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SYNOPSIS

Eliminates automatic voter registration at MVC; requires photo identification to vote and biannual audit of voter registration records.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning automatic voter registration, voter photo
2 identification, voter registration record audits, and amending and
3 supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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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. R.S.19:7-5 is amended to read as follows:

9 19:7-5. Such challengers shall be the authorized challengers for
10 their respective political parties and candidates or for the
11 proponents or opponents of a public question. They shall have the
12 power to challenge the right to vote therein of any person claiming
13 such right and shall have power to examine any document presented
14 concerning personal identification information of that person and to
15 ask all necessary questions to determine this right. They may be
16 present while the votes cast at any election are being counted, hear
17 and see the ballots counted and shall have the right and power to
18 challenge the counting or rejecting of any ballot or any part of a
19 ballot. They shall be entitled to ask the members of the district
20 boards of election at each polling place, no more than every two
21 hours, for the official count of how many voters have voted at each
22 precinct, and the district boards of election shall provide this
23 information as the notice required pursuant to section 1 of
24 P.L.2018, c.110 (C.19:52-3.1).
25 (cf: P.L.2018, c.110, s.2)

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27 2. R.S.19:15-17 is amended to read as follows:

28 19:15-17. a. (1) The comparison of signatures of a voter made
29 upon registration and upon election day, and if the voter alleges his
30 inability to write, the comparison of the answers made by such
31 voter upon registration and upon election day, shall **【be had】** occur
32 in full view of the challengers.

33 (2) The examination of any document concerning personal
34 identification information of a voter, set forth in subsection b. of
35 this section, made upon election day shall occur in full view of the
36 challengers.

37 b. (1) If a voter has registered by mail after January 1, 2003 to
38 vote for the first time in his or her current county of residence and
39 did not provide personal identification when registering pursuant to
40 section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4), the voter shall be
41 permitted to vote starting at the first election held after January 1,
42 2004 at which candidates are seeking federal office after displaying
43 one of the following items: **【(1)】** a current and valid photo
44 identification card; **【(2)】** a current utility bill, bank statement,
45 government check or pay check; **【(3)】** any other government

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 document that shows the voter's name and current address; or **[(4)]**
2 any other identifying document that the **[Attorney General]**
3 Secretary of State has determined to be acceptable for this purpose.

4 (2) In addition to the display of documentation as may be
5 required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, beginning with the
6 first election held after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending
7 before the Legislature as this bill), regardless of when the voter
8 registered and the method of registration, the voter shall be
9 permitted to vote at a polling place, unless otherwise exempt
10 pursuant to this subsection, only after displaying a document as
11 valid personal identification information, which shall be a valid
12 New Jersey driver's license, a valid non-driver identification card, a
13 valid REAL ID identification card or license issued in accordance
14 with the federal "REAL ID Act of 2005," 49 U.S.C. s.30301, or a
15 valid United States passport, which includes all of the following
16 criteria:

17 (a) the name of the voter to whom the document was issued, and
18 which conforms to the name under which the voter is registered and
19 from whom the signature is produced for making comparisons of
20 signatures;

21 (b) a photograph of the voter to whom the document was issued;
22 and

23 (c) an expiration date that has not passed.

24 A voter shall be required to display only one document with
25 respect to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, if that document
26 satisfies the identifying document criteria set forth in both
27 paragraphs.

28 (3) If the voter does not display **[one of these documents,]** a
29 document in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) of this
30 subsection, or the validity of a document is subject to challenge
31 after examination, the voter shall not be permitted to vote by
32 machine but shall instead be provided with a provisional ballot,
33 pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1999, c.232 (C.19:53C-1 et seq.).

34 This subsection shall not apply to any voter entitled to vote by
35 absentee ballot under the "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
36 Absentee Voting Act" (**[42]** 52 U.S.C. **[1973ff-1]** s.20301 et seq)
37 or to any voter who is provided the right to vote other than in
38 person under section 3 of Pub.L.98-435 (52 U.S.C. s.20102), the
39 "Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act," or any
40 other voter entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other
41 federal law. **[This subsection shall also not apply to any person**
42 **who registers to vote by appearing in person at any voter**
43 **registration agency or to any person whose voter registration form**
44 **is delivered to the county commissioner of registration or to the**
45 **Attorney General, as the case may be, through a third party by**
46 **means other than by mail delivery.]**

1 c. Each county commissioner of registration shall collect and
2 maintain, in the manner prescribed by the **【Attorney General】**
3 Secretary of State, the information provided pursuant to subsection
4 b. of this section and section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4).
5 Access to the personal identification information provided pursuant
6 to subsection b. of this section and section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30
7 (C.19:31-6.4) **【.]** shall be prohibited, in accordance with subsection
8 a. of section 6 of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5).
9 (cf: P.L.2004, c.88, s.9)

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11 3. R.S.19:15-18 is amended to read as follows:

12 19:15-18. The members of the district boards and any duly
13 authorized challenger, respectively, shall at any election challenge
14 every person who shall claim to have a right to vote therein whom
15 they or he shall know, suspect or believe not to be qualified or
16 entitled to so vote, and said members of the district board or
17 challenger shall have the power and right to examine any document
18 concerning personal identification information of that person and to
19 ask all questions which are suitable and necessary to determine such
20 person's right.

21 No member of the district board and no duly authorized
22 challenger shall, however, challenge, delay or prevent the right to
23 vote of any person because of that person's race, color, national
24 origin, expected manner of casting a vote or residence in a
25 particular ward, housing complex or section of a municipality or
26 county, provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit a
27 challenge based upon the failure of the challenged voter to meet the
28 applicable statutory residency qualification for voting in the
29 particular election district. Any member of the district board or
30 duly authorized challenger who violates this section is guilty of a
31 disorderly persons offense.

32 (cf: P.L.1991, c.249, s.1)

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34 4. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.249 (C.19:15-18.1) is amended to
35 read as follows:

36 2. a. Any voter whose name does not appear on a challenge list
37 prepared by the superintendent of elections of the county but who is
38 challenged as not qualified or entitled to vote by a duly authorized
39 challenger or by a member of a district board of elections shall be
40 permitted to establish his right to vote by:

41 (1) signing an affidavit which states the voter's qualifications to
42 vote on forms to be supplied by the superintendent of elections in
43 those counties having a superintendent of elections or by the
44 commissioner of registration in all other counties, and;

45 (2) presenting for inspection **【a suitable】** a provisional
46 identifying document, 【which】 if having presented a document as
47 valid personal identification information in accordance with
48 subsection b. of R.S.19:15-17 but the validity of this previously

1 presented document is the subject of the challenge. The provisional
2 document may be, but is not limited to, the following:

3 (a) a valid New Jersey driver's license, a valid non-driver
4 identification card, a valid REAL ID, or a valid United States
5 passport;

6 (b) a sample ballot which lists the voter's name and address;

7 (c) an official federal, State, county or municipal document
8 which lists the voter's name and address;

9 (d) a utility or telephone bill or tax or rent receipt dated; or

10 (e) a piece of mail postmarked, on or after the 60th day before
11 the day of the election at which the voter is challenged.

12 b. A copy of the affidavit signed by the challenged voter shall
13 be given to that person.

14 c. The affidavit, or a form attached to it, shall state:

15 (1) the means by which a person whose name does not appear
16 on a challenge list prepared by the superintendent of elections of the
17 county but who is challenged by a duly authorized challenger or by
18 a member of the district board of elections may seek to establish the
19 person's right to vote, as provided in subsection a. of this section;

20 (2) that a challenger who succeeds in denying a voter the right
21 to vote must sign an affidavit stating the reason why the voter is not
22 entitled to vote and must furnish a copy of the affidavit to the
23 challenged voter, as provided in section 3 of P.L.1991, c.249
24 (C.19:15-18.2);

25 (3) the legal remedy which a person whose name does not
26 appear on a challenge list prepared by the superintendent of
27 elections of the county but who is challenged by a duly authorized
28 challenger or by a member of the district board of elections and
29 denied the right to vote may use to seek permission to vote, as
30 provided in section 6 of P.L.1991, c.249 (C.19:15-18.3).

31 d. In counties in which the primary language of 10【%】 percent
32 or more of the registered voters is Spanish, the affidavit and
33 instructions for its completion and the information required by
34 subsection c. of this section shall appear in both English and
35 Spanish.

36 (cf: P.L.1991, c.249, s.2)

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38 5. Section 3 of P.L.1991, c.249 (C.19:15-18.2) is amended to
39 read as follows:

40 3. If a person whose name does not appear on a challenge list
41 prepared by the superintendent of elections of the county is
42 challenged as not qualified or entitled to vote by a duly authorized
43 challenger or by a member of the district board of elections and if
44 this challenge is sustained by the district board of elections, the
45 person making the challenge shall specify the grounds for the
46 challenge in a signed affidavit on forms to be supplied by the
47 superintendent of elections in those counties having a
48 superintendent of elections or by the county clerk in all other

1 counties. This document also shall state that the challenged voter
2 has sought to establish his right to vote by signing an affidavit
3 which states the challenged voter's qualifications to vote and by
4 presenting a **【suitable】** provisional identifying document in
5 accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 2 of
6 P.L.1991, c.249 (C.19:15-18.1), the **【identity】** description of which
7 shall be specified **【by the challenger】** in the document, in those
8 cases in which the challenged voter is being challenged based upon
9 the validity of a document presented as personal identification
10 information in accordance with subsection b. of R.S.19:15-17. A
11 copy of the challenger's affidavit shall be given to the challenged
12 voter.

13 (cf: P.L.1991, c.249, s.3)

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15 6. Section 6 of P.L.1991, c.249 (C.19:15-18.3) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 6. Any person whose name does not appear on a challenge list
18 prepared by the superintendent of elections of the county but who is
19 challenged and denied the right to vote on the day of a municipal,
20 primary, general, or special election by a duly authorized challenger
21 or by a member of a district board of elections, may apply to a
22 Superior Court judge sitting at the county seat for permission to
23 vote. No papers need be filed; the court shall entertain oral
24 applications. The challenged voter may appear pro se or with
25 counsel. The challenger or the member of the district board, as the
26 case may be, may appear or be represented by counsel. The
27 challenged voter shall be permitted to state by oath or affirmation
28 the facts which the voter believes establish eligibility to vote, shall
29 furnish a copy of the affidavit the voter signed when challenged, a
30 copy of the affidavit signed by the challenger and, if being
31 challenged based on the presentation of a document as valid
32 personal identification information in accordance with subsection b.
33 of R.S.19:15-17, the identifying document found invalid by the
34 challenger and the district board. The rules of evidence shall not
35 apply to those proceedings. The judge shall grant the application
36 and provide the challenged voter with written authorization to vote
37 on that day if the judge finds the following facts to be established
38 by the testimony of the applicant or, in the case of a dispute of facts
39 or some questions as to the challenged voter's credibility, by a
40 preponderance of the following evidence:

41 a. The challenged voter is at least 18 years old and a citizen of
42 the United States and of this State, has resided in the county at least
43 30 days prior to the date of the election, and has not been convicted
44 of a crime which would disenfranchise a person under the laws of
45 this State, and **【either】**:

46 b. The challenged voter is properly registered at his location;
47 **【or】**

1 c. The challenged voter was properly registered at his location
2 as of the last election at which the challenged voter voted but has
3 moved to another location within the county since then and in good
4 faith attempted to register at the new address within the time
5 prescribed by law; or

6 d. The challenged voter has presented a document as valid
7 personal identification information in accordance with subsection b.
8 of R.S.19:15-17.

