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SYNOPSIS

Requires outer envelope for mailing of voted mail-in ballot by voter to include postage prepaid.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee on February 2, 2023, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the mailing of voted mail-in ballots and
2 amending various parts of the statutory law and supplementing
3 P.L.2009, c.79.

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

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8 1. Section 11 of P.L.1964, c.134 (C.19:58-11) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 11. Each county clerk shall cause to be printed a sufficient
11 number of Presidential ballots for each Presidential election to be
12 held in this State and along with all such ballots there shall also be
13 furnished by the county clerk inner and outer envelopes which shall
14 be of different color than those used to enclose military service and
15 civilian absentee ballots, and also printed directions for the
16 preparation and transmitting of such ballots and all expenses of
17 printing and mailing such ballots shall be paid in the same manner
18 as other expenses of such election are paid. The outer envelopes
19 shall have affixed thereon the proper and sufficient first-class or air-
20 mail prepaid postage, the costs of which shall be paid by the county
21 clerk and reimbursed by the State pursuant to section 8 of
22 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
23 (cf: P.L.1964, c.134, s.11)

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25 2. Section 22 of P.L.1964, c.134 (C.19:58-22) is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 22. Said sealed postage prepaid outer envelope with the inner
28 envelope and the ballot enclosed therein, shall then be mailed **[with**
29 **sufficient postage]** to the county board of elections to which it is
30 addressed, or shall be presented in person to the county board of
31 elections at the office of said board.

32 (cf: P.L.1964, c.134, s.22)

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34 ¹**[**3. Section 8 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-8) is amended to read
35 as follows:

36 8. a. Each county clerk shall send by air mail, with each ballot
37 for an overseas voter or overseas federal election voter transmitted
38 by such means, appropriate printed instructions for its completion
39 and return, together with an inner envelope and an outer envelope
40 with proper and sufficient postage thereon similar to that required
41 as to civilian vote by mail ballots with a legend on the inner
42 envelope stating "Ballot for Overseas Voter" or "Ballot for
43 Overseas Federal Election Voter," as appropriate.

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:

¹Senate SSG committee amendments adopted February 2, 2023.

1 b. Each county clerk shall send to each overseas voter or
2 overseas federal election voter requesting that a ballot be sent to
3 that voter by electronic means all appropriate printed instructions
4 for its completion and return. The printed instructions sent to each
5 such voter shall include a certificate substantially the same as
6 provided for in section 9 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-9).

7 c. The printed instructions sent with each ballot to an overseas
8 voter or overseas federal election voter, including instructions sent
9 by electronic means, shall include a copy of the following notice:

10 PENALTY FOR FRAUDULENT VOTING

11 Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions of the
12 Overseas Residents Absentee Voting Law, or who, not being
13 entitled to vote thereunder, fraudulently votes or attempts to vote
14 thereunder or enables or attempts to enable another person, not
15 entitled to vote thereunder, to vote fraudulently thereunder or who
16 prevents or attempts to prevent by fraud the voting of any person
17 legally entitled to vote under this act, shall be guilty of an indictable
18 offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject, in addition to
19 such other penalties as are authorized by law, to disenfranchisement
20 while serving a sentence of incarceration unless and until pardoned
21 or restored by law to the right of suffrage.

22 (cf: P.L.2019, c.270, s.9) **1**

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24 ¹4. Section 10 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-10) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 10. a. For ballots sent to overseas voters or overseas federal
27 election voters, other than such ballots sent to the voter by
28 electronic means, the procedure for completing the ballot shall be as
29 follows:

30 Upon completion of the ballot by indicating the voter's choice of
31 candidates for the offices named or the voter's choice regarding a
32 public question, or both, the ballot shall be placed in the inner
33 envelope and sealed. Upon completion and signing in the voter's
34 handwriting the certificate attached to the inner envelope, the inner
35 envelope shall be placed in the outer envelope, which when sealed
36 shall be mailed, postage prepaid by the county clerk, to the county
37 board of elections whose address is printed thereon.

