operate a motor  
39 vehicle, pursuant to R.S.39:3-10, or an examination permit, a  
40 probationary driver's license, or a non-driver identification card, as  
41 applicable, and to register to vote, pursuant to R.S.19:4-1. The  
42 applicant shall be offered an opportunity to decline the automatic  
43 voter registration under this section. If an applicant chooses to  
44 update an existing voter registration, the applicant shall not be  
45 offered the opportunity to change the applicant's party affiliation.

46 b. (1) Pursuant to subsection a. of this section, for every  
47 application for a motor vehicle driver's license, an examination  
48 permit, a probationary driver's license, or a non-driver identification



1 card, and each related update, renewal, or change of address, except  
2 as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the Chief  
3 Administrator shall ensure that the information necessary for voter  
4 registration is collected from the application and promptly  
5 transmitted electronically to the Secretary of State. The Chief  
6 Administrator shall ensure that electronic records are not  
7 transmitted to the Secretary of State for any applicant who has  
8 declined registration. The Commissioner of Registration shall  
9 register to vote or update an existing registration for any eligible  
10 applicant who has not declined voter registration.

11 (2) Voter registration information from an application received  
12 online for the renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license or non-  
13 driver identification card shall be collected and promptly  
14 transmitted electronically to the Secretary of State upon the  
15 implementation by the Secretary of State of online voter  
16 registration. Subsection c. of this section shall be inapplicable to  
17 such applications until that time.

18 (3) Voter registration information from an application received  
19 through the mail for the renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license  
20 or non-driver identification card shall be exempt from collection  
21 and electronic transmission to the Secretary of State until such time  
22 as the Chief Administrator determines that the prompt electronic  
23 transmission of the information is practicable. Subsection c. of this  
24 section shall be inapplicable to such applications until that time.  
25 Following the effective date of P.L.2018, c.6, the Chief  
26 Administrator shall inform the Governor and the Legislature every  
27 six months of the practicability of collecting and transmitting to the  
28 Secretary of State voter registration information from such  
29 applications. This paragraph shall not be construed to preclude the  
30 Motor Vehicle Commission from processing voter registration  
31 applications received in the manner in which such applications were  
32 processed in connection with such renewals prior to the effective  
33 date of P.L.2018, c.6.

34 c. The Chief Administrator shall provide for the following  
35 notices to be provided with every application for a motor vehicle  
36 driver's license, an examination permit, a probationary driver's  
37 license, or a non-driver identification card and every related update,  
38 renewal, or change of address:

39 (1) a notice that the applicant will be registered to vote, if  
40 eligible, unless the applicant specifically declines the automatic  
41 voter registration;

42 (2) a notice of the voter eligibility requirements under R.S.19:4-  
43 1 and the penalties for false registration and illegal voting under  
44 Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, which notice shall contain an  
45 affirmation that the applicant meets each such requirement and shall  
46 require the signature of the applicant, under penalty of law; and

47 (3) a notice that an applicant who is a victim of domestic  
48 violence or stalking may decline the automatic voter registration

1 and register to vote without disclosing the applicant's street address  
2 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2).

3 d. For each applicant already registered to vote, any change of  
4 address notification submitted to the Chief Administrator for the  
5 purpose of maintaining current information on an applicant shall be  
6 promptly reported to the Secretary of State. A change of address  
7 notification received by the Chief Administrator in paper format  
8 shall be reported to the Secretary of State no later than the 10th day  
9 following its receipt by the Chief Administrator. The  
10 Commissioner of Registration shall use the change of address  
11 notification to update an existing voter registration unless the  
12 applicant declines the automatic voter registration pursuant to this  
13 section and indicates that the change of address is not for voter  
14 registration purposes. A change of address notification submitted to  
15 the commission, which is used for voter registration purposes, shall  
16 be subject to the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148  
17 (C.19:31-3.2) if the person submitting the change of address  
18 notification previously registered to vote in accordance with that  
19 section.