9 For the purposes of this section, a good faith attempt to register
10 shall include: completing the prescribed registration form no later
11 than 21 days before the election in the presence of a person who
12 appears to be over 18 years old and says that he or she can and will
13 witness the form and mail it to the register for the applicant;
14 completing a form received in the mail from the commissioner of
15 registration, superintendent of elections or the county board which
16 states that information has been received that the applicant has
17 moved and placing the completed form in a proper mailbox with
18 proper postage, if necessary, no later than 21 days before the
19 election; completing a registration form in any government office;
20 and reasonably relying upon the oral statements of an official at a
21 polling place that they will insure proper reregistration.

22 The judge of the Superior Court having the application shall
23 cause a full record of the proceeding to be taken stenographically,
24 transcribed and filed in the office of the county clerk of the county,
25 which record shall be open and public record. All costs and
26 expenses of such proceedings shall be paid by the county.

27 (cf: P.L.2005, c.139, s.5)

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29 7. R.S.19:15-22 is amended to read as follows:

30 19:15-22. Upon any question or challenge of a voter duly
31 registered it shall be the duty of the board, and the privilege of all
32 its members, to examine any document presented concerning
33 personal identification information and to put all such questions as
34 are proper to determine the right of the voter to vote.

35 (cf: R.S.19:15-22)

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37 8. R.S.19:15-23 is amended to read as follows:

38 19:15-23. In municipalities having permanent registration, if a
39 voter is challenged, the board, in addition to examining any
40 document presented concerning personal identification information
41 of the voter, shall ask him the questions which were asked him upon
42 registration, the answers to which appear on the signature copy
43 register and if the answers do not correspond a note of such fact
44 shall be entered in the column of the poll book entitled "remarks".
45 If the document of the voter appears invalid, or the signatures of the
46 voter or the answers to the questions made by the voter do not
47 correspond, then it shall be the privilege of the challengers to

1 challenge, and the duty of each member of the district board to
2 challenge, unless some other authorized person shall challenge.

3 (cf: R.S.19:15-23)

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5 9. R.S.19:15-24 is amended to read as follows:

6 19:15-24. The district boards shall not give a ballot to any
7 person unless they shall be satisfied that such person is in all
8 respects qualified and entitled to vote; and for the purpose of
9 satisfying themselves as to the right of any person who shall claim a
10 right to vote they shall have power to examine such person, and any
11 other person or persons, under oath or affirmation, touching such
12 right, except as hereinbefore restricted. The board shall determine
13 the right of the voter to vote, after making use of, and giving due
14 weight to, the evidence afforded by his document presented
15 concerning personal identification information in accordance with
16 subsection b. of R.S.19:15-17, and his signature, if any, such
17 answers after examination as provided herein, **[and an]** any
18 affidavit which states the challenged voter's qualifications to vote
19 and **[a suitable]** any identifying document, as provided under
20 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.249 (C.19:15-18.1). If any member of the
21 board shall give or assent to give a ballot to any person challenged,
22 without requiring him to take the oath or affirmation hereinbefore
23 prescribed to be made upon such challenge, and the person shall not
24 be qualified and entitled to vote, the member so giving or assenting
25 to give a ballot, shall be deemed to have given to such person a
26 ballot, knowing it to be illegal. The question as to the giving of the
27 ballot to the person shall be put in the following form: "Shall a
28 ballot be given to this person by this board?"

29 If a majority of the board shall decide to give a ballot to such
30 voter or in case of a tie vote, the voter shall be given a ballot and
31 allowed to vote. If a majority of the board shall decide against
32 giving a ballot to the voter no ballot shall be given, but in the case
33 of a voter who is denied a ballot because the board finds that the
34 voter did not present a document as valid personal identification
35 information in accordance with subsection b. of R.S.19:15-17, that
36 voter shall be provided with a provisional ballot pursuant to the
37 provisions of P.L.1999, c.232 (C.19:53C-1 et al.).

38 **[The]** Except with respect to a person who is herein provided a
39 provisional ballot for failing to present a document as valid personal
40 identification information, the board, upon demand of a member of
41 the board or any other citizen, shall forthwith issue a warrant for the
42 arrest of **[such]** a person denied a ballot and deliver the same to a
43 peace officer, who shall forthwith arrest him**[, and the]**.

44 The right to challenge voters shall exist until the ballot shall have
45 been deposited in the ballot box. Every such challenge and the
46 determination of the board shall in every instance be recorded in the
47 signature comparison record, in the column "Sig. Comp. by," used
48 at the election at which the challenge has been made.

1 Any member of a district board who refuses or neglects to
2 comply with the provisions of this section may be summarily
3 removed from office by the county board, or any judge of the
4 Superior Court assigned to the county.

5 (cf: P.L.1991, c.249, s.5)

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7 10. R.S.19:31-5 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:31-5. Each person, who is at least 17 years of age at the time
9 he or she applies for registration, who resides in the district in
10 which he or she expects to vote, who will be of the age of 18 years
11 or more on or before the first election in which he or she expects to
12 vote, who is a citizen of the United States, and who, if he or she
13 continues to reside in the district until that election, will at the time
14 have fulfilled all the requirements as to length of residence to
15 qualify him or her as a legal voter, shall, unless otherwise
16 disqualified, be entitled to be registered in such district. Each 17-
17 year-old registrant shall be designated in the Statewide voter
18 registration system as temporarily ineligible to vote until the
19 registrant's 18th birthday, except as provided pursuant to section 1
20 of P.L.2023, c.202 (C.19:4-1.2).

21 Whenever an individual registers by mail after January 1, 2003
22 to vote for the first time in his or her current county of residence,
23 that individual shall provide either the individual's New Jersey
24 driver's license number or the last four digits of the individual's
25 Social Security Number, or shall submit with the voter registration
26 form a copy of: (1) a current and valid photo identification card; (2)
27 a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or pay
28 check; (3) any other government document that shows the
29 individual's name and current address; or (4) any other identifying
30 document that the **【Attorney General】** Secretary of State has
31 determined to be acceptable for this purpose. If the individual does
32 not provide his or her New Jersey driver's license number or Social
33 Security Number information or submit a copy of any one of these
34 documents, either at the time of registration or at any time
35 thereafter prior to attempting to vote, the individual, pursuant to
36 paragraph (1) of subsection b. of R.S.19:15-17, shall be asked for
37 identification when voting for the first time starting at the first
38 election held after January 1, 2004 at which candidates are seeking
39 federal office or thereafter.

40 Starting at the first election held after the effective date of P.L.
41 , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and thereafter,
42 regardless of when an individual registered, the method of voter
43 registration, or any identifying information provided with the voter
44 registration form, an individual shall be permitted to vote at a
45 polling place only after presenting a document as valid personal
46 identification information in accordance with subsection b. of
47 R.S.19:15-17.

1 **【This requirement】** The requirements herein concerning
 2 documented voter identification shall not apply to any individual
 3 entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the "Uniformed and
 4 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act" (**【42】** 52 U.S.C. **【1973ff-**
 5 **1】** s.20301 et seq) or to any individual who is provided the right to
 6 vote other than in person under section 3 of Pub.L.98-435 (52
 7 U.S.C. s.20102), the "Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
 8 Handicapped Act," or any other voter entitled to vote otherwise
 9 than in person under any other federal law. **【This requirement shall**
 10 also not apply to any individual who registers to vote by appearing
 11 in person at any voter registration agency or to any individual
 12 whose voter registration form is delivered to the county
 13 commissioner of registration or to the Attorney General, as the case
 14 may be, through a third party by means other than by mail
 15 delivery.】

16 Once registered, the registrant shall not be required to register
 17 again in such district as long as he or she resides therein, except
 18 when required to do so by the commissioner, because of the loss of
 19 or some defect in his or her registration record.

20 The registrant, when registered as provided in this Title, shall be
 21 eligible to vote at any election to be held subsequent to such
 22 registration, if he or she shall be a citizen of the United States of the
 23 age of 18 years, except as provided pursuant to section 1 of
 24 P.L.2023, c.202 (C.19:4-1.2), and shall have been a resident of the
 25 State for at least 30 days and of the county at least 30 days, when
 26 the same is held, subject to any change in his qualifications which
 27 may later disqualify him. No registrant shall lose the right to vote,
 28 and no registrant's name shall be removed from the registry list of
 29 the county in which the person is registered, solely on grounds of
 30 the person's failure to vote in one or more elections.

31 (cf. P.L.2023, c.202, s.2)

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33 11. Section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) is amended to
 34 read as follows:

35 16. a. The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared and
 36 shall provide to each county commissioner of registration forms of
 37 size and weight suitable for mailing, which shall require the
 38 information required by R.S.19:31-3 in substantially the following
 39 form:

40 VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

41 Print clearly in ink. Use ballpoint pen or marker.

42 (1) This form is being used as:

43 [] New registration

44 [] Address change

45 [] Name change

46 (2) Name:.....

47 Last First Middle

- 1 (3) Are you a citizen of the United States of America? ☐Yes
2 ☐No
3 (4) Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? ☐Yes
4 ☐ No
5 If you checked 'No' in response to either of these questions, do
6 not complete this form.
7 (5) Street Address where you live:
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9 Street Address Apt. No.
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11 (6) City or Town County Zip Code
12 (7) Address Where You Receive Your Mail (if different from
13 above):
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15 (8) Date of Birth:
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17 Month Day Year
18 (9) (a) Telephone Number (optional).....
19 (b) E-Mail Address (optional).....
20 (10) Name and address of Your Last Voter Registration
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24 (11) If you are registering by mail to vote and will be voting for
25 the first time in your current county of residence, please provide
26 one of the following:
27 (a) your New Jersey driver's license
28 number:.....
29 (b) the last four digits of your Social Security
30 Number.....
31 OR submit with this form a copy of any one of the following
32 documents: a current and valid photo identification card; a current
33 utility bill, bank statement, government check, pay check or any
34 other government or other identifying document that shows your
35 name and current address. If you do not provide either your New
36 Jersey driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social
37 Security Number, or enclose a copy of one of the documents listed
38 above, you will be asked for identification when voting for the first
39 time, unless you are exempt from doing so under federal or State
40 law.
41 (12) Do you wish to declare a political party affiliation?
42 (Optional):
43 ☐ YES. Name of Party:
44 ☐ NO. I do not wish to declare a political party affiliation at
45 this time.
46 (13) ☐ I wish to receive a Mail-in Ballot for all future elections,
47 until I request otherwise in writing.
48 (14) Declaration - I swear or affirm that:

1 I am a U.S. citizen.

2 I live at the above address.

3 I will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the next
4 election.

5 I am not serving a sentence of incarceration due to a conviction
6 for an indictable offense under any federal or State laws.

