

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4524**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**  
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**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits appointment of additional alternate deputy registrars.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT permitting the appointment of additional alternate deputy  
2 registrars in certain municipalities and amending R.S.26:18-7.

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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.26:8-17 is amended to read as follows:

8 26:8-17. The local registrar, immediately upon acceptance of the  
9 appointment, shall appoint a deputy to assist in the normal, day-to-  
10 day operation of the office and whose duty shall be to act in the  
11 registrar's stead in case of absence, disability or death of the  
12 registrar. In case of death of the local registrar the deputy shall act  
13 as local registrar until a new local registrar has been appointed and  
14 qualified.

15 **[In addition to a deputy registrar, the]** Except as otherwise  
16 provided in this section, the local registrar may appoint one or two  
17 alternate deputy registrars if the local registrar deems such an  
18 appointment to be necessary for the office to function efficiently  
19 and to provide quality service to the public. If the local registrar  
20 determines that the appointment of more than two alternate deputy  
21 registrars is necessary for the office to function efficiently and to  
22 provide quality services to the public, the local registrar may submit  
23 a request to the governing body of the municipality to appoint a  
24 specific number of additional alternate deputy registrars based upon  
25 the specific needs of the municipality. The governing body of the  
26 municipality may, by resolution, permit the local registrar to  
27 appoint more than two alternate deputy registrars if the  
28 appointments are necessary for the office to function efficiently and  
29 to provide quality service to the public. The local registrar shall file  
30 a copy of an approved resolution with the State registrar to allow  
31 for appropriate oversight. The deputy registrar and alternate deputy  
32 registrar shall have the authority to receive birth certificates and  
33 death certificates; to issue burial permits, and copies of birth, death,  
34 marriage, civil union and domestic partnership certificates; to take  
35 the oath on marriage and civil union license applications; and to  
36 issue marriage and civil union licenses and register domestic  
37 partnerships. The deputy registrar and alternate deputy registrar  
38 shall receive instructions from and perform their duties under the  
39 direct supervision of the registrar, who shall be the final authority  
40 with the responsibility of fulfilling the duties of the local registrar  
41 outlined in R.S.26:8-25. The deputy registrar and any alternate  
42 deputy registrar shall serve at the pleasure of the local registrar.

43 (cf: P.L.2006, c.103, s.39)

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**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.

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This bill would permit local registrars to appoint additional alternate deputy registrars, subject to the approval of the municipal governing body. Under current law, in addition to a deputy registrar, the local registrar may appoint one or two alternate deputy registrars if the local registrar deems such appointment necessary for the office to function efficiently and to provide quality service to the public. Under this bill, the local registrar of a municipality may submit a request to the governing body of the municipality to appoint a specific number of additional alternate deputy registrars based upon the specific needs of the municipality. The governing body of a municipality could, by resolution, permit the local registrar to appoint additional alternate deputy registrars based upon the specific needs of the municipality. Under the bill, a copy of the approved resolution is required to be filed with the State registrar to allow for appropriate oversight.