20 e. If a person who is not entitled to vote becomes registered to  
21 vote pursuant to this section, that person's registration shall be  
22 presumed to have been effected with official authorization, and the  
23 person shall not be deemed to have committed a crime under  
24 R.S.19:34-1. This subsection shall not apply to a person who  
25 knowingly and willfully makes a false statement to effectuate voter  
26 registration.

27 f. The Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Chief  
28 Administrator, shall take appropriate measures to educate the public  
29 about voter registration under this section.

30 For the purposes of this section, "eligible applicant" means a  
31 person submitting to the commission an application for a motor  
32 vehicle driver's license, an examination permit, a probationary  
33 driver's license, or a non-driver identification card who meets all  
34 requirements for eligibility to vote under R.S.19:4-1.

35 (cf: P.L.2018, c.6, s.3)

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37 7. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 6  
38 thereof shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month next  
39 following the date of enactment. The Secretary of State and Chief  
40 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may  
41 take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as  
42 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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#### STATEMENT

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47 This bill changes the deadlines for mailing of mail-in ballots to

1 voters from the 45th to the 38th day before an election, requires the  
2 number of ballots that have been received and the number of ballots  
3 that have been counted to be posted on the websites of the county  
4 boards of elections and Division of Elections, permits a count board  
5 of elections to establish a pickup schedule for mail-in ballots that  
6 are deposited in ballot drop boxes, and removes the ability to  
7 change party affiliation as an option at the Motor Vehicle  
8 Commission (MVC).

9 Under the bill, the deadline for the preparation of the official  
10 primary and general elections ballot for printing is changed from  
11 the 50th to the 45th day before an election. The bill also changes  
12 the commencement of the mailing of mail-in ballot for primary and  
13 general elections from the 45th to the 38th before an election.

14 The bill also requires that at the close of the polls on election day  
15 and in real time thereafter, each county board of elections, in  
16 consultation with the county clerk of that county, must list on its  
17 Internet site in an easily accessible location the number of ballots  
18 that have been received, have been counted, and are remaining to be  
19 counted. Each county board of elections must provide the ballot  
20 tabulations by the following categories:

21 the number of early in-person ballots that have been received,  
22 have been counted, and are remaining to be counted;

23 the number of vote-by-mail ballots that have been received, have  
24 been counted, and are remaining to be counted;

25 the number of provisional ballots that have been received, have  
26 counted, and are remaining to be counted; and

27 the number of election day ballots that have been received, have  
28 been counted, and are remaining to be counted.

29 Under the bill, the county board of elections must provide real  
30 time reporting of the ballot tabulations by the listed categories until  
31 all eligible ballots are counted.

32 The bill provides that each county board of elections must send  
33 the same list to the Secretary of State each day after the election by  
34 8:00 P.M. until all eligible ballots are counted. Upon receipt of the  
35 number of ballots that have been received, have been counted, and  
36 are remaining to be counted by each category from each county  
37 board of elections, the Secretary of State is required to provide in an  
38 easily accessible location on the Internet site of the Division of  
39 Elections the total number of ballots for the State and for each  
40 county that have been received, have been counted, and are  
41 remaining to be counted by the same categories. Under the bill, the  
42 Secretary of State must provide the ballot tabulations each day after  
43 the election by 9:00 P.M. until all eligible ballots are counted.

44 The bill also provides that each county board of elections and the  
45 Division of Elections must note on their respective Internet site that  
46 the number of ballots that have been received, have been counted,  
47 and are remaining to be counted are unofficial ballot tabulations and

1 are subject to change as each county board of elections receive and  
2 process ballots that have been cast in the election.

3 The bill provides that a county board of elections may establish a  
4 pickup schedule to retrieve mail-in ballots deposited in ballot drop  
5 boxes.

6 The bill also removes the ability to change party affiliation as an  
7 option at the MVC. The bill provides that if an applicant at the  
8 MVC chooses to update an existing voter registration, the applicant  
9 would not be offered the opportunity to change the applicant's party  
10 affiliation.