7 I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT
8 REGISTRATION MAY SUBJECT ME TO A FINE OF UP TO
9 \$15,000, IMPRISONMENT UP TO FIVE YEARS, OR BOTH
10 PURSUANT TO R.S.19:34-1.

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12 Signature or mark of the registrant Date

13 (15) If applicant is unable to complete this form, print the name
14 and address of individual who completed this form.

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16 Name

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18 Address

19 In addition, the form may include notice to the applicant of
20 information and options relating to the registration and voting
21 process, including but not limited to notice of qualifications
22 required of a registered voter; notice of the final day by which a
23 person must be registered to be eligible to vote in an election;
24 notice of the effect of a failure to provide required identification
25 information; a place at which the applicant may indicate availability
26 for service as a member of the district board of elections; a place at
27 which the applicant may indicate whether he or she requires a
28 polling place which is accessible to individuals with disabilities and
29 the elderly or whether he or she is legally blind; a place at which
30 the applicant may indicate a desire to receive additional information
31 concerning voting by mail; and if the application indicates a
32 political party affiliation, the voter is permitted to vote in the
33 primary election of a political party other than the political party in
34 which the voter was affiliated previously only if the voter
35 registration form with the change of political party affiliation is
36 filed prior to the 50th day next preceding the primary election. The
37 form may also include a space for the voter registration agency to
38 record whether the applicant registered in person, by mail or by
39 other means.

40 b. The reverse side of the registration form shall bear the
41 address of the Secretary of State or the commissioner of registration
42 to whom such form is supplied, and a United States postal permit
43 the charges upon which shall be paid by the State.

44 c. The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared registration
45 forms of the size, weight and form described in subsection a. of this
46 section in both the English and Spanish language and shall provide
47 such forms to each commissioner of registration of any county in
48 which there is at least one election district in which bilingual

1 sample ballots must be provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21,
2 R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4).

3 d. The commissioner of registration shall furnish such
4 registration forms upon request in person to any person or
5 organization in such reasonable quantities as such person or
6 organization shall request. The commissioner shall furnish no fewer
7 than two such forms to any person upon request by mail or by
8 telephone.

9 e. Each such registration form shall have annexed thereto
10 instructions specifying the manner and method of registration, and
11 the vote by mail option specified on the form, and stating the
12 qualifications for an eligible voter.

13 f. The Secretary of State shall also furnish such registration
14 forms and such instructions to the Director of the Division of
15 Workers' Compensation, the Director of the Division of
16 Employment Services, and the Director of the Division of
17 Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance in the
18 Department of Labor and Workforce Development; to the Director
19 of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury; to
20 the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation; to
21 the appropriate administrative officer of any other public agency, as
22 defined by subsection a. of section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-
23 6.3); to the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
24 Veterans' Affairs; and to the chief administrative officer of any
25 voter registration agency, as defined in subsection a. of section 26
26 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.19:31-6.11).

27 g. All registration forms received by the Secretary of State in
28 the mail or forwarded to the Secretary of State shall be forwarded to
29 the commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant.
30 Each such form, and any registration form received otherwise by a
31 commissioner of registration, shall be forwarded to the county clerk
32 if the vote by mail option is selected on a form.

33 h. An application to register to vote received from the New
34 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission or a voter registration agency, as
35 defined in subsection a. of section 26 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.19:31-
36 6.11), shall be deemed to have been timely made for the purpose of
37 qualifying an eligible applicant as registered to vote in an election if
38 the date on which the commission or agency shall have received
39 that document in completed form, as indicated in the lower right
40 hand corner of the form, was not later than the 21st day preceding
41 that election.

42 i. Each commissioner of registration shall **【make】** note in the
43 permanent registration file of each voter **【who is required to**
44 **provide】** the personal identification information required pursuant
45 to this section, as amended, and R.S.19:15-17, R.S.19:31-5₂ and
46 Pub.L.107-252 (**【42】** 52 U.S.C. s.**【15301】** 20901 et seq.), **【to】** and
47 indicate the type of identification provided by the voter and the date
48 on which it is provided. Prior to the June 2004 primary election,

1 when such a newly registered voter seeks to vote for the first time
2 following his or her registration, the voter will be required to
3 provide such personal identification information. Beginning with
4 the June 2004 primary election, when such a newly registered voter
5 seeks to vote for the first time following his or her registration, the
6 voter will not be required to provide such information if he or she
7 had previously provided the personal identification information
8 required pursuant to this section. Beginning with the first election
9 held after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the
10 Legislature as this bill), the voter shall provide personal
11 identification information through valid documentation in
12 accordance with subsection b. of R.S.19:15-17. The required
13 information shall be collected and stored for the time and in the
14 manner required pursuant to regulations promulgated by the
15 Secretary of State.

16 j. The Secretary of State shall amend the voter registration
17 application form if necessary to conform to the requirements of
18 applicable federal or State law.

19 k. In the event that the name of any political party entered on
20 the voter registration form by a voter who wishes to declare a
21 political party affiliation is not legible, the commissioner of
22 registration shall mail the voter a political party declaration form
23 and a letter explaining that the voter's choice was not understood
24 and that the voter should complete and return the declaration form
25 in order to be affiliated with a party.

26 (cf: P.L.2019, c.270, s.3)

27
28 12. Section 17 of P.L.1074, c.30 (C.19:31-6.5) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 17. a. Upon receipt of any completed registration form, the
31 commissioner of registration shall review it, transmit it to the
32 Secretary of State for verification of the citizenship status of the
33 registrant and, if **[it]** the registration is found to be in order, the
34 commissioner of registration shall:

35 (1) Send to the registrant written notification that such registrant
36 is duly registered to vote. No registrant shall be considered a
37 registered voter until the commissioner of registration reviews the
38 application submitted by the registrant and deems it acceptable. On
39 the face of such notification in the upper left-hand corner shall be
40 printed the words: "Do Not Forward. Return Postage Guaranteed.
41 If not delivered in 2 days, return to the Commissioner of
42 Registration."

43 (2) In as timely a manner as possible, enter the information
44 provided for the registrant on the completed registration form, or
45 electronically transfer the information from an online voter
46 registration form completed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019,
47 c.382 (C.19:31-6.4c) or received electronically from the Motor
48 Vehicle Commission pursuant to section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182

1 (C.39:2-3.2), into the Statewide voter registration system
2 established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31).

3 (3) Paste, tape, or photocopy the completed registration form
4 onto an original registration form and shall paste or tape a copy of
5 such completed registration form onto a duplicate registration form,
6 both of which shall be filed as provided in R.S.19:31-10. Nothing
7 in this paragraph shall preclude any commissioner of registration
8 from keeping the original mail registration form on file.

9 (4) In the case of a registrant currently registered in another
10 county of this State, notify the commissioner of registration of such
11 other county to remove the individual's name from the registry list
12 of voters of the county and place into an appropriate retention file
13 all registration documents or material relating to that voter. The
14 commissioner of registration of the current county of the registrant
15 shall secure and maintain the entire voting history of that registrant.

16 b. The commissioner shall notify a registrant of the reasons for
17 any refusal to approve his registration.

18 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1994, c.182)
19 (cf: P.L.2025, c.204, s.2)
20

21 13. Section 4 of P.L.2018, c.6 (C.19:31-6.14) is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 4. a. **Any** State agency, except for the Motor Vehicle
24 Commission, that the Secretary of State verifies already collects
25 sufficient information, including through documents or database
26 verification, that would provide proof of eligibility, including age,
27 citizenship, and residence address, may establish and implement,
28 upon approval by the Secretary of State, a procedure for
29 automatically and electronically transmitting voter registration
30 information to the Secretary of State of persons who are eligible to
31 vote for the purpose of registering such persons to vote or updating
32 their voter registration. Each person from whom such information is
33 collected shall be offered an opportunity to decline automatic voter
34 registration. Any such agency and each county commissioner of
35 registration shall comply with the requirements to the extent
36 applicable as determined by the Secretary of State, as established in
37 subsections b. through d. of section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-
38 3.2). (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
39 Legislature as this bill)

40 b. Subject to compliance with all applicable federal and State
41 laws, rules, directives, and regulations, the Department of
42 Corrections, the Secretary of State, and the Motor Vehicle
43 Commission shall coordinate to ensure that eligible individuals
44 scheduled to be released from incarceration imposed as a sentence
45 for a crime and who are provided a non-driver identification card in
46 anticipation of release pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2020, c.45
47 (C.30:1B-6.15) are also provided voter registration opportunities
48 pursuant to section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2) as part of the

1 application for such non-driver identification card. An otherwise
2 eligible individual shall not be processed for voter registration
3 pursuant to this section unless the individual has identified a place
4 of residence within the State where the individual will reside
5 following the individual's release from incarceration. An otherwise
6 eligible individual shall not be registered to vote pursuant to this
7 section until the person's release from incarceration imposed as a
8 sentence for a crime, and the notices and procedures required by
9 section 24 of P.L. 1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2) may be modified by the
10 Secretary of State to allow for processing of registration
11 information from an otherwise eligible person and to reflect that an
12 otherwise eligible person shall not be registered to vote until the
13 person's release from incarceration imposed as a sentence for a
14 crime. In processing information received pursuant to this section,
15 the Department of Corrections, the Chief Administrator of the
16 Motor Vehicle Commission, and each county commissioner of
17 registration shall comply with the requirements established in
18 section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2), to the extent applicable
19 as determined by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State, the
20 Department of Corrections, and the county commissioners of
21 registration shall coordinate to ensure that no person is registered to
22 vote pursuant to this subsection until the person has been released
23 from incarceration imposed as a sentence for a crime.

