

**SENATE, No. 4597**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits information from Statewide voter registration system from being published on Internet.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT prohibiting information from the Statewide voter  
2 registration system from being published on the Internet and  
3 amending P.L.1947, c.347 and P.L.2005, c.145.  
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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 2 of P.L.1947, c.347 (C.19:31-18.1) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 2. a. The county clerk in all counties shall cause copies of the  
11 registry lists, certified and transmitted under R.S.19:31-18, to be  
12 printed, and shall furnish to any voter applying for the same such  
13 copies, charging therefor \$0.25 per copy of the list of voters of each  
14 election district. The clerk shall also furnish five printed copies  
15 thereof to each district board, which shall within two days post two  
16 such registry lists, one in the polling place and one in another  
17 conspicuous place within the election district. The county clerk  
18 shall also forthwith deliver to the superintendent of elections of the  
19 county, if any there be, and to the chairmen of the county  
20 committees of each of the several political parties in the county,  
21 five copies of the lists of voters of each election district in the  
22 county; and to the municipal clerk of each of the municipalities in  
23 the county five copies of the lists of voters of each election district  
24 in such municipality; and to the county board 10 copies of the lists  
25 of voters of each election district in each of such municipalities.  
26 The county clerk shall also, upon the request of the chairman of the  
27 State committee of any of the several political parties, but not more  
28 than once in each calendar year, forthwith deliver a copy of the lists  
29 of voters of each election district in each of the municipalities in his  
30 county. In no case shall a list of registered voters furnished pursuant  
31 to this section include voter signatures or, except as otherwise  
32 provided in section 3 of P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-3), the home  
33 address of a covered person, as defined in section 1 of P.L.2021,  
34 c.371 (C.47:1B-1), who has received approval from the Office of  
35 Information Privacy for the redaction or nondisclosure of the  
36 covered person's address. The county clerk shall satisfy the request  
37 by delivery of a computer-generated or electronic copy of the list  
38 for the county from the Statewide voter registration system.

39 b. The commissioner of registration shall furnish a computer-  
40 generated or electronic copy of a list of registered voters in any or  
41 all election districts in the county to any voter requesting it, for  
42 which copy such commissioner shall make a charge which shall be  
43 uniform in any calendar year and which shall reflect only the cost of  
44 reproducing the list, but which in any case shall not exceed \$375.

**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.

1 c. No person shall use voter registration lists or copies thereof  
2 prepared pursuant to this section as a basis for commercial or  
3 charitable solicitation of the voters listed thereon. Any person  
4 making such use of such lists or copies thereof shall be a disorderly  
5 person, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00.

6 d. Voter registration information drawn from the Statewide  
7 voter registration system shall be prohibited from being published  
8 on the Internet.

9 (cf: P.L.2021, c.371, s.6)

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11 2. Section 1 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31) is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 1. a. There shall be established in the Department of State a  
14 single Statewide voter registration system, as required pursuant to  
15 section 303 of the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002,"  
16 Pub.L.107-252 (42 U.S.C. s.15483). The principal computer  
17 components of the system shall be under the direct control of the  
18 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for  
19 creating the network necessary to maintain the system and  
20 providing the computer software, hardware and security necessary  
21 to ensure that the system is accessible only to those executive  
22 departments and State agencies so designated by the Secretary of  
23 State, each county commissioner of registration, each county and  
24 municipal clerk, and individuals under certain circumstances, as  
25 provided for by this section. The system shall be the official State  
26 repository for voter registration information for every legally  
27 registered voter in this State, and shall serve as the official voter  
28 registration system for the conduct of all elections in the State.

29 b. The Statewide voter registration system shall include, but  
30 not be limited to, the following features:

31 (1) the name and registration information of every legally  
32 registered voter in the State;

33 (2) the ability to assign a unique identifier to each legally  
34 registered voter in the State;

35 (3) interactivity among appropriate State agencies so designated  
36 by the Secretary of State, each county commissioner of registration,  
37 each county board of elections, and each county clerk such that  
38 these entities shall have immediate electronic access to all or  
39 selected records in the system, as determined by the Secretary of  
40 State, to receive or transmit all or selected files in the system and to  
41 print or review all or selected files in the system;

42 (4) the ability to permit any county commissioner of registration  
43 to enter voter registration information on an expedited basis, and to  
44 transfer electronically voter registration information from an online  
45 voter registration form completed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019,  
46 c.382 (C.19:31-6.4c), at the time the information is provided thereto  
47 and to permit the Secretary of State to provide technical support to  
48 do so whenever needed;