38 b. For ballots sent to overseas voters or overseas federal
39 election voters by electronic means, the procedure for completing
40 the ballot shall be as follows:

41 After the ballot is received and completed by the voter by
42 indicating that person's choice of candidates for the offices named
43 or that person's choice regarding a public question, or both, the
44 ballot shall be placed in a secure envelope. Upon completion and
45 signing in the voter's handwriting of the certificate sent to the voter
46 pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-8), it shall be
47 placed in the same envelope as the voted ballot. The envelope shall

1 then be sealed securely and sent immediately by air mail to the
2 appropriate county board of elections in this State.

3 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
4 this section, a copy of an overseas voter's or overseas federal
5 election voter's ballot may be transmitted by electronic means to the
6 appropriate county board of elections in this State. Such a ballot
7 shall be subject to the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of P.L.1995,
8 c.195 (C.19:59-14 and C.19:59-15).

9 (cf: P.L.2017, c.39, s.6) **1**

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11 **1**[5. Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-2) is amended to
12 read as follows:

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

15 a. publish, in advance of the election and pursuant to rules and
16 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State, official notice
17 that the election shall be conducted by mail together with such other
18 information regarding the conduct of the election as shall be
19 deemed necessary by the Secretary of State;

20 b. mail a ballot, including an outer envelope with proper and
21 sufficient postage prepaid thereon and an inner envelope
22 substantially similar to the envelopes provided for mail-in ballots
23 pursuant to sections 12 and 13 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-12 and
24 C.19:63-13), not sooner than the 20th day prior to the day of the
25 election nor later than the 14th day prior to the day of the election,
26 to each person registered to vote in the municipality at that election;

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

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

34 e. make a provisional ballot available at the office of the
35 county clerk and the office of the municipal clerk so that each
36 person who has been a resident of the county or municipality in
37 which the person seeks to register and vote at least 21 days prior to
38 the day of the election and has moved to a location within the
39 municipality after that 21st day and prior to the day of the election
40 may vote;

41 f. suspend distribution to each registered voter in the
42 municipality of samples of the official ballot of any election, but
43 distribute to each registered voter in the municipality with each
44 ballot a copy of the voter information notice provided for in section
45 1 of P.L.2005, c.149 (C.19:12-7.1) as modified and supplemented
46 by the Secretary of State as deemed appropriate for use in
47 municipalities conducting elections by mail, and such instruction

1 about the completion of the ballot as deemed necessary by the
2 Secretary of State;

3 g. make certain that all qualified voters in the municipality
4 requesting a mail-in ballot between the 45th day and the 21st day
5 prior to the day of an election receive such ballot after the 20th day
6 prior to the day of an election and voters requesting a ballot on or
7 before the seventh day prior to the date of the election shall receive
8 a ballot authorized pursuant to this section; and

9 h. establish, after consultation with the county board of
10 elections and in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by
11 the Secretary of State, the time by which all ballots must be
12 received by the board on the day of an election to be considered
13 valid and counted.

14 (cf: P.L.2011, c.37, s.29) **1**

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16 ¹³. Section 8 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-8) is amended to read
17 as follows:

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19 for an overseas voter or overseas federal election voter or overseas
20 State and federal election voter transmitted by such means,
21 appropriate printed instructions for its completion and return,
22 together with an inner envelope and an outer envelope with proper
23 and sufficient postage thereon similar to that required as to civilian
24 vote by mail ballots with a legend on the inner envelope stating
25 "Ballot for Overseas Voter," "Ballot for Overseas Federal Election
26 Voter," or "Ballot for Overseas State and Federal Election Voter,"
27 as appropriate.

28 b. Each county clerk shall send to each overseas voter or
29 overseas federal election voter or overseas State and federal
30 election voter requesting that a ballot be sent to that voter by
31 electronic means all appropriate printed instructions for its
32 completion and return. The printed instructions sent to each such
33 voter shall include a certificate substantially the same as provided
34 for in section 9 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-9).

