

# SENATE, No. 2803

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides that public school used as polling place shall not be open for classes on day of election.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the use of a public school as a polling place and  
2 supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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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. On the day of any election, the board of education of a  
9 school district shall not hold classes whenever a public school is  
10 used as a polling place. The board may use the day for in-service  
11 training or professional development for the teaching staff members  
12 employed by the school district.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
15 the general election held in November of 2021.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill would prohibit boards of education from holding classes  
21 whenever a public school is used as a polling place on the day of an  
22 election. The board is permitted to use the day for in-service  
23 training or professional development for the teaching staff members  
24 employed by the school district. The purpose of this bill would be  
25 to ensure the safety of students at a time when an increased number  
26 of individuals from the general public will be entering school  
27 grounds.