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Sponsored by Assemblymen ROBERTS, MCGREEVEY,
KRONICK, KELLY and Assemblywoman Kalik

1 AN ACT concerning the distribution of voter registration forms
2 at certain public offices, amending various parts of the
3 statutory law and supplementing various titles of the statutory
4 law.

5
6 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
7 *State of New Jersey:*

8 1. Section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 15. a. As used in this section, "public agency" shall mean:

11 The Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and
12 Public Safety, constituted pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1948,
13 c.439 (C.52:17B-19), including any agent of the director of that
14 division designated under R.S.39:3-3;

15 The Division of Worker's Compensation, the Division of
16 Employment Services and the Division of Unemployment and
17 Temporary Disability Insurance, established initially by section 5
18 of P.L.1948, c.446 (C.34:1A-5), in the Department of Labor;

19 The Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury,
20 continued under section 24 of P.L.1948, c.92 (C.52:18A-24);

21 ²[The Division of Youth and Family Services in the Department
22 of Human Services, as defined by section 2 of P.L.1951, c.138
23 (C.30:4C-2), including any regional or district office of that
24 division;]²

25 The New Jersey Transit Corporation, established pursuant to
26 section 4 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-4);

27 ²[Any public institution of higher education as included under
28 the provisions of N.J.S.18A:62-1;] and²

29 Any county welfare agency or county board of social services
30 constituted under the provisions of article 3 of chapter 1 of Title
31 44 of the Revised Statutes ²;

32 Any county office on aging established pursuant to section 2 of
33 P.L.1970, c.248 (C.40:23-6.39);

34 Any congregate nutrition site established pursuant to the
35 "Older Americans Act of 1965," Pub. L. 89-73 (42 U.S.C. §3001
36 et seq.);

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 17, 1990.

² Senate SSG committee amendments adopted January 31, 1991.

1 Any free county library established under the provisions of
2 article 1 of chapter 33 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes;

3 Any regional library established under the provisions of
4 P.L.1962, c.134 (C.40:33-13.3 et seq.);

5 Any county cooperative extension service which receives
6 financial assistance, aid or grants from State funds;

7 Any local assistance board established in any municipality
8 under the provisions of the "General Public Assistance Law,"
9 P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107);

10 Any free public library established under the provisions of
11 article 1 of chapter 54 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes;

12 Any joint free public library established under the provisions of
13 P.L.1959, c.155 (C.40:54-29.3 et seq.);

14 Any narcotic and drug abuse treatment center, as defined by
15 section 2 of P.L.1970, c.334 (C.26:2G-22), other than a private
16 narcotic and drug abuse center which receives no financial
17 assistance, aid or grants from State funds;

18 Any public school, including any primary or secondary school,
19 subject to the provisions of chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New
20 Jersey Statutes;

21 Any housing authority established under the "Local Housing
22 Authorities Law," P.L.1938, c.19 (C.55:14A-1 et seq.);

23 Any institution of higher education, as defined by section 2 of
24 P.L.1977, c.123 (C.18A:68-11.2), which receives financial
25 assistance, aid or grants from State funds;

26 Any private school to which, under N.J.S.18A:69-1, the
27 provisions of article 1 of chapter 69 of Title 18A of the New
28 Jersey Statutes apply and which receives financial assistance, aid
29 or grants from State funds;

30 Any health care facility, as defined by section 2 of P.L.1971,
31 c.136 (C.26:2H-2), other than a private health care facility which
32 receives no financial assistance, aid or grants from State funds or
33 which does not directly provide health care services on the
34 premises of the facility; and

35 Any residential health care facility, as defined by section 1 of
36 P.L.1953, c.212 (C.30:11A-1), which receives financial assistance,
37 aid or grants from State funds]².

38 b. Any person entitled to register to vote may register as a
39 voter in the election district in which [he] that person resides at
40 any time prior to the twenty-ninth day preceding any primary or
41 general election by completing a registration form described in
42 section 16 of this act (C.19:31-6.4), having his signature or mark
43 witnessed by a person registered to vote in New Jersey and
44 submitting the form to the commissioner of registration of the
45 county wherein [he] the person resides or alternatively, in the
46 case of a registration form provided by the employees or agents
47 of a public agency, to those employees or agents or to the
48 Secretary of State. Any registration form [shall be mailed to the
49 commissioner to which it is addressed or delivered to such office]
50 addressed to a commissioner of registration may be mailed to or

1 delivered to the office of that commissioner, and in the case of a
2 registration form provided by the employees or agents of a public
3 agency, the form may be submitted to those employees or agents,
4 mailed to the Secretary of State, or delivered to the
5 commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant. A
6 registration form postmarked or, in the case of a registration
7 form forwarded from a public agency, stamped or otherwise
8 marked as having been received from the registration applicant,
9 on or before the twenty-ninth day preceding any municipal,
10 primary, special or general election shall be deemed timely.

