

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 293, *approved January 20, 2026*
Senate, No. 1487 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning application options for certain State-
2 administered ¹**[federal]** housing, shelter, and¹ rental assistance
3 and supplementing P.L.1966, c.293 (C.52:27D-1 et seq.).
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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. The Commissioner of Community Affairs shall ²**[require**
9 **that]** establish, obtain, or arrange for a non-Internet application
10 method for² applicants ¹**[who receive]** for any housing, shelter, or
11 rental assistance programs administered by the Department of
12 Community Affairs, including but not limited to,¹ rental assistance
13 that is administered by the department and authorized pursuant to
14 section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
15 s.1437f) ¹, the State rental assistance program, established pursuant
16 to P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.1 et seq.), and any other similar
17 State-administered programs related to housing, shelter, or rental
18 assistance,¹ ²**[are not limited to online application options. The**
19 **commissioner shall ensure,** **] to apply for such programs**² **to the**
20 **extent permitted by federal law** ²**[, that a person is able to apply**
21 **through regular mail, electronic mail,** ¹in-person delivery,¹ **or fax]**².
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23 2. This act shall take effect on ²**[the first day of the third**
24 **month next following enactment]** January 1, 2027², except the
25 commissioner may take any anticipatory administrative action in
26 advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.
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31 Requires application option enhancement for certain housing,
32 shelter, and rental assistance administered by DCA.

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 SCU committee amendments adopted March 17, 2025.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted December 22, 2025.