- 1 (5) the ability to permit each municipal clerk to view or print  
2 information in the system;
- 3 (6) the ability to permit an individual, by July 1, 2006, to verify  
4 via the Internet whether that individual, and only that individual, is  
5 included in the system as a legally registered voter, whether the  
6 information pertaining to that individual required by subsection c.  
7 of this section is correct, and if not, a means to notify the pertinent  
8 county commissioner of registration of the corrections that must be  
9 made and to so verify in a way that does not give one individual  
10 access to the information required by subsection c. of this section  
11 for any other individual;
- 12 (7) a Statewide street address index and map in electronic form  
13 that can accurately identify the location of every legally registered  
14 voter in this State;
- 15 (8) the ability to record and monitor all requests for mail-in  
16 ballots; to enable the county clerk to verify the identity and  
17 signature of each person requesting a mail-in ballot; to record the  
18 name and address of each voter determined to be eligible to receive  
19 a mail-in ballot for a particular election and to note when a mail-in  
20 ballot has been transmitted to that voter by mail or hand delivery; to  
21 update the system to allow the postal tracking of mail-in ballots  
22 using Intelligent Mail barcodes, or a similar successor tracking  
23 system, upon the finding by the Secretary of State that such  
24 technology is viable; and to make such information available to the  
25 Secretary of State so that a voter can be notified whether the  
26 application for such a ballot was accepted or rejected, and the  
27 reason for the rejection, using the free-access system established by  
28 section 5 of P.L.2004, c.88 (C.19:61-5); and
- 29 (9) any other functions required pursuant to Pub.L.107-252 (42  
30 U.S.C. s.15301 et seq.), or Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or that  
31 may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.
- 32 c. The Statewide voter registration system shall include, but  
33 not be limited to, the following information for every legally  
34 registered voter in this State:
  - 35 (1) last, first and middle name;
  - 36 (2) street address at time of registration or rural route, box  
37 number or apartment number, if any;
  - 38 (3) city or municipality, and zip code;
  - 39 (4) date of birth;
  - 40 (5) telephone number and e-mail address, if provided on voter  
41 registration form;
  - 42 (6) previous name or address if individual re-registered due to  
43 change of name or address;
  - 44 (7) ward and election district number, if either is available;
  - 45 (8) (a) current and valid New Jersey driver's license number; or  
46 (b) if the registrant has not been issued a New Jersey driver's  
47 license number, the last four digits of the registrant's social security  
48 number; or

1 (c) unique identifying number for any individual who has not  
2 been issued the information sought in subparagraph (a) or (b) of this  
3 paragraph;

4 (9) notation that a copy of one of the following documents has  
5 been submitted with the voter registration application, if required:  
6 current and valid photo identification card; a current utility bill,  
7 bank statement, government check, pay check or any other  
8 government document showing the registrant's name and current  
9 address;

10 (10) the method by which the individual registered and whether  
11 that person needs to provide additional identification information to  
12 vote using a voting machine instead of a provisional ballot;

13 (11) political party affiliation, if designated;

14 (12) digitized signature;

15 (13) date of registration or re-registration;

16 (14) name and street address of the individual assisting in the  
17 completion of the form, if the applicant for registration is unable to  
18 do so;

19 (15) voting participation record for ten-year period; and

20 (16) any other information required pursuant to Pub.L.107-252  
21 (42 U.S.C. s.15301 et seq.), or Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or  
22 that the Secretary of State determines is necessary to assess the  
23 eligibility of an individual to be registered to vote and to vote in  
24 this State.

25 d. Voter registration information from the Statewide voter  
26 registration system shall be prohibited from being published on the  
27 Internet.

28 (cf: P.L.2019, c.382, s.4)

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30 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

### 31 32 33 STATEMENT

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35 This bill prohibits voter registration information from the  
36 Statewide voter registration system from being published on the  
37 Internet. Under current law, the Statewide voter registration system  
38 is accessible by the Secretary of State, executive departments and  
39 State agencies designated by the Secretary of State, each county  
40 commissioner of registration, each county and municipal clerk, and  
41 other individuals under certain circumstances. Voter registration  
42 lists are also provided to the chairmen of the county committees of  
43 each political party, and are accessible by voters who apply and pay  
44 for a copy of the list. This bill specifically prohibits any  
45 information from the system from being published on the Internet,  
46 in order to further protect the privacy of registered voters in New  
47 Jersey.