11 (cf: P.L.1974, c.51, s.4)

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

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

19
20 VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

21 (Please print in ink or type)

22 (1) Name:
23 Last First Middle

24 (2) Residence:
25 Street Address Apt. No.
26
27 Municipality County Zip

28 (3) Rural Mailing Address (if any):
29
30 R.D. Number Box Municipality Zip

31 (4) This form is being used as (check one):
32 [] New registration
33 [] Change of address
34 [] Change of name

35 (5) Birth Date:
36 Month Day Year

37 (6) From what address did you last register to vote;
38 and under what name?

39
40 Last First Middle
41
42 Street Address Apt. No.
43
44 Municipality County State Zip

45 (7) I am a native born [] naturalized [] citizen
46 (check one).

47 I was naturalized on
48 Month Day Year
49 in
50 Municipality State

1 (8) By the time of the next general election, I will be at least
 2 18 years of age, I will be a citizen of the United States, and I will
 3 have resided in this State at least 30 days and in the county of . .
 4 at least 30 days. To the best of my knowledge
 5 and belief, all the foregoing statements made by me are true and
 6 correct. I [understand that any false or fraudulent registration or
 7 attempted registration may subject me to a fine of up to
 8 \$1,000.00 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both pursuant
 9 to] UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT
 10 REGISTRATION OR ATTEMPTED REGISTRATION MAY
 11 SUBJECT ME TO A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.00 OR
 12 IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO FIVE YEARS, OR BOTH PURSUANT
 13 TO R.S.19:34-1.

14
 15 Signature or mark of the registrant Date
 16 (9) I, being a registered voter in
 17 . . . county in the State of New Jersey, witnessed the
 18 making of the above signature or mark.
 19
 20 Signature of the witness Date
 21
 22 Name (Please print)
 23
 24 Street Address of the witness
 25
 26 Municipality County Zip
 27

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

32 c. The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared
 33 registration forms of the size, weight and form described in
 34 subsection a. of this section in both the English and Spanish
 35 language and shall provide such forms to each commissioner of
 36 registration of any county in which there is at least one election
 37 district in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
 38 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
 39 c.29 (C.19:2 3-22.4).

40 d. The commissioner of registration shall furnish such
 41 registration forms upon request in person to any person or
 42 organization in such reasonable quantities as such person or
 43 organization shall request. The commissioner shall furnish no
 44 fewer than two such forms to any person upon request by mail or
 45 by telephone.

46 e. Each such registration form shall have annexed thereto
 47 instructions specifying the manner and method of registration and
 48 stating the qualifications for an eligible voter.

49 f. The Secretary of State shall also furnish such registration
 50 forms and such instructions to the Director of the Division of

1 Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety; to
2 the Director of the Division of Worker's Compensation, the
3 Director of the Division of Employment Services, and the
4 Director of the Division of Unemployment and Temporary
5 Disability Insurance in the Department of Labor; to the Director
6 of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury;
7 ²[to the Director of the Division of Youth and Family Services in
8 the Department of Human Services;]² to the Executive Director
9 of the New Jersey Transit Corporation; and to the appropriate
10 administrative officer of any other public agency, as defined by
11 subsection a. of section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3). The
12 forms shall bear the address of the Secretary of State on the
13 reverse side, but shall not include any United States postal
14 permit. The Secretary of State shall adopt, pursuant to
15 consultation with the commissioners of registration of the several
16 counties, regulations for the prompt return, but in any case not
17 later than the fifth day following the date on which they are
18 received by a public agency, of those forms to the secretary.

19 g. All registration forms received by the Secretary of State in
20 the mail or forwarded to the Secretary of State by employees or
21 agents of a public agency shall be forwarded to the commissioner
22 of registration in the county of the registrant.

