

## CHAPTER 15

**AN ACT** concerning the deadline for the filing of an acceptance of nomination by a successful primary election write-in nominee and amending R.S.19:23-16 and R.S.19:13-22.

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

1. R.S.19:23-16 is amended to read as follows:

Person nominated by petition; filing of certificate.

19:23-16. Any person nominated at the primary by having the person's name written or pasted upon the primary ballot shall file a certificate stating that the person is qualified for the office for which the person has been nominated, that the person is a resident of and a legal voter in the jurisdiction of the office for which the nomination is made and that the person consents to stand as a candidate at the ensuing general election to which shall be annexed the oath of allegiance prescribed in section 41:1-1 of the Revised Statutes duly taken and subscribed by the person so nominated before an officer authorized to take oaths in this State.

In addition, a person so nominated for the office of Governor or the office of member of the Senate or General Assembly shall annex to the certificate a statement signed by the candidate that the person:

- a. has not been convicted of any offense graded by Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes as a crime of the first, second, third or fourth degree, or any offense in any other jurisdiction which, if committed in this State, would constitute such a crime; or

- b. has been so convicted, in which case, the candidate shall disclose on the statement the crime for which convicted, the date and place of the conviction and the penalties imposed for the conviction. Such a candidate may, as an alternative, submit with the statement a copy of an official document that provides such information. If the candidate has been convicted of more than one criminal offense, such information about each conviction shall be provided. Records expunged pursuant to chapter 52 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes shall not be subject to disclosure.

Written acceptance of such nomination shall be filed by each candidate so nominated on or before the seventh day following the date of the certification of the results of the primary with the county clerk in the case of county and municipal offices and with the Secretary of State for all other offices.

Each county clerk shall post on the county's website the official results of the primary election within 24 hours after the certification of the election results.

2. R.S.19:13-22 is amended to read as follows:

Secretary of State; statement to county clerks of nominations, vacancies.

19:13-22. a. The Secretary of State, not later than 99 days, and with respect to candidates for President and Vice President of the United States not later than 88 days, before any election whereat any candidates nominated in any direct petition or primary certificate of nomination or State convention certificate filed with the Secretary of State are to be voted for, shall make and certify, under the Secretary's hand and seal of office, and forward to the clerks of the several counties of the State, and post on the Secretary's website, a statement of all such candidates for whom the voters within such county may be by law entitled to vote at such election. This statement shall contain the names and residences of all candidates, the offices for which they are respectively nominated, and the names of the parties by which or the political appellation under which they are respectively nominated. Candidates nominated

directly by petition, without distinctive political appellation, shall be certified as independent candidates. Similar statements shall be made, certified and forwarded, when vacancies are filled subsequently, according to law.

b. The Secretary of State shall certify and forward the statement required by subsection a. of this section no later than the fourth Friday in June following a primary election for the candidates for the office of Governor for whom the voters may be by law entitled to vote at the next subsequent general election. The statement shall include the information required by subsection a. of this section. Candidates nominated directly by petition for the office of Governor, without distinctive political appellation, shall be certified as independent candidates at the same time as candidates nominated for the office of Governor at a primary election are certified by the Secretary of State. Similar statements shall be made, certified and forwarded, when vacancies are filled subsequently, according to law.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 1, 2022.