24 c. **【**Any additional agencies that are designated for automatic
25 voter registration pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall
26 comply with the requirements, to the extent applicable as
27 determined by the Secretary of State, as established in section 24 of
28 P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2) for automatic voter registration and
29 shall provide the notices required pursuant to subsection b. through
30 d. of that section to each person from whom such information is
31 collected.**】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before
32 the Legislature as this bill)
33 (cf: P.L.2025, c.204, s.3)
34

35 14. R.S.19:31-11 is amended to read as follows:

36 19:31-11. a. In all counties within the State, change of residence
37 notices shall be made: (1) by a written request, signed by the
38 registrant, forwarded to the commissioner by mail, and actually
39 received by the commissioner; (2) by calling in person at the office
40 of the commissioner or the municipal clerk; or (3) by completing
41 and submitting a change of residence notice online as provided by
42 the Secretary of State. Change of residence information shall also
43 be received from the Motor Vehicle Commission and processed
44 pursuant to subsection d. of section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-
45 3.2) and from any State agency that has implemented procedures
46 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.6 (C.19:31-6.14). The
47 commissioner shall provide change of residence notices in card
48 form for the use of any registered voter moving to another address

1 within the same election district, to another election district within
2 the same county, or to another election district in another county for
3 processing as provided under subsection c. of this section. Copies
4 of these notices shall also be available at the office of the municipal
5 clerk in each municipality. Each municipal clerk shall transmit
6 daily to the commissioner all the filled out change of residence
7 notices that may be in the municipal clerk's office at the time.
8 These notices shall be printed upon cards, shall contain a blank
9 form showing where the applicant last resided and the address and
10 exact location to which the applicant has moved, and shall have a
11 line for the applicant's signature, printed name, and date of birth.
12 Upon receipt of such change of residence notice, the commissioner
13 shall cause the signature to be compared with the registration forms
14 of the applicant and, if such signature appears to be of and by one
15 and the same legal voter, the commissioner shall cause the entry of
16 the change of residence to be made on those registration forms and
17 the registrant shall thereupon be qualified to vote in the election
18 district to which the registrant shall have so moved. If the
19 commissioner is not satisfied as to the signature on the request for a
20 change of residence, a confirmation notice as prescribed by
21 subsection d. of R.S.19:31-15 shall be sent by mail with postage
22 prepaid to the registrant at the new address.

23 The application for change of residence shall be filed with the
24 commissioner or municipal clerk, as the case may be, on or before
25 the 21st day preceding any election.

26 b. In any county, any voter who, prior to an election, shall
27 move within the same county after the time above prescribed for
28 filing an application for change of residence without having made
29 application for change of residence, or who has not returned a
30 confirmation notice sent to the voter by the commissioner of
31 registration of the county, if such a notice has been sent to the voter,
32 or who has not moved since the previous election but whose
33 registration information is missing or otherwise deficient, or has
34 otherwise failed to notify the commissioner of registration of the
35 voter's change of address within the county, shall be permitted to
36 vote in that election in the district to which the voter has moved
37 upon making a written affirmation regarding the change of address
38 at the polling place of the district in which the voter resides on the
39 day of the election. **【No identifying】** Beginning with the first
40 election held after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before
41 the Legislature as this bill), the voter shall present a document
42 【shall be required from the voter】, as described in subsection b. of
43 R.S.19:15-17, as valid personal identification information, for this
44 affirmation. A district board member shall provide the voter with a
45 provisional ballot and an envelope with an affirmation statement
46 that conforms with the requirements for such documents contained
47 in subsection b. of section 7 of P.L.1999, c.232 (C.19:53C-1). The
48 voter shall complete the provisional ballot and affirmation

1 statement, place the ballot in the envelope, and seal and return it to
2 the district board member. The board member shall review the
3 information in the affirmation statement for completeness before
4 forwarding it for inspection, tabulation, and notation by the county
5 board of elections, as provided for by sections 7 through 26 of
6 P.L.1999, c.232 (C.19:53C-1 through C.19:53C-20). The
7 affirmation statement shall constitute a transfer to the registrant's
8 new residence for any subsequent election. However, if the voter
9 has moved from one residence to another within the same election
10 district at any time, the voter shall be permitted to vote in such
11 election district at any election in the same manner as other voters
12 at the polling place upon written affirmation by the registrant to the
13 district board member of the registrant's change of address.

14 c. A voter who moves from an election district in one county to
15 an election district in another county prior to the close of
16 registration preceding an election shall register in the new county of
17 residence, in accordance with the provisions of R.S.19:31-6, or
18 shall file a change of residence notice with the commissioner of
19 either county or complete and submit that notice online as provided
20 by the Secretary of State, or shall have their registration updated
21 pursuant to subsection d. of section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-
22 3.2) or by any State agency that has implemented procedures
23 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.6 (C.19:31-6.14), in order to be
24 permitted to vote. A change of residence notice filed by a voter
25 pursuant to this subsection shall cause the commissioners of the
26 county of previous residence and the county of new residence to
27 update the voter registration record of that voter. The
28 commissioner of the county of new residence shall notify the voter
29 by mail that the voter is now registered to vote in that county or, if
30 the notice submitted by the voter is incomplete, to request any
31 additional information or documentation necessary to finalize the
32 change of residence notice. Nothing in this subsection shall be
33 interpreted to waive the requirement specified under R.S.19:31-5
34 that the voter shall have been a resident of the county of new
35 residence for at least 30 days prior to being eligible to vote in any
36 election in that county.

37 (cf: P.L.2025, c.204, s.4)

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39 15. Section 1 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31) is amended to
40 read as follows:

41 1. a. There shall be established in the Department of State a
42 single Statewide voter registration system, as required pursuant to
43 section 303 of the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002,"
44 Pub.L.107-252 (42 U.S.C. s.15483). The principal computer
45 components of the system shall be under the direct control of the
46 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for
47 creating the network necessary to maintain the system and
48 providing the computer software, hardware and security necessary

1 to ensure that the system is accessible only to those executive
2 departments and State agencies so designated by the Secretary of
3 State, each county commissioner of registration, each county and
4 municipal clerk, and individuals under certain circumstances, as
5 provided for by this section. The system shall be the official State
6 repository for voter registration information for every legally
7 registered voter in this State, and shall serve as the official voter
8 registration system for the conduct of all elections in the State.

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

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

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

15 (3) interactivity among appropriate State agencies so designated
16 by the Secretary of State, each county commissioner of registration,
17 each county board of elections, and each county clerk such that
18 these entities shall have immediate electronic access to all or
19 selected records in the system, as determined by the Secretary of
20 State, to receive or transmit all or selected files in the system and to
21 print or review all or selected files in the system;

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

29 (5) the ability to permit each municipal clerk to view or print
30 information in the system;

31 (6) the ability to permit an individual, by July 1, 2006, to verify
32 via the Internet whether that individual, and only that individual, is
33 included in the system as a legally registered voter, whether the
34 information pertaining to that individual required by subsection c.
35 of this section is correct, and if not, a means to notify the pertinent
36 county commissioner of registration of the corrections that must be
37 made and to so verify in a way that does not give one individual
38 access to the information required by subsection c. of this section
39 for any other individual;

40 (7) a Statewide street address index and map in electronic form
41 that can accurately identify the location of every legally registered
42 voter in this State;

43 (8) the ability to record and monitor all requests for mail-in
44 ballots; to enable the county clerk to verify the identity and
45 signature of each person requesting a mail-in ballot; to record the
46 name and address of each voter determined to be eligible to receive
47 a mail-in ballot for a particular election and to note when a mail-in
48 ballot has been transmitted to that voter by mail or hand delivery; to

- 1 update the system to allow the postal tracking of mail-in ballots
2 using Intelligent Mail barcodes, or a similar successor tracking
3 system, upon the finding by the Secretary of State that such
4 technology is viable; and to make such information available to the
5 Secretary of State so that a voter can be notified whether the
6 application for such a ballot was accepted or rejected, and the
7 reason for the rejection, using the free-access system established by
8 section 5 of P.L.2004, c.88 (C.19:61-5); and
- 9 (9) any other functions required pursuant to Pub.L.107-252 (42
10 U.S.C. s.15301 et seq.), or Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or that
11 may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.
- 12 c. The Statewide voter registration system shall include, but
13 not be limited to, the following information for every legally
14 registered voter in this State:
- 15 (1) last, first and middle name;
16 (2) street address at time of registration or rural route, box
17 number or apartment number, if any;
18 (3) city or municipality, and zip code;
19 (4) date of birth;
20 (5) telephone number and e-mail address, if provided on voter
21 registration form;
22 (6) previous name or address if individual re-registered due to
23 change of name or address;
24 (7) ward and election district number, if either is available;
25 (8) (a) current and valid New Jersey driver's license number; or
26 (b) if the registrant has not been issued a New Jersey driver's
27 license number, the last four digits of the registrant's social security
28 number; or
29 (c) unique identifying number for any individual who has not
30 been issued the information sought in subparagraph (a) or (b) of this
31 paragraph;
32 (9) notation that a copy of one of the following documents has
33 been submitted with the voter registration application, if required:
34 current and valid photo identification card; a current utility bill,
35 bank statement, government check, pay check or any other
36 government document showing the registrant's name and current
37 address;
38 (10) the method by which the individual registered **【**and whether
39 that person needs to provide additional identification information to
40 vote using a voting machine instead of a provisional ballot**】**;
41 (11) political party affiliation, if designated;
42 (12) digitized signature;
43 (13) date of registration or re-registration;
44 (14) name and street address of the individual assisting in the
45 completion of the form, if the applicant for registration is unable to
46 do so;
47 (15) voting participation record for ten-year period; and

1 (16) any other information required pursuant to Pub.L.107-252
2 (42 U.S.C. s.15301 et seq.), or Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or
3 that the Secretary of State determines is necessary to assess the
4 eligibility of an individual to be registered to vote and to vote in
5 this State.

6 (cf: P.L.2019, c.382, s.4)
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8 16. Section 2 of P.L.1944, c.230 (C.19:31A-8) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 2. Every person qualified to vote in any election shall at any
11 time after the opening of the polls be at liberty to enter the polling
12 place or room and claim his right to vote at such election in his
13 proper district, and he shall claim such right in person before the
14 district board in the district. The board shall permit no person to
15 vote whose name does not appear in the signature copy register of
16 its election district. Each voter in claiming the right to vote shall
17 first give his full name and address to the member of the district
18 board having charge of the duplicate permanent registration binder
19 and voting record and the signature comparison record, and shall
20 present a document as valid personal identification information in
21 accordance with subsection b. of R.S.19:15-17. Such clerk, if after
22 examining the document presented, is satisfied that it is valid
23 personal identification information, shall thereupon locate the
24 permanent registration form and voting record and signature
25 comparison record of the voter and shall require the voter to
26 thereupon sign his name in the proper space on his signature
27 comparison record if the voter has previously signed his name on
28 the line marked sample signature. If the voter has not so signed the
29 member of the district board shall require the voter to sign the line
30 marked sample signature and compare the sample signature with the
31 signature made by such person at the time he registered and if
32 satisfied that they were made by one and the same person he shall
33 then permit the voter to sign his name in the proper space on the
34 signature comparison record. The voter shall sign his name without
35 assistance using black ink in the proper column on the signature
36 comparison record. Such signature being completed on the
37 signature comparison record the member of the board having charge
38 of the duplicate permanent registration binder shall audibly and
39 publicly announce the name of the claimant and if the member of
40 the board has ascertained from the duplicate permanent registration
41 binder that the claimant is registered as a qualified voter and upon
42 comparison the member of the board is satisfied that the signature
43 of the claimant and the sample signature on the signature copy
44 register has been made by one and the same person, the member of
45 the board who compared the signature of the voter shall place his
46 initials in the proper column on the signature comparison record
47 signifying that he has made such comparison and is satisfied that
48 the signature of the claimant and sample signature has been made

1 by one and the same person; whereupon the voter shall be eligible
2 to receive a ballot unless it be shown to the satisfaction of a
3 majority of the members of the district board that he is not entitled
4 to vote in the district or has otherwise become disqualified.