23 (cf: P.L.1975, c.15, s.3)

24 3. (New section) The Director of the Division of Motor
25 Vehicles shall:

26 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
27 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
28 prominently displayed at each public office of the division and at
29 the office of any agent of the division designated under
30 R.S.39:3-3 and to be made readily available to each individual
31 who, when applying for the original issuance, a renewal, or a
32 correction of a driver's license ²or a State identification card²,
33 may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register to vote. An employee
34 or agent of the division shall inquire of every applicant for the
35 original issuance, a renewal, or a correction of a driver's license
36 ²or a State identification card² whether the applicant, if not
37 already registered to vote from the place of his or her present
38 residence, wishes to be so registered and shall inform the
39 applicant that whether or not the applicant chooses to register
40 will not affect the applicant's eligibility under any program. The
41 employee or agent shall provide the applicant with any assistance
42 necessary in completing the form ²[and, if the applicant requests
43 the employee or agent to receive the form for processing,]; shall
44 inform the applicant that the applicant may leave the completed
45 form with the employee or agent; and, if the applicant chooses to
46 leave the form,² shall accept the completed form, stamp or
47 otherwise mark it with the date on which it was so received, and
48 forward it to the Secretary of State or, in the case of an agent of
49 the division, to the director of the division. The processing of
50 voter registration applications under this section by an agent of

1 the division shall be a condition of the agent's continuing
2 eligibility to serve as an agent of the division and shall not entitle
3 the agent to any compensation in addition to that to which the
4 agent is entitled for the processing of driver's license
5 applications;

6 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
7 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to every
8 office of the division or any agent thereof which distributes
9 application forms for driver's licenses;

10 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
11 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each
12 office of the division or any agent thereof which distributes
13 application forms for driver's licenses located in any county in
14 which bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
15 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
16 (C.19:23-22.4);

17 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
18 forms by any employee or agent of the division who is employed
19 in any office which distributes application forms for driver's
20 licenses, and for the transmittal of the forms to the Secretary of
21 State; and

22 e. cause the voter registration forms furnished under
23 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.20 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
24 included in each mailing sent by the division to any person who
25 applies for the original issuance, a renewal, or a correction of a
26 driver's license ²or a State identification card². Upon the return
27 to the division through the mail by that person of a completed
28 voter registration form, an employee of the division shall stamp
29 or otherwise mark that form with the date on which it was so
30 received and forward it to the Secretary of State.

31 4. (New section) The Director of the Division of Worker's
32 Compensation shall:

33 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
34 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
35 prominently displayed at each public office of the division and to
36 be made readily available to each individual who, when applying
37 for benefits under R.S. 43:21-19 et seq., may wish, on a voluntary
38 basis, to register to vote. An employee of the division shall
39 inquire of every applicant for such benefits whether the
40 applicant, if not already registered to vote from the place of his
41 or her present residence, wishes to be so registered and shall
42 inform the applicant that whether or not the applicant chooses to
43 register will not affect the applicant's eligibility for those
44 benefits. The employee shall provide the applicant with any
45 assistance necessary in completing the form ²[and, if the
46 applicant requests the employee to receive the form for
47 processing,]; shall inform the applicant that the applicant may
48 leave the completed form with the employee; and, if the
49 applicant chooses to leave the form,² shall accept the completed
50 form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on which it was

- 1 so received, and forward it to the Secretary of State;
- 2 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
3 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to every
4 office of the division which distributes application forms for
5 benefits administered by the division;
- 6 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
7 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each
8 office of the division which distributes application forms for
9 benefits administered by the division which is located in any
10 county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
11 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
12 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); ²and²
- 13 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
14 forms by any employee of the division who is employed in any
15 office which distributes application forms for benefits
16 administered by the division, and for the transmittal of the forms
17 to the Secretary of State ²]; and
- 18 e. cause the voter registration forms furnished under
19 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.20 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
20 included in the initial mailing sent by the division to any person
21 who makes application for benefits administered by the division.
22 Upon the return to the division through the mail by that person of
23 a completed voter registration form, an employee of the division
24 shall stamp or otherwise mark that form with the date on which
25 it was so received and forward it to the Secretary of State]².
- 26 5. (New section) The Director of the Division of Employment
27 Services shall:
- 28 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
29 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
30 prominently displayed at each public office of the division and to
31 be made readily available to each individual who, when applying
32 for services administered by the division, may wish, on a
33 voluntary basis, to register to vote. An employee of the division
34 shall inquire of every applicant for such services whether the
35 applicant, if not already registered to vote from the place of his
36 or her present residence, wishes to be so registered and shall
37 inform the applicant that whether or not the applicant chooses to
38 register will not affect the applicant's eligibility for those
39 services. The employee shall provide the applicant with any
40 assistance necessary in completing the form ²[and, if the
41 applicant requests the employee to receive the form for
42 processing,]; shall inform the applicant that the applicant may
43 leave the completed form with the employee; and, if the
44 applicant chooses to leave the form,² shall accept the completed
45 form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on which it was
46 so received, and forward it to the Secretary of State;
- 47 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
48 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to every
49 office of the division which receives applications for services
50 administered by the division;