35 c. The printed instructions sent with each ballot to an overseas
36 voter or overseas federal election voter or overseas State and federal
37 election voter, including instructions sent by electronic means, shall
38 include a copy of the following notice:

39 **PENALTY FOR FRAUDULENT VOTING**

40 Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions of the
41 Overseas Residents Absentee Voting Law, or who, not being
42 entitled to vote thereunder, fraudulently votes or attempts to vote
43 thereunder or enables or attempts to enable another person, not
44 entitled to vote thereunder, to vote fraudulently thereunder or who
45 prevents or attempts to prevent by fraud the voting of any person
46 legally entitled to vote under this act, shall be guilty of an indictable
47 offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject, in addition to
48 such other penalties as are authorized by law, to disenfranchisement

1 while serving a sentence of incarceration unless and until pardoned
2 or restored by law to the right of suffrage.¹

3 (cf: P.L.2022, c.72, s.7)

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12 candidates for the offices named or the voter's choice regarding a
13 public question, or both, the ballot shall be placed in the inner
14 envelope and sealed. Upon completion and signing in the voter's
15 handwriting the certificate attached to the inner envelope, the inner
16 envelope shall be placed in the outer envelope, which when sealed
17 shall be mailed postage prepaid by the county clerk, to the county
18 board of elections whose address is printed thereon.

19 b. For ballots sent to overseas voters or overseas federal
20 election voters or overseas State and federal election voters by
21 electronic means, the procedure for completing the ballot shall be as
22 follows:

23 After the ballot is received and completed by the voter by
24 indicating that person's choice of candidates for the offices named
25 or that person's choice regarding a public question, or both, the
26 ballot shall be placed in a secure envelope. Upon completion and
27 signing in the voter's handwriting of the certificate sent to the voter
28 pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-8), it shall be
29 placed in the same envelope as the voted ballot. The envelope shall
30 then be sealed securely and sent immediately by air mail to the
31 appropriate county board of elections in this State.

32 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of
33 this section, a copy of an overseas voter's or overseas federal
34 election voter's or overseas State and federal election voter's ballot
35 may be transmitted by electronic means to the appropriate county
36 board of elections in this State. Such a ballot shall be subject to the
37 provisions of sections 3 and 4 of P.L.1995, c.195 (C.19:59-14 and
38 C.19:59-15).¹

39 (cf: P.L.2022, c.72, s.10)

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44 this act, P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-1), the county clerk shall:

45 a. publish, in advance of the election and pursuant to rules and
46 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State, official notice
47 that the election shall be conducted by mail together with such other

- 1 information regarding the conduct of the election as shall be
2 deemed necessary by the Secretary of State;
- 3 b. mail a ballot, including an outer envelope with proper and
4 sufficient postage prepaid thereon and an inner envelope
5 substantially similar to the envelopes provided for mail-in ballots
6 pursuant to sections 12 and 13 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-12 and
7 C.19:63-13), not sooner than the 20th day prior to the day of the
8 election nor later than the 14th day prior to the day of the election,
9 to each person registered to vote in the municipality at that election,
10 ensuring that, except for a primary election for the general election,
11 the delivery envelope, which is the envelope that is used to mail the
12 blank ballot, the outer envelope, and the inner envelope to each
13 voter shall not contain any political affiliation or designation visible
14 to the public on the envelope's exterior;
- 15 c. designate the county clerk's office or the municipal clerk's
16 office as the places to obtain a replacement ballot pursuant to
17 section 5 of P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-5);
- 18 d. designate, after consultation with the county board of
19 elections and pursuant to criteria established by the Secretary of
20 State, places within the county or municipality that shall be
21 available for the deposit of voted ballots for the election;
- 22 e. make a provisional ballot available at the office of the
23 county clerk and the office of the municipal clerk so that each
24 person who has been a resident of the county or municipality in
25 which the person seeks to register and vote at least 21 days prior to
26 the day of the election and has moved to a location within the
27 municipality after that 21st day and prior to the day of the election
28 may vote;
- 29 f. suspend distribution to each registered voter in the
30 municipality of samples of the official ballot of any election, but
31 distribute to each registered voter in the municipality with each
32 ballot a copy of the voter information notice provided for in section
33 1 of P.L.2005, c.149 (C.19:12-7.1) as modified and supplemented
34 by the Secretary of State as deemed appropriate for use in
35 municipalities conducting elections by mail, and such instruction
36 about the completion of the ballot as deemed necessary by the
37 Secretary of State;
- 38 g. make certain that all qualified voters in the municipality
39 requesting a mail-in ballot between the 45th day and the 21st day
40 prior to the day of an election receive such ballot after the 20th day
41 prior to the day of an election and voters requesting a ballot on or
42 before the seventh day prior to the date of the election shall receive
43 a ballot authorized pursuant to this section; and
- 44 h. establish, after consultation with the county board of
45 elections and in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by
46 the Secretary of State, the time by which all ballots must be
47 received by the board on the day of an election to be considered