5 In addition to signing the signature comparison record and after
6 the comparison of the signature with the signature in the register, a
7 person offering to vote at a primary election for the general election
8 shall announce his name and the party primary in which he wishes
9 to vote.

10 After a person has voted, the member of the district board having
11 charge of the signature copy register shall place the number of the
12 person's ballot in the proper column on the record of voting form of
13 such person, which number shall constitute a record that the person
14 has voted. In the case of a primary election for the general election
15 such member of the district board shall also place in the proper
16 column on the record of voting form the first three letters of the
17 name of the political party whose primary ballot such person has
18 voted.

19 No person shall be required to sign the signature comparison
20 record as a means of identification if he shall have been unable to
21 write his name when he registered, or if, having been able to write
22 his name when registered, he subsequently shall have lost his sight
23 or lost the hand with which he was accustomed to write or shall by
24 reason of disease or accident be unable to write his name when he
25 applies to vote, but each such person who alleges his inability to
26 sign his name on the signature comparison record shall establish his
27 identity as follows: one of the members of the district board shall
28 read the same list of questions to the voter as were required upon
29 registration, such questions shall be provided at each election by the
30 commissioner of registration and are to be known as "identification
31 statements for election day." The member of the board shall write
32 the answers of the voter upon the identification statement. These
33 statements shall be inserted in the front of the duplicate registry
34 binders, at each election, and shall be numbered serially from one to
35 twenty.

36 Each statement shall contain the same questions as the voter was
37 required to answer upon registration. The questions answered upon
38 registration shall not be turned to or inspected until the answers to
39 the questions shall have been written on election day by the member
40 of the board.

41 At the end of each list of questions shall be printed the following
42 statement: "I certify that I have read to the above named voter each
43 of the foregoing questions and that I have duly recorded his answers
44 as above to each of said questions"; and the member of the board
45 who has made the above record shall sign his name to such
46 certificate and date the same, and note the time of day of making
47 such record. If the answers to the questions asked of the voter on
48 election day agree with the answers given by him to the same

1 questions at the time he registered, he shall then be eligible to
2 receive a ballot. Any person who shall permit or attempt to furnish
3 the answers on behalf of the voter shall be guilty of a crime of the
4 fourth degree. The commissioner of registration shall furnish
5 sufficient identification statements for each election district in each
6 county. The statements shall be printed on sheets approximately ten
7 by sixteen inches and shall contain a margin of approximately two
8 inches for binding and shall be inserted in the front of the duplicate
9 registry binders each election and shall be in substantially the
10 following form:

11 PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS FORM FROM P.L.1996, c.120, s.6.

12 At any election any person who declares under oath and
13 establishes to the satisfaction of a majority of all the members of
14 the district board, that by reason of an inability to read or write,
15 blindness or other physical disability he is unable to mark his ballot
16 without assistance, shall have the assistance of two members of the
17 board who shall not be members of the same political party, to be
18 assigned by the board, in preparing his ballot. Such members shall
19 retire with such voter to the booth and assist him in the preparation
20 of his ballot and folding the same. The member acting as clerk of
21 the district board shall make an entry on a disability certificate for
22 assistance, which entry shall be in the form of an oath and be
23 inserted in the front of the duplicate registry binders each election.

24 In every instance when such oath was administered to a voter as
25 herein provided, it shall state briefly what facts were sworn to and
26 the names of the members of the board who aided such voter. Any
27 members of the district board shall be eligible to witness the
28 preparation of the ballot of any such voter, but no other person shall
29 be allowed to assist him in marking his ballot or to witness the
30 marking of the same. No member of the board shall reveal the
31 name of any person for whom such voter has voted or anything that
32 took place while he was being assisted.

33 Such voter, if blind, disabled, or unable to read or write, may, in
34 lieu of the assistance of the board as above provided, have
35 assistance of some person of his own selection in preparing his
36 ballot. Such person shall retire with such voter to the booth and
37 assist him in the preparation of his ballot and folding the same. The
38 name and address of such person shall be recorded as above. In
39 such case, no other person than the one so selected by the voter
40 shall be allowed to assist such voter in marking his ballot or witness
41 the marking of the same. No person so selected shall reveal the
42 name of any person for whom such voter has voted or anything that
43 took place while he was being assisted.

44 The disability certificates shall be numbered serially one to
45 twenty. The commissioner of registration shall furnish sufficient
46 disability certificates for assistance for each election district in his
47 county. The disability certificates for assistance shall be printed on
48 sheets approximately ten by sixteen inches and shall contain a

1 margin of approximately two inches for binding and shall be in
2 substantially the following form:

3 PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS FORM FROM P.L.1996, c.120, s.6.

4 The commissioner of registration in each county shall furnish
5 sufficient certificates of signature comparison records for each
6 election district in his county to be filled in and signed at the close
7 of the polls by the members of the district board. A blank space
8 shall also be provided for on the certificate for the signatures of the
9 members of the election board. Under said certificate there shall
10 also be printed the word "Remarks" together with a number of blank
11 lines. The commissioner shall insert one of such certificates in the
12 front of the signature copy register in each election district in the
13 county. At primary elections the certificate shall be in substantially
14 the following form:

15 PRIMARY ELECTION

16 CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURE COMPARISON RECORD

17 The undersigned constituting the district board of election in the
18 County of..... in the.....

19 (City, Town, Township, Borough or Village)

20 Ward..... District hereby
21 certify that (.....) is the correct

22 (Figures)

23 total of the number of names of voters who actually signed the
24 signature comparison records and voted in the DEMOCRATIC
25 PRIMARY ELECTION held on the

26 day of..... 20....

27 And hereby certify that (.....) is the correct total of

28 (Figures)

29 the number of names of voters who actually signed the signature
30 comparison records and voted in the REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
31 ELECTION held on the..... day of....., 20....

32 DISTRICT

33 Judge..... Clerk.

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35 BOARD OF ELECTION

36 Inspector..... Clerk.

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38 Remarks:.....

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43 At all other elections the certificates shall be in substantially the
44 following form:

1 CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURE COMPARISON RECORD
2 The undersigned constituting the district board of election in the
3 County of..... in
4 the.....
5 (City, Town, Township, Borough or Village)
6 Ward..... District hereby
7 certify that (.....) is the correct
8 (Figures)
9 total of the number of names of voters who actually signed the
10 signature comparison records and voted in
11 the.....election held
12 (General, Special or other Election as the case may be)
13 on the day of....., 20..... .
14 DISTRICT
15 Judge..... Clerk.
16 BOARD OF ELECTION
17 Inspector..... Clerk.
18 Remarks:.....
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26 After each election the commissioner of registration shall remove
27 from the binders the identification statements, the disability
28 certificates for assistance, and certifications of signature
29 comparison records and shall preserve them in his office in a
30 suitable place for a period of two years.
31 (cf: P.L.2005, c.154, s.9)
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33 17. Section 7 of P.L.1999, c.232 (C.19:53C-1) is amended to
34 read as follows:
35 7. a. (1) The county clerk or the municipal clerk, in the case of a
36 municipal election, shall arrange for the preparation of a provisional
37 ballot packet for each election district. It shall include the
38 appropriate number of provisional ballots, the appropriate number
39 of envelopes with an affirmation statement, the appropriate number
40 of written notices to be distributed to voters who vote by
41 provisional ballot, and one provisional ballot inventory form affixed
42 to the provisional ballot bag. The clerk shall arrange for the
43 preparation of and placement in each provisional ballot bag of a
44 provisional ballot packet and an envelope containing a numbered
45 seal. The envelope shall contain, on its face, the instructions for the
46 use of the seal, the number and the election district location of the
47 provisional ballot bag, and the identification numbers of the seal
48 placed in the envelope. Each provisional ballot bag shall be sealed

1 with a numbered security seal before being forwarded to the
2 appropriate election district.

3 (2) Each provisional ballot bag and the inventory of the contents
4 of each such bag shall be delivered to the designated polling place
5 no later than the opening of the polls on the day of an election.

6 b. The county clerk or the municipal clerk, in the case of a
7 municipal election, shall arrange for the preparation of the
8 envelope, affirmation statement, and written notice that is to
9 accompany each provisional ballot. The envelope shall be of
10 sufficient size to accommodate the provisional ballot, and the
11 affirmation statement shall be affixed thereto in a manner that
12 enables it to be detached once completed and verified by the county
13 commissioner of registration. The statement shall require the voter
14 to provide the voter's name and to indicate whether the voter is
15 registered to vote in a county but has moved within that county
16 since registering to vote or is registered to vote in the election
17 district in which that polling place is located, but the voter's
18 registration information is missing or otherwise deficient, or
19 indicate the voter has applied for a mail-in ballot and not received
20 either the ballot or an explanation for not receiving such a ballot
21 pursuant to notification by the county clerk or from the free-access
22 system; has applied for and received a mail-in ballot and has not
23 transmitted it to the county board of elections or given it to a bearer
24 for delivery to the county board before the time for the opening of
25 the polls on the day of an election but wants, nevertheless, to vote
26 in the election; or has applied for and received a mail-in ballot and
27 transmitted it to the county board of elections and has received a
28 cure letter, pursuant to section 17 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-17),
29 and wants to vote in-person in the election, either during the early
30 voting period or on election day, using a provisional ballot instead
31 of curing the mail-in ballot. The statement shall further require the
32 voter to provide the voter's most recent prior voter registration
33 address and address on the day of the election and date of birth.
34 The statement shall include the statement: "I swear or affirm that
35 the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct and that I
36 understand that any fraudulent voting may subject me to a fine of
37 up to \$15,000, imprisonment up to five years, or both, pursuant to
38 R.S.19:34-11." It shall be followed immediately by spaces for the
39 voter's signature and printed name and, in the case of a name
40 change, the voter's printed old and new name and a signature for
41 each name, the date the statement was completed, political party
42 affiliation, if used in a primary election, and the name of the person
43 providing assistance to the voter, if applicable. Each statement
44 shall also provide spaces for the voter's telephone number and email
45 address, including language informing the voter that this contact
46 information will be used to contact the voter concerning the
47 acceptance or rejection of the ballot, and how the voter may cure a
48 defect. A voter's telephone number and email address shall not be

1 subject to public disclosure and shall not be considered a
2 government record. Each statement shall also note the number of
3 the election district, or ward, and name of the municipality at which
4 the statement will be used. The Secretary of State shall prepare for
5 inclusion in the affirmation statement language for the voter to
6 submit the information required in the registration form described
7 in section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) in order to enable the
8 county commissioner of registration to process the statement as a
9 voter registration application, which shall be valid for future
10 elections if the individual who submitted the provisional ballot is
11 determined not to be a registered voter. The Secretary of State shall
12 also prepare and shall provide language for any written instructions
13 necessary to assure proper completion of the statement.