- 1 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
2 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each
3 office of the division that
4 receives applications for services administered by the division
5 which is located in any county in which bilingual sample ballots
6 must be provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or
7 section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and
8 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
9 forms by any employee of the division who is employed in any
10 office which receives applications for services administered by
11 the division, and for the transmittal of the forms to the Secretary
12 of State.
- 13 6. (New section) The Director of the Division of
14 Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance shall:
- 15 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
16 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
17 prominently displayed at each public office of the division and to
18 be made readily available to each individual who, when applying
19 for benefits administered by the division, may wish, on a
20 voluntary basis, to register to vote. An employee of the division
21 shall inquire of every applicant for such services whether the
22 applicant, if not already registered to vote from the place of his
23 or her present residence, wishes to be so registered and shall
24 inform the applicant that whether or not the applicant chooses to
25 register will not affect the applicant's eligibility for those
26 benefits. The employee shall provide the applicant with any
27 assistance necessary in completing the form ²[and, if the
28 applicant requests the employee to receive the form for
29 processing,]; shall inform the applicant that the applicant may
30 leave the completed form with the employee; and, if the
31 applicant chooses to leave the form,² shall accept the completed
32 form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on which it was
33 so received, and forward it to the Secretary of State;
- 34 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
35 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to every
36 office of the division which receives applications for services
37 administered by the division;
- 38 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
39 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each
40 office of the division that receives applications for services
41 administered by the division which is located in any county in
42 which bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
43 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
44 (C.19:23-22.4); ²and²
- 45 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
46 forms by any employee of the division who is employed in any
47 office which receives applications for services administered by
48 the division, and for the transmittal of the forms to the Secretary
49 of State ²]; and
- 50 e. cause the voter registration forms furnished under

1 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.20 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
2 included in the initial mailing sent by the division to any person
3 who makes application for benefits administered by the division.
4 Upon the return to the division through the mail by that person of
5 a completed voter registration form, an employee of the division
6 shall stamp or otherwise mark that form with the date on which
7 it was so received and forward it to the Secretary of State]².

8 7. (New section) The Director of the Division of Taxation
9 shall:

10 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
11 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
12 prominently displayed at each public office of the division to be
13 made readily available to each person who, when appearing in
14 person at that office, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register
15 to vote. An employee of the division shall inquire of every such
16 person whether the person, if not already registered to vote from
17 the place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so
18 registered and shall inform the person that whether or not the
19 applicant chooses to register will not affect the person's legal
20 obligation under any law administered by the division. The
21 employee shall provide the person with any assistance necessary
22 in completing the form ²[and, if the person requests the employee
23 to receive the form for processing,]; shall inform the person that
24 the person may leave the completed form with the employee;
25 and, if the person chooses to leave the form,² shall accept the
26 completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on
27 which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary of State;

28 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
29 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to every
30 office of the division which provides assistance to the public with
31 respect to the laws administered by the division;

32 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
33 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each
34 office of the division which provides assistance to the public with
35 respect to the laws administered by the division which is located
36 in any county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
37 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
38 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

39 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
40 forms by any employee of the division who is employed in any
41 office which provides assistance to the public with respect to the
42 laws administered by the division, and for the transmittal of the
43 forms to the Secretary of State.

