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SYNOPSIS

Requires periodic reviews of Statewide voter registration system.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring periodic reviews of the Statewide voter
2 registration system and supplementing Title 19 of the Revised
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. a. In addition to any measures undertaken to maintain and
9 update the list of registered voters in each county and the Statewide
10 voter registration system pursuant to chapter 31 of Title 19 of the
11 Revised Statutes, the county commissioner of registration in each
12 county shall audit the county's list of registered voters twice per
13 year to ensure the list is accurate and up to date and shall update the
14 Statewide voter registration system accordingly. In conducting
15 such audits, the county commissioner of registration shall utilize:

16 (1) Motor Vehicle Commission records, including transactions
17 involving the issuance or renewal of a New Jersey driver's license,
18 a New Jersey REAL ID identification card or license issued in
19 accordance with the federal "REAL ID Act of 2005," 49 U.S.C.
20 s.30301, or an identification card issued pursuant to P.L.1980, c.47
21 (C.39:3-29.2 et seq.);

22 (2) death records provided by the Social Security
23 Administration, the New Jersey Department of Health, the State
24 registrar of vital statistics, or an appropriate health officer as
25 provided by R.S.19:31-16;

26 (3) change of address data from the United States Postal
27 Service;

28 (4) information obtained from a non-profit organization pursuant
29 to section 1 of P.L.2021, c.139 (C.19:31-34.1);

30 (5) information provided by other county commissioners of
31 registration, State agencies, other states, or the federal government;
32 and

33 (6) any other information from a government entity that is
34 publicly available.

35 b. (1) Each county commissioner of registration shall, in each
36 calendar year, complete the first audit of the year by May 1 and the
37 second audit of the year by December 1.

38 (2) Upon a finding that a registered voter may be ineligible to
39 vote, the commissioner shall place the registered voter under review
40 and provide the registered voter with notice and an opportunity to
41 cure any deficiencies in the voter's file.

42 Written notice shall be provided by certified mail delivered to
43 the address reflected in the voter's file, shall specify the reason for
44 initiating the review of the voter's file, and shall identify the
45 information that is required of the voter to verify that the voter is
46 eligible to vote in the respective county. The voter shall have 10
47 business days from the date of receipt of such notice to provide the
48 required information to the commissioner.

1 If the information provided by the voter proves, to the
2 satisfaction of the commissioner, that the voter is eligible to vote in
3 the county, then the commissioner shall update the voter's file
4 accordingly and no further action shall be required on the part of the
5 voter in order to vote. If, however, the information provided by the
6 voter fails to demonstrate that the voter is eligible to vote, then the
7 commissioner shall remove the voter from the county's list of
8 registered voters and from the Statewide voter registration system.

9 (3) Upon a finding that a registered voter knew at the time of
10 registration that the voter was ineligible to vote and knowingly
11 registered anyway, or in any other way knowingly attempted to
12 commit voter fraud in violation of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes,
13 the commissioner shall refer such findings to the respective county
14 prosecutor, or to the Attorney General, as appropriate.

15 c. Each county commissioner of registration shall submit a
16 summary report of any inconsistencies or errors in the list of
17 registered voters, as well as the remedial action taken, and any
18 criminal referrals resulting from the audits required pursuant to this
19 section to the Secretary of State, the Governor, and the Legislature
20 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), within 30
21 days of the completion of each audit. The summary report shall be
22 made publicly available on the Division of Elections Internet
23 website.

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25 2. This act shall take effect January 1 next following the date
26 of enactment.

27 28 29 STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires the county commissioner of registration in each
32 county to conduct periodic audits of the county's list of registered
33 voters and to update the list and the Statewide voter registration
34 system accordingly.

35 Under current law, the county commissioner of registration in
36 each county is required to maintain the list of registered voters in
37 that county. As part of registered voter list maintenance, the
38 commissioner of registration adds newly registered voters to the list
39 and removes voters who have moved away, died, or otherwise
40 become ineligible to vote in that county. The commissioner is also
41 responsible for updating the Statewide voter registration system to
42 reflect changes to the list of registered voters.

43 Under this bill, the county commissioner of registration in each
44 county will be required to conduct biannual audits of the list of
45 registered voters in that county to ensure the list is accurate and up
46 to date, and to update the Statewide voter registration system
47 accordingly, in addition to the routine maintenance of voter
48 registration lists conducted under current law.

1 If the commissioner finds that a registered voter may be
2 ineligible to vote, the bill requires that the commissioner to place
3 the registered voter under review and provide the registered voter
4 with notice and an opportunity to cure any deficiencies in the
5 voter's file. Written notice will be provided by certified mail
6 delivered to the address reflected in the voter's file, will specify the
7 reason for initiating the review of the voter's file, and will identify
8 the information that is required of the voter to verify that the voter
9 is eligible to vote in the respective county. The voter will have 10
10 business days from the date of receipt of such notice to provide the
11 required information to the commissioner. If the information
12 provided by the voter proves, to the satisfaction of the
13 commissioner, that the voter is eligible to vote in the county, then
14 the commissioner will update the voter's file accordingly and no
15 further action will be required. If, however, the information fails to
16 demonstrate that the voter is eligible to vote, then the commissioner
17 will remove the voter from the county's list of registered voters and
18 from the Statewide voter registration system.

19 The bill also requires that the commissioner notify the respective
20 county prosecutor or the Attorney General if their findings suggest
21 that a registered voter knew at the time of registration that they
22 were ineligible to vote and knowingly registered anyway, or in any
23 other way knowingly attempted to commit voter fraud in violation
24 of State law.

25 The bill requires each county commissioner of registration to
26 complete the first audit of the year by May 1 and the second audit
27 of the year by December 1 in each year and provide a summary
28 report of any errors or inconsistencies uncovered by the audit to the
29 Secretary of State, the Governor, and the Legislature within 30 days
30 of the applicable deadline. The report will also be made public on
31 the Division of Elections Internet website.