1 valid and counted.¹
2 (cf: P.L.2022, c.70, s.3)

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4 6. Section 8 of P.L.2005, c.148 (C.19:62-8) is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 8. Prior to transmitting a ballot to the county board of
7 elections, a registered voter shall mark it and place it in the inner
8 envelope. The inner envelope shall then be placed in the outer
9 envelope and that envelope shall be signed and certified by the
10 voter pursuant to instructions provided with the ballot. The voter
11 may return the envelopes containing the marked ballot to the county
12 board by United States mail or by depositing it at the office of the
13 county board or any other place of deposit designated for that
14 purpose. **【If the voter returns the ballot by United States mail, the**
15 **voter shall provide the postage】** Each outer envelope shall be a
16 postage prepaid return envelope.

17 (cf: P.L.2005, c.148, s.8)

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19 ¹**【7. Section 12 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-12) is amended to**
20 **read as follows:**

21 12. Each county clerk shall send, with each mail-in ballot,
22 printed directions for the preparation and transmitting of the ballots
23 as required by this act. The directions shall be printed in such
24 manner and form as the Secretary of State shall require, together
25 with two envelopes of such sizes that one will contain the other.
26 The directions prepared by the Secretary of State shall inform the
27 voter that the status of the voter's mail-in ballot may be checked
28 using the free-access system provided in section 5 of P.L.2004, c.88
29 (C.19:61-5).

30 The outer envelope shall be addressed to the county board of
31 elections of the county in which is located the home address of the
32 person to whom the mail-in ballot is sent, as certified by the county
33 clerk. **【At the discretion of the county clerk, the】** The outer
34 envelope **【may】** shall be a postage **【paid】** prepaid return envelope.
35 On the outside and front of each outer envelope, there shall be
36 printed or stamped the following:

37 To protect your vote:

38 IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR ANYONE EXCEPT YOU
39 THE VOTER TO MAIL OR TRANSPORT THIS BALLOT
40 UNLESS THE ENVELOPE IS SEALED AND THE FOLLOWING
41 IS COMPLETED:

42 Ballot mailed or transported by
43 (signature of bearer)
44 (print name of bearer)
45 (address of bearer)

46 The reserve side of the outer envelope shall contain the
47 following:

1 REMINDER

2 For your vote to count, you must:

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

5 2) Seal the envelope.

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

8 4) If another person will be mailing your ballot or bringing it to
9 the board of elections, MAKE CERTAIN THAT PERSON
10 COMPLETES THE "BEARER PORTION" ON THE ENVELOPE
11 ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BEFORE THE
12 BALLOT IS TAKEN FROM YOU. NO PERSON WHO IS A
13 CANDIDATE IN THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE VOTER
14 REQUESTS THIS BALLOT IS PERMITTED TO SERVE AS A
15 BEARER. NO PERSON IS PERMITTED TO SERVE AS A
16 BEARER FOR MORE THAN THREE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN
17 AN ELECTION, BUT A PERSON MAY SERVE AS SUCH FOR
18 UP TO FIVE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN AN ELECTION IF
19 THOSE VOTERS ARE IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS
20 RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE BEARER.