44 ²[8. (New section) The Director of the Division of Youth and
45 Family Services shall:

46 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
47 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
48 prominently displayed at each public office of the division to be
49 made readily available to each person who, when appearing in
50 person at that office, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register

1 to vote. An employee of the division shall inquire of every such
2 person whether the person, if not already registered to vote from
3 the place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so
4 registered and shall inform the person that whether or not the
5 applicant chooses to register will not affect the person's
6 eligibility for services under any program administered by the
7 division. The employee shall provide the person with any
8 assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the person
9 requests the employee to receive the form for processing, shall
10 accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the
11 date on which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary
12 of State;

13 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
14 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to every
15 office of the division which provides services under any program
16 administered by the division;

17 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
18 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each
19 office of the division which provides services under any program
20 administered by the division which is located in any county in
21 which bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
22 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
23 (C.19:23-22.4); and

24 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
25 forms by any employee of the division who is employed in any
26 office which provides services under any program administered by
27 the division, and for the transmittal of the forms to the Secretary
28 of State.]²

29 ²[9.] 8.² (New section) The Executive Director of the New
30 Jersey Transit Corporation shall:

31 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
32 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
33 prominently displayed at each major bus and rail terminal and at
34 all staffed rail stations at which the corporation maintains
35 operations and to be made readily available to each person using
36 the facilities at those terminals and stations who may wish, on a
37 voluntary basis, to register to vote. An employee of the
38 corporation working at such terminal or station shall ²[, if the
39 person requests the employee to receive the form for processing,]
40 provide the person with any assistance necessary in completing
41 the form; shall inform the person that the person may leave the
42 completed form with the employee; and, if the person chooses to
43 leave the form, shall² accept the completed form, stamp or
44 otherwise mark it with the date on which it was so received, and
45 forward it to the Secretary of State;

46 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
47 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to each
48 major bus and rail terminal and at all staffed rail stations at
49 which the corporation maintains operations;

50 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.

1 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each
2 major bus and rail terminal and at all staffed rail stations at
3 which the corporation maintains operations which is located in
4 any county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
5 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
6 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

7 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
8 forms by any employee of the corporation who is employed in any
9 major bus or rail terminal or staffed railroad station at which the
10 corporation maintains operations, and for the transmittal of the
11 forms to the Secretary of State.

12 ²[10. (New section) The registrar or other principal officer
13 responsible for the registration of students at each public
14 institution of higher education as included under the provisions of
15 N.J.S.18A:62-1 shall:

16 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
17 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
18 prominently displayed at the office of registration for that
19 institution and to be made readily available to each eligible
20 enrolled student at and each eligible prospective student of the
21 institution coming into that office who may wish, on a voluntary
22 basis, to register to vote. An employee of the institution shall
23 inquire of every such student whether the student, if not already
24 registered to vote from the place of his or her present residence,
25 wishes to be so registered. The employee shall provide the
26 student with any assistance necessary in completing the form
27 and, if the student requests the employee to receive the form for
28 processing, shall accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise
29 mark it with the date on which it was so received, and forward it
30 to the Secretary of State;

31 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
32 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the office
33 of registration for the institution;

34 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
35 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to the
36 office of registration for the institution which is located in any
37 county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
38 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
39 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

40 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
41 forms by any employee of the institution who is employed in the
42 office of registration for the institution, and for the transmittal
43 of the forms to the Secretary of State.

44 As used in this section:

45 "Eligible enrolled student" means an individual who is already
46 enrolled in a public institution of higher education who, by the
47 time of the next election, shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen
48 of the United States, a resident of the State of New Jersey, and a
49 resident of the county in which the individual resides for at least
50 30 days before the election; and

1 "Eligible prospective student" means an individual who is
2 applying for initial enrollment in a public school who, by the time
3 of the next election, shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen of
4 the United States, a resident of the State of New Jersey, and a
5 resident of the county in which the individual resides for at least
6 30 days before the election.]²

7 ²[11.]9.² (New section) The superintendent, director or other
8 chief administrative officer of each county welfare agency or
9 county board of social services shall:

10 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
11 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
12 prominently displayed at the principal location of the office and
13 to be made readily available to each person who, when appearing
14 in person at that location to apply for services under any program
15 administered by the office, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to
16 register to vote. An employee of the office shall inquire of every
17 such person whether the person, if not already registered to vote
18 from the place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so
19 registered and shall inform the person that whether or not the
20 applicant chooses to register will not affect the person's
21 eligibility for those services. The employee shall provide the
22 person with any assistance necessary in completing the form
23 ²[and, if the person requests the employee to receive the form
24 for processing,]; shall inform the person that the person may
25 leave the completed form with the employee; and, if the person
26 chooses to leave the form,² shall accept the completed form,
27 stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on which it was so
28 received, and forward it to the ²[Secretary of State] county board
29 of elections²;

30 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
31 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to that
32 location;

33 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
34 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to the
35 location in the case of any office on aging which is located in any
36 county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
37 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
38 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

39 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
40 forms by any employee of the office and for the transmittal of
41 the forms to the ²[Secretary of State] county board of
42 elections^{2,1}.