14 The written notice shall contain information to be distributed to
15 each voter who votes by provisional ballot. The notice shall state
16 that, if the voter is a mail-in registrant voting for the first time in his
17 or her current county of residence following registration or,
18 regardless of the method of registration, is voting in any election on
19 or after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the
20 Legislature as this bill), and was given a provisional ballot because
21 he or she did not provide required personal identification
22 information, the voter shall be given until the close of business on
23 the second day after the election to provide identification to the
24 applicable county commissioner of registration~~],~~; and the notice
25 shall contain a telephone number at which the commissioner may be
26 contacted. The notice shall further state that failure to provide the
27 required personal identification information within that time period
28 shall result in the rejection of the ballot. The notice shall state that,
29 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.88 (C.19:61-4), any individual
30 who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain under a
31 system established by the State whether the ballot was accepted for
32 counting and, if the vote was not counted, the reason for the
33 rejection of the ballot. The notice shall include instructions on how
34 to access such information.

35 c. For the primary for the general election, the provisional
36 ballots shall be printed in ink on paper of a color that matches the
37 color of the voting authority, which shall indicate the party primary
38 of the voter. The provisional ballots shall be uniform in size,
39 quality, and type and of a thickness that the printing thereon cannot
40 be distinguished from the back of the paper, and without any mark,
41 device, or figure on the front or back other than as provided in
42 P.L.1999, c.232 (C.19:53C-1 et seq.). Each such ballot shall
43 include near the top thereof and in large type the designation
44 PROVISIONAL BALLOT. In all other respects, the provisional
45 ballots shall conform generally to the other ballots to be used in the
46 election district for the primary election.

47 The clerk of the county or municipality shall arrange for the
48 preparation of each provisional ballot package with an appropriate

1 number of provisional ballots for each political party, a
2 corresponding number of envelopes with affirmation statements,
3 and a corresponding number of written notices. Additional
4 provisional ballots, envelopes, and notices shall be available for
5 delivery to that election district on the day of the election if
6 necessary.

7 d. For the general election, the provisional ballots shall be
8 printed in ink. The provisional ballots shall be uniform in size,
9 quality, and type; of a thickness that the printing thereon cannot be
10 distinguished from the back of the paper; and without any mark,
11 device, or figure on the front or back other than as provided in this
12 act. Each such ballot shall include near the top thereof and in large
13 type the designation PROVISIONAL BALLOT. In all other
14 respects, the provisional ballots shall conform generally to the other
15 ballots to be used in the election district for the general election.

16 The clerk of the county or municipality shall arrange for the
17 preparation of each provisional ballot package with an appropriate
18 number of provisional ballots, a corresponding number of envelopes
19 with affirmation statements, and a corresponding number of written
20 notices. Additional provisional ballots, envelopes, and notices shall
21 be available for delivery to that election district on the day of the
22 election if necessary.

23 e. For a school election, the provisional ballots shall be printed
24 in ink. The provisional ballots shall be uniform in size, quality, and
25 type; of a thickness that the printing thereon cannot be distinguished
26 from the back of the paper; and without any mark, device, or figure
27 on the front or back other than as provided in this act. Each such
28 ballot shall include near the top thereof and in large type the
29 designation PROVISIONAL BALLOT. In all other respects, the
30 provisional ballots shall conform generally to the other ballots to be
31 used in the election district for the school election.

32 The clerk of the county shall arrange for the preparation of each
33 provisional ballot package with an appropriate number of
34 provisional ballots, a corresponding number of envelopes with
35 affirmation statements, and a corresponding number of written
36 notices. Additional provisional ballots, envelopes, and notices shall
37 be available for delivery to that election district on the day of the
38 election if necessary.

39 f. Following the effective date of P.L.2004, c.88 (C.19:61-1 et
40 al.), a provisional ballot that requires the voter to punch out a hole
41 in the ballot as a means of recording the voter's vote shall not be
42 used in any election in this State.

43 g. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2011, c.134)
44 (cf: P.L.2025, c.322, s.2)

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46 18. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-3) is amended to read
47 as follows:

1 3. a. A qualified voter shall be entitled to vote using a mail-in
2 ballot:

3 (1) in all future elections, including general elections, held in
4 this State, in which the voter is eligible to vote; or

5 (2) in any single election held in this State.

6 The qualified voter who chooses the option to vote using a mail-
7 in ballot in all future elections shall be furnished with such a ballot
8 by the county clerk without further request on the part of the voter
9 and until the voter requests in writing that the voter no longer be
10 sent a mail-in ballot, or beginning with the 2020 general election
11 cycle, if the voter does not vote by mail in four consecutive years,
12 then the voter shall no longer be furnished with a mail-in ballot for
13 future elections and the voter shall be notified in writing of the
14 change.

15 The mail-in ballot application form prepared by the Secretary of
16 State shall present the two options in the order provided above. The
17 mail-in ballot application shall also provide spaces for the voter's
18 telephone number and email address, including language informing
19 the voter that this contact information will be used to contact the
20 voter concerning the acceptance or rejection of the ballot, and how
21 the voter may cure a defect. A voter's telephone number and email
22 address shall not be subject to public disclosure and shall not be
23 considered a government record.

24 The additional direct expenditures required for the
25 implementation of the provisions of this subsection as amended by
26 section 1 of P.L.2018, c.72 shall be offset pursuant to section 1 of
27 P.L.2019, c.459 (C.19:63-29).

28 b. (1) Not less than seven days before an election in which a
29 voter wants to vote by mail, the voter may apply to the person
30 designated in section 5 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-5), for a mail-in
31 ballot. The application shall be in writing, shall be signed by the
32 applicant and shall state the applicant's place of voting residence
33 and the address to which the ballot shall be sent. In the case of a
34 voter choosing to have their mail-in ballot sent to a secondary
35 address, if the ballot is returned or marked undeliverable for two
36 consecutive general elections, then future mail-in ballots shall be
37 mailed to the voter's address where they are registered to vote and
38 the voter shall be notified in writing of the change. The Secretary
39 of State shall prepare a mail-in application form and shall have the
40 authority to promulgate any rules and regulations the secretary
41 deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this subsection.

42 (2) Beginning on January 1, 2026 and thereafter, not less than
43 seven days before an election in which a voter wants to vote by
44 mail, instead of submitting an application under paragraph (1) of
45 this subsection, the voter may apply for a mail-in ballot
46 electronically through the voter registration website established by
47 the Secretary of State pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.382
48 (C.19:31-6.4c), which application shall be electronically submitted

1 to the person designated by the Secretary of State. The application
2 shall be in electronic form, shall be signed by the applicant using
3 the applicant's electronic signature in the Statewide Voter
4 Registration System, and shall state the applicant's place of voting
5 residence and the address to which the ballot shall be sent. The
6 Secretary of State shall prepare a mail-in ballot electronic
7 application form and shall have the authority to promulgate any
8 guidance, guidelines, rules and regulations the secretary deems
9 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this subsection. The rules
10 and regulations shall ensure the security of the online mail-in ballot
11 application form and the use of verifiable signatures, including a
12 process for the resolution of signature discrepancies and the
13 validation of the information provided by the applicant.

14 c. Any voter wanting to vote by mail in any election may apply
15 to the person designated in section 5 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-5)
16 for a mail-in ballot to be sent to the voter. A voter who is a member
17 of the armed forces of the United States may use a federal postcard
18 application form to apply for a mail-in ballot.

19 d. Any voter who fails to apply for a mail-in ballot before the
20 seven-day period prescribed in subsection b. of this section may
21 apply in person to the county clerk for a mail-in ballot up to 3 p.m.
22 of the day before the election.

23 e. A person voting by mail-in ballot who registered by mail
24 after January 1, 2003, who did not provide personal identification
25 information when registering pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1974,
26 c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) and is voting for the first time in his or her
27 current county of residence following registration shall include
28 copies of the required identification information with the mail-in
29 ballot. In addition to providing this personal identification
30 information as may be required, beginning with the first election
31 held after the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the
32 Legislature as this bill), a person voting by mail-in ballot,
33 regardless of the method of voter registration, shall include a copy
34 of a document for valid personal identification information as
35 described in subsection b. of R.S.19:15-17, or the driver's license
36 number, non-driver identification card number, REAL ID
37 identification card or license number, or passport number associated
38 with the document, with the mail-in ballot. Failure to include such
39 information with the mail-in ballot shall result in its rejection.

40 f. The county clerk shall not transmit a mail-in ballot for any
41 election to any person who: is deemed by a county commissioner of
42 registration to be an inactive voter; or notifies the clerk in writing
43 that the person no longer wishes to receive such a ballot for any
44 election; or is no longer eligible to vote and whose registration file
45 has been transferred to the deleted file pursuant to R.S.19:31-19.

46 g. Any mail-in ballot that is sent to a qualified voter and that is
47 returned to the county clerk for any reason shall be forwarded to the

1 commissioner of registration, who shall so note the return in the
2 voter record of that voter.

3 (cf: P.L.2022, c.68, s.1)
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5 19. Section 6 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-6) is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 6. a. The county clerk, in the case of any Statewide election,
8 countywide election, or school election in a regional or other school
9 district comprising more than one municipality; the municipal clerk,
10 in the case of any municipal election or school election in a school
11 district comprising a single municipality; and the commissioners or
12 other governing or administrative body of the district, in the case of
13 any election to be held in any fire district or other special district,
14 other than a municipality, created for specified public purposes
15 within one or more municipalities, shall publish the following
16 notice in substantially the following form:

17 NOTICE TO PERSONS WANTING MAIL-IN BALLOTS

18 If you are a qualified and registered voter of the State who wants
19 to vote by mail in the..... (school, municipal, primary,
20 general, or other) election to be held on..... (date of
21 election), the following applies:

22 You must complete the application form below and send it to the
23 county clerk where you reside or write or apply in person to the
24 county clerk where you reside to request a mail-in ballot. Instead,
25 you may complete the application form electronically on the
26 Secretary of State's website.