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

24 The inner envelope shall be so designed that it can be sealed
25 after the mail-in ballot has been placed therein and the flap thereof
26 shall be of such length and size as to leave sufficient margin, after
27 sealing, for the printing thereon of the certificate hereinafter
28 described. The flap shall be so arranged that, after the inner
29 envelope has been sealed, the certificate can be contained, with the
30 inner envelope, in the outer envelope, and that the margin
31 containing the certificate can be detached without unsealing the
32 inner envelope.

33 On the outside of each envelope in which a mail-in ballot is sent
34 to a mail-in voter by the clerk, there shall be printed or stamped the
35 words "Official Mail-In Ballot." In addition, there shall be printed
36 or stamped the following:

37 To protect your vote:

38 IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR ANYONE EXCEPT YOU
39 THE VOTER TO OPEN, MARK, INSPECT OR SEAL THIS
40 BALLOT.

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

42 The reverse side of each inner envelope shall contain the
43 following statement:

44 A PERSON MAY BE FINED AND IMPRISONED AND MAY
45 ALSO LOSE THE RIGHT TO VOTE UNTIL RESTORED BY
46 LAW if that person attempts to vote fraudulently by mail-in ballot,
47 prevents the voting of a legal voter, certifies falsely any

1 information, interferes with a person's secrecy of voting, tampers
2 with ballots or election documents or helps another person to do so.
3 (cf: P.L.2015, c.84, s.4)】¹

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13 voter that the status of the voter's mail-in ballot may be checked
14 using the free-access system provided in section 5 of P.L.2004, c.88
15 (C.19:61-5). Except for a primary election for the general election,
16 each county clerk shall ensure that the delivery envelope, which is
17 the envelope that is used to mail the blank ballot, the outer
18 envelope, and the inner envelope to each voter shall not contain any
19 political affiliation or designation visible to the public on the
20 envelope's exterior.

21 The outer envelope shall be addressed to the county board of
22 elections of the county in which is located the home address of the
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31 UNLESS THE ENVELOPE IS SEALED AND THE FOLLOWING
32 IS COMPLETED:

33 Ballot mailed or transported by
34 (signature of bearer)
35 (print name of bearer)
36 (address of bearer)

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42 attached certificate.

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11 The Secretary of State is authorized to make such changes to the
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13 deems necessary or as is mandated by federal or State law.

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15 after the mail-in ballot has been placed therein and the flap thereof
16 shall be of such length and size as to leave sufficient margin, after
17 sealing, for the printing thereon of the certificate hereinafter
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19 envelope has been sealed, the certificate can be contained, with the
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21 containing the certificate can be detached without unsealing the
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35 ALSO LOSE THE RIGHT TO VOTE UNTIL RESTORED BY
36 LAW if that person attempts to vote fraudulently by mail-in ballot,
37 prevents the voting of a legal voter, certifies falsely any
38 information, interferes with a person's secrecy of voting, tampers
39 with ballots or election documents or helps another person to do
40 so.¹

41 (cf: P.L.2022, c.69, s.5)

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43 8. (New section) Upon application for reimbursement by a
44 county governing body to the Secretary of State, and approval of
45 the application by the State Treasurer or the Director of the
46 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the
47 Treasury, reimbursement shall be made by the State to the county
48 for the costs of affixing proper and sufficient first-class or air-mail

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- 1 postage to the mail-in ballot outer envelopes, and for any additional
- 2 costs incurred by the county as a result of the provisions of P.L. ,
- 3 c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
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- 5 9. This act shall take effect immediately.