27 The name, address, and signature of any person who has assisted
28 you to complete the mail-in ballot application must be provided on
29 the application, and you must sign and date the application.

30 No person may serve as an authorized messenger or bearer for
31 more than three qualified voters in an election, but a person may
32 serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those
33 voters are immediate family members residing in the same
34 household as the messenger or bearer.

35 No person who is a candidate in the election for which the voter
36 requests a mail-in ballot may provide any assistance in the
37 completion of the ballot or serve as an authorized messenger or
38 bearer.

39 A person who applies for a mail-in ballot must submit his or her
40 application at least seven days before the election, but such person
41 may request an application in person from the county clerk up to 3
42 p.m. of the day before the election.

43 Voters who want to vote by mail in all future elections will, after
44 their initial request and without further action on their part, be
45 provided with a mail-in ballot until the voter requests otherwise in
46 writing, or beginning with the 2020 general election cycle, if the
47 voter does not vote by mail in four consecutive years, then the voter

1 shall no longer be furnished with a mail-in ballot for future
2 elections and the voter shall be notified in writing of the change.

3 Application forms may be obtained by applying to the
4 undersigned either in writing or by telephone, or the application
5 form provided below may be completed and forwarded to the
6 undersigned.

7 Dated.....

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9 (signature and title of county clerk)

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11 (address of county clerk)

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13 (telephone no. of county clerk)

14 b. (1) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for providing
15 all information regarding overseas ballots to each overseas voter
16 eligible for such a ballot pursuant to P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-1 et
17 seq.). The secretary shall also make available valid overseas voter
18 registration and ballot applications to any voter who is a member of
19 the armed forces of the United States and who is a permanent
20 resident of this State, or who is an overseas voter who wishes to
21 register to vote or to vote in any jurisdiction in this State. The
22 secretary shall provide such public notice as may be deemed
23 necessary to inform members of the armed forces of the United
24 States and overseas voters how to obtain valid overseas voter
25 registration and ballot applications.

26 (2) The Secretary of State shall undertake a program to inform
27 voters in this State about their eligibility to vote by mail pursuant to
28 this act. Dissemination of this information shall be included in the
29 standard notices required by this section and other provisions of
30 current law, including but not limited to the notice requirements of
31 R.S.19:12-7, and shall be effectuated by such means as the secretary
32 deems appropriate and to the extent that funds for such
33 dissemination are appropriated including, but not limited to, by
34 means of Statewide or local electronic media, public service
35 announcements broadcast by such media, notices on the Internet site
36 of the Department of State or any other department or agency of the
37 Executive Branch of State government or its political subdivisions
38 deemed appropriate by the secretary, and special mailings or notices
39 in newspapers or other publications circulating in the counties or
40 municipalities of this State.

41 c. The mail-in ballot materials shall contain a notice that any
42 person voting by mail-in ballot who has registered by mail after
43 January 1, 2003, who did not provide personal identification
44 information when registering and is voting for the first time in his
45 or her current county of residence following registration shall
46 include copies of the required identification information with the
47 mail-in ballot~~[,]~~; and ~~that~~ in addition to providing the personal
48 identification information as may be required, any person voting by

1 mail-in ballot in any election after the effective date of P.L. , c.
2 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), regardless of the
3 method of registration, shall include a copy of a document for valid
4 personal identification information as described in subsection b. of
5 R.S.19:15-17, or the driver's license number, non-driver
6 identification card number, REAL ID identification card or license
7 number, or passport number associated with the document, with the
8 mail-in ballot. The notice shall also state that failure to include
9 such information shall result in the rejection of the ballot.

10 d. The notice provided for in subsection a. of this section shall
11 be published before the 55th day immediately preceding the holding
12 of any election.

13 Notices relating to any Statewide or countywide election shall be
14 published in at least two newspapers published in each county. All
15 officials charged with the duty of publishing such notices shall
16 publish the same in at least one newspaper published in each
17 municipality or district in which the election is to be held, or if no
18 newspaper is published in the municipality or district, then in a
19 newspaper published in the county and circulating in the
20 municipality or district. All such notices shall be display
21 advertisements.

22 (cf: P.L.2022, c.68, s.4)

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24 20. Section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 24. a. The Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Chief
27 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, shall
28 provide for an eligible applicant to simultaneously apply for a
29 motor vehicle driver's license, an examination permit, a
30 probationary driver's license, or a non-driver identification card, as
31 applicable, and **【be automatically registered】** to register to vote, or
32 have an existing voter registration updated, in a manner which
33 satisfies both the requirements necessary to receive a license to
34 operate a motor vehicle, pursuant to R.S.39:3-10, or an examination
35 permit, a probationary driver's license, or a non-driver identification
36 card, as applicable, and to register to vote, pursuant to R.S.19:4-1.
37 **【The applicant shall be offered an opportunity to decline the**
38 **automatic voter registration under this section.】**

39 b. **【(1)** Pursuant to subsection a. of this section, for every
40 application for a REAL ID license or identification card, and each
41 related update, renewal, or change of address, where, in the course
42 of business with the Motor Vehicle Commission, the applicant
43 provides or has provided documentation demonstrating United
44 States citizenship, is determined to not already be registered to vote
45 in the State of New Jersey in accordance with subsection g. of this
46 section, and is of sufficient age to register to vote, the Chief
47 Administrator shall promptly transmit electronically to the
48 Secretary of State the applicant's:

- 1 (a) name;
- 2 (b) date of birth;
- 3 (c) driver's license or state ID number;
- 4 (d) residence address, and mailing address if different from the
- 5 residence address;
- 6 (e) county of residence;
- 7 (f) information concerning the applicant's citizenship status;
- 8 (g) signature as a digitized image;
- 9 (h) telephone number, if available; and
- 10 (i) e-mail address, if available.

11 The Chief Administrator shall not transmit information for any
12 person who, at the time of an application for a REAL ID license or
13 identification card or a related update, renewal, or change of
14 address transaction for a REAL ID license or identification card
15 with the Motor Vehicle Commission, provides a document that
16 conclusively demonstrates that the person is not a United States
17 citizen. Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend the
18 substantive qualifications for voter registration in this State, or to
19 require documentary proof of citizenship for voter registration, or to
20 require the Motor Vehicle Commission to maintain or validate
21 official records of voter registration. Nothing in this section shall
22 be construed to authorize the Motor Vehicle Commission to request
23 documentation establishing an applicant's citizenship solely for the
24 purposes of voter registration.

25 (2) Upon receiving information pursuant to paragraph (1) of this
26 subsection for a person who is not registered to vote in the State of
27 New Jersey, is of sufficient age to register to vote, and has provided
28 documentation demonstrating United States citizenship in the
29 course of business with the Motor Vehicle Commission, unless the
30 Secretary of State determines that the person is ineligible to register
31 to vote or is a member of the Address Confidentiality Program
32 pursuant to R.S.47:4-1, the Secretary of State shall transmit the
33 person's information to the appropriate county commissioner of
34 registration.

35 (3) Upon receiving information pursuant to paragraph (2) of this
36 subsection, a county commissioner of registration shall proceed to
37 register the person to vote pursuant to section 17 of P.L.1974, c.30
38 (C.19:31-6.5) and send to the person's address of record, by
39 nonforwardable mail, a notice that the person has been registered to
40 vote that contains a postage paid preaddressed return form by which
41 the person may affiliate with a political party or decline to be
42 registered and request that their registration be removed from the
43 Statewide voter registration system. Such notice shall also provide
44 an option for the person to apply for and receive a mail-in ballot as
45 provided under section 3 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-3), until the
46 voter requests otherwise. A notice mailed pursuant to this
47 paragraph shall include an explanation of the eligibility
48 requirements to register to vote. The notice shall also state the

1 penalties for submission of a false application. A person shall not
2 be registered to vote pursuant to this subsection until their
3 information has been received and processed by a county
4 commissioner of registration pursuant to section 17 of P.L.1974,
5 c.30 (C.19:31-6.5), provided that such registration shall be deemed
6 effective as of the date of the person's application with the Motor
7 Vehicle Commission. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
8 to alter the provisions of R.S.19:31-15.

9 (4) The notice provided under paragraph (3) of this subsection
10 shall also include a statement that, if the person declines to register
11 to vote and requests to have their registration removed from the
12 Statewide voter registration system, the request will remain
13 confidential unless required by other laws, regulations, or a lawful
14 court order or subpoena and will be used only for election
15 administration purposes under the provisions of Title 19 of the
16 Revised Statutes. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to
17 alter the provisions of R.S.19:31-15. The notice shall also include a
18 statement that, if a person does not decline registration, the office at
19 which the person was registered will remain confidential and will
20 be used only for election administration purposes.

21 (5) The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form of the notice
22 required under paragraph (3) of this subsection. Such notice may
23 be combined with the notice provided to newly registered voters
24 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 17 of P.L.1974,
25 c.30 (C.19:31-6.5). The notice shall include the required
26 information in English and Spanish, as well any additional language
27 which is the primary language of five percent or more of the
28 registered voters in the county where the notice is mailed.

29 (6) If a person returns the notice provided under paragraph (3) of
30 this subsection by declining to be registered and requesting to have
31 their registration removed from the Statewide voter registration
32 system, the county commissioner of registration shall remove the
33 person's voter registration from the Statewide voter registration
34 system, and the person shall be deemed to have never registered.
35 However, if the person has voted in an election after the transfer of
36 the person's record but before the notice is returned, the returned
37 form shall be of no force and effect and the person shall be
38 registered as of the date of the person's application with the Motor
39 Vehicle Commission. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
40 to alter the provisions of R.S.19:31-15.

41 (7) If a person returns the notice provided under paragraph (3) of
42 this subsection and affiliates with a political party, the person shall
43 be registered to vote as of the date of the person's application with
44 the Motor Vehicle Commission and the person's affiliation shall be
45 marked effective as of the date the affiliation information is
46 received.

47 (8) If the person returns the notice provided under paragraph (3)
48 of this subsection but does not select any options or provide any

1 new information, the form shall be of no force and effect, and the
2 person shall remain registered to vote.

3 (9) If a notice provided under paragraph (3) of this subsection is
4 returned as undeliverable, the county commissioner of registration
5 shall send the person a confirmation notice pursuant to subsection
6 d. of R.S.19:31-15.

7 (10) Information relating to the return of a notice form declining
8 to be registered shall not be used for any purpose other than as
9 described under paragraph (4) of this subsection. Nothing in this
10 section shall be construed to prohibit, or in any way restrict, any
11 action where such prohibition or restriction would be contrary to
12 federal law. However, documents, records, or information relating
13 to an individual person's decision declining to be registered shall
14 not be disclosed for any purpose related to Title 8 of the United
15 States Code without the person's informed consent, a warrant
16 signed by a State or federal judge, or a lawful court order or
17 subpoena. 】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before
18 the Legislature as this bill)

19 c. (1) Pursuant to subsection a. of this section, for every
20 application for a standard motor vehicle driver's license, an
21 examination permit, a standard probationary driver's license, or a
22 standard non-driver identification card, and each related update,
23 renewal, or change of address, by a person who is determined to not
24 already be registered to vote in the State of New Jersey in
25 accordance with subsection g. of this section, except as provided in
26 paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the Chief Administrator
27 shall ensure that the information necessary for voter registration is
28 collected from the application and promptly transmitted
29 electronically to the Secretary of State if the applicant selects the
30 option to register to vote. Such application shall require an
31 applicant to either affirmatively select or affirmatively decline voter
32 registration as a necessary condition to complete the application.
33 The Chief Administrator shall ensure that electronic records are not
34 transmitted to the Secretary of State for any applicant who has
35 declined registration under this subsection. Upon receiving
36 information pursuant to this section, the Secretary of State shall
37 transmit the person's information to the appropriate county
38 commissioner of registration after verifying the citizenship status of
39 the person. The Commissioner of Registration shall register to vote
40 any eligible applicant who has selected voter registration under this
41 subsection.

42 (2) Voter registration information from an application received
43 online for the renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license or non-
44 driver identification card shall be collected and promptly
45 transmitted electronically to the Secretary of State upon the
46 implementation by the Secretary of State of online voter registration
47 if the applicant selects the option to register to vote. Subsection c.

1 of this section shall be inapplicable to such applications until that
2 time.

3 (3) Voter registration information from an application received
4 through the mail for the renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license
5 or non-driver identification card shall be exempt from collection
6 and electronic transmission to the Secretary of State until such time
7 as the Chief Administrator determines that the prompt electronic
8 transmission of the information is practicable. Paragraph (4) of this
9 subsection shall be inapplicable to such applications until that time.
10 Following the effective date of P.L.2018, c.6, the Chief
11 Administrator shall inform the Governor and the Legislature every
12 six months of the practicability of collecting and transmitting to the
13 Secretary of State voter registration information from such
14 applications. This paragraph shall not be construed to preclude the
15 Motor Vehicle Commission from processing voter registration
16 applications received in the manner in which such applications were
17 processed in connection with such renewals prior to the effective
18 date of P.L.2018, c.6.

19 (4) The Chief Administrator shall provide for the following
20 notices to be provided with every application for a standard motor
21 vehicle driver's license, an examination permit, a standard
22 probationary driver's license, or a standard non-driver identification
23 card and every related update, renewal, or change of address
24 conducted pursuant to subsection c. of this section:

25 (a) a notice requiring the applicant to either affirmatively select
26 or affirmatively decline voter registration as a necessary condition
27 to complete the application;

28 (b) a notice of the voter eligibility requirements under R.S.19:4-1
29 and the penalties for false registration and illegal voting under Title
30 19 of the Revised Statutes, which notice shall contain an
31 affirmation that the applicant meets each such requirement and shall
32 require the signature of the applicant, under penalty of law; and

33 (c) a notice that an applicant who is a victim of domestic
34 violence or stalking may decline the automatic voter registration
35 and register to vote without disclosing the applicant's street address
36 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2).

37 d. (1) For every application for a motor vehicle driver's license,
38 an examination permit, a probationary driver's license, or a non-
39 driver identification card, and each related update, renewal, or
40 change of address, by an applicant who is determined to already be
41 registered to vote in the State of New Jersey pursuant to subsection
42 g. of this section, the Chief Administrator shall promptly transmit
43 electronically to the Secretary of State information regarding the
44 applicant's name and address for the purpose of maintaining current
45 information on the applicant.

46 (2) Any change of address notification received by the Chief
47 Administrator in paper format shall be reported to the Secretary of

1 State no later than the 10th day following its receipt by the Chief
2 Administrator.

3 (3) For any information received from the Chief Administrator
4 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection d. of this section for an
5 applicant who is already registered to vote in the State of New
6 Jersey, and that indicates a different name or address from that on
7 the person's voter registration record, the Secretary of State shall
8 transmit change of address and change of name information for the
9 person to the appropriate commissioner of registration. The
10 Commissioner of Registration in the applicant's county of residence
11 shall use the change of address or change of name notification to
12 update an existing voter registration, transfer the person's
13 registration file if inactive to the active file, and send to the
14 person's address of record, by forwardable mail, notice of the
15 change and a postage paid preaddressed return form by which the
16 person may verify or correct the information. If the person returns
17 the notice and indicates that the change to the person's registration
18 record was an error, the appropriate county commissioners of
19 registration, including the commissioner of the previous county of
20 residence, shall immediately correct the person's previously
21 updated information in the Statewide Voter Registration System. A
22 change of address notification submitted to the commission, which
23 is used for voter registration purposes, shall be subject to the
24 provisions of section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2) if the
25 person submitting the change of address notification previously
26 registered to vote in accordance with that section.

27 e. **【If a person who is not entitled to vote becomes registered to**
28 **vote pursuant to this section, that person's registration shall be**
29 **presumed to have been effected with official authorization, and the**
30 **person shall not be deemed to have committed a crime under**
31 **R.S.19:34-1. This subsection shall not apply to a person who**
32 **knowingly and willfully makes a false statement to effectuate voter**
33 **registration.】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____) (pending
34 before the Legislature as this bill)

35 f. The Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Chief
36 Administrator, shall take appropriate measures to educate the public
37 about voter registration under this section.

38 g. The Secretary of State and the Chief Administrator shall
39 jointly develop a process by which the Motor Vehicle Commission,
40 upon obtaining a person's full name, date of birth, driver's license
41 or state identification number, residence address, and mailing
42 address if different from residence address, may use information
43 from the **【statewide】** Statewide voter registration system to
44 determine whether the person is already registered to vote in the
45 state.

46 For the purposes of this section, "eligible applicant" means a
47 person submitting to the commission an application for a motor

1 vehicle driver's license, an examination permit, a probationary
2 driver's license, or a non-driver identification card who meets all
3 requirements for eligibility to vote under R.S.19:4-1.

4 (cf: P.L.2025, c.204, s.6)

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6 21. Section 23 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:3-10m) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 23. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
9 each applicant, who meets all requirements for eligibility to vote,
10 for a State motor vehicle driver's license, an examination permit, a
11 probationary driver's license, or a non-driver identification card
12 application, including any application for a renewal or update
13 thereof, **【except as provided in paragraph (1) of subsection b. of**
14 **section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2),】** submitted to an agent
15 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, shall be offered an
16 opportunity to **【decline the automatic voter registration as provided**
17 **pursuant to section 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2)】** register to
18 vote.

19 (cf:P.L.2025, c.204, s7)

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21 22. (New section)a. The Secretary of State and each county
22 commissioner of registration shall perform an audit of the voter
23 registration records in the Statewide voter registration system
24 established pursuant to P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31 et seq.) every
25 six months. The first audit shall occur within 60 days after the
26 effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
27 Legislature as this bill). The purpose of the audits shall be to
28 identify the following:

29 (1) any voter registration records of persons who are ineligible
30 to vote who have successfully registered to vote;

31 (2) whether any person who is ineligible to vote attempted to
32 register to vote, even if that attempt was not successful; and

33 (3) whether the procedures to ensure that a reasonable effort is
34 made to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote pursuant to
35 federal or State law are effective, as required under subsection b. of
36 section 2 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-32).

37 b. The Secretary of State and county commissioners of
38 registration shall jointly develop the audit methodology, processes,
39 and procedures, which shall apply uniformly in each county.

40 c. The Secretary of State and county commissioners of
41 registration shall annually issue a report containing the results, their
42 findings, and the recommendations of the last two audits that were
43 completed, to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to
44 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

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46 23. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill eliminates automatic voter registration at the Motor Vehicle Commission, requires specific photo identification to vote, and requires biannual audits of voter registration records.

This bill prohibits automatic voter registration through various State agencies, including the Motor Vehicle Commission.

This bill requires photo identification for voting at polling places and for voting with a mail-in ballot and updates procedures for challenging voters regarding proof of identity.

This bill would require persons, whether voting at a polling place or with a mail-in ballot, to present certain documentation as proof of voter identity to vote. A person voting in person at a polling place would be required to show or submit a copy of a valid New Jersey driver's license, a valid non-driver identification card, a valid New Jersey REAL ID, or a valid United States passport that includes all of the following criteria: (1) the name of the voter to whom the document was issued; (2) a photograph of the voter to whom the document was issued; (3) an expiration date that has not passed; and (4) issuance by the federal government or this State. A person voting with a mail-in ballot would be permitted

For first-time voters, this documentation would be required in addition to the production of any document necessary to fulfill the proof of identity requirement mandated by the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002," if that first-time voter had registered to vote by mail without submitting federally-acceptable identity verification with the registration. However, a first-time voter in this situation would be required to present only one document with respect to both identification requirements, if that document is able to satisfy the document criteria as applicable to each requirement.

The requirement for verifying voter identity through additional documentation would not apply to any voter entitled to vote by mail-in ballot under the federal "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act," provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the federal "Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act," or any other federal law.

In order to administer the bill's new voter verification requirement, the bill updates the statutory provisions governing election day challenges to a person's right to vote by district board members or other authorized challengers, as appointed pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. With respect to any voter who is denied the right to vote for failing to present acceptable documentation, that voter would be provided a provisional ballot. In order for that ballot to be officially counted in an election, the voter would need to provide the required documentation by the close of business on the second day after the election to the applicable county commissioner of registration.

1 This bill requires the Secretary of State to verify each
2 registrant's citizenship status, in addition to the county
3 commissioner of registration approving each voter registration
4 application prior to the approval of the application and prior to the
5 entry of the voter into the Statewide voter registration system.

6 This bill requires the Secretary of State and county
7 commissioners of registration to perform an audit of the voter
8 registration records in the Statewide voter registration system every
9 six months. The purpose of the audit is to identify (1) any voter
10 registration records of persons who are ineligible to vote who have
11 successfully registered to vote; (2) whether any person who is
12 ineligible to vote attempted to register to vote, even if that attempt
13 was not successful; and (3) whether the procedures to ensure that a
14 reasonable effort is made to remove registrants who are ineligible to
15 vote pursuant to federal or State law are effective, as required under
16 current law.

17 The bill directs the Secretary of State and county commissioners
18 of registration to jointly develop the audit methodology, processes,
19 and procedures to apply uniformly in each county. The Secretary of
20 State and county commissioners of registration are directed to issue
21 annual reports containing the results of the audit, their findings, and
22 recommendations of the last two audits that were completed and to
23 share the reports with the Governor and the Legislature.