43 ²[11.] 12.¹ (New section) The director or other chief
44 administrative officer of each county office on aging shall:

45 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
46 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
47 prominently displayed at the principal location of the office and
48 to be made readily available to each person who, when appearing
49 in person at that location to apply for services under any program
50 administered by the office, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to

1 register to vote. An employee of the office shall inquire of every
2 such person whether the person, if not already registered to vote
3 from the place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so
4 registered and shall inform the person that whether or not the
5 applicant chooses to register will not affect the person's
6 eligibility for those services. The employee shall provide the
7 person with any assistance necessary in completing the form and,
8 if the person requests the employee to receive the form for
9 processing, shall accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise
10 mark it with the date on which it was so received, and forward it
11 to the Secretary of State;

12 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
13 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to that
14 location;

15 c. ¹[obtain] provide¹ the forms and instructions specified in
16 subsection a. of this section in both the English and Spanish
17 languages to the location in the case of any office on aging which
18 is located in any county in which bilingual sample ballots must be
19 provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of
20 P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

21 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
22 forms by any employee of the office and for the transmittal of
23 the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

24 ²[¹[12.] 13.¹ (New section) The director or other chief
25 administrative officer of each congregate nutrition site
26 established in any county pursuant to the "Older Americans Act
27 of 1965," Pub.L.89-73 (42 U.S.C. §3001 et seq.) shall:

28 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
29 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
30 prominently displayed at the location of that site and to be made
31 readily available to each person who, when appearing in person at
32 that location to apply for services under any program
33 administered at that location, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to
34 register to vote. An employee at the location shall inquire of
35 every such person whether the person, if not already registered to
36 vote from the place of his or her present residence, wishes to be
37 so registered and shall inform the person that whether or not the
38 applicant chooses to register will not affect the person's
39 eligibility for those services. The employee shall provide the
40 person with any assistance necessary in completing the form and,
41 if the person requests the employee to receive the form for
42 processing, shall accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise
43 mark it with the date on which it was so received, and forward it
44 to the Secretary of State;

45 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
46 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to that
47 location;

48 c. ¹[obtain] provide¹ the forms and instructions specified in
49 subsection a. of this section in both the English and Spanish
50 languages to the location in the case of any congregate nutrition

1 site which is located in any county in which bilingual sample
2 ballots must be provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or
3 section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

4 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
5 forms by any employee at the location and for the transmittal of
6 the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

7 ²[¹[13.] 14.¹ (New section) The director or other chief
8 administrative officer of each free county library shall:

9 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
10 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
11 prominently displayed at the principal and any branch location of
12 that library and to be made readily available to each person who,
13 when appearing in person at such location to apply for services
14 under any program administered by the library, may wish, on a
15 voluntary basis, to register to vote. An employee at the location
16 shall inquire of every such person whether the person, if not
17 already registered to vote from the place of his or her present
18 residence, wishes to be so registered and shall inform the person
19 that whether or not the applicant chooses to register will not
20 affect the person's eligibility for those services. The employee
21 shall provide the person with any assistance necessary in
22 completing the form and, if the person requests the employee to
23 receive the form for processing, shall accept the completed form,
24 stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on which it was so
25 received, and forward it to the Secretary of State;

26 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
27 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to each such
28 principal or branch location;

29 c. ¹[~~Obtain~~] provide¹ the forms and instructions specified in
30 subsection a. of this section in both the English and Spanish
31 languages to the location in the case of any free county library
32 which is located in any county in which bilingual sample ballots
33 must be provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or
34 section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

35 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
36 forms by any employee of the library and for the transmittal of
37 the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

38 ²[¹[14.] 15.¹ (New section) The director or other chief
39 administrative officer of each regional library established under
40 the provisions of P.L.1962, c.134 (C.40:33-13.3 et seq.) shall:

41 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
42 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
43 prominently displayed at the principal and any branch location of
44 that library and to be made readily available to each person who,
45 when appearing in person at such location to apply for services
46 under any program administered by the library, may wish, on a
47 voluntary basis, to register to vote. An employee at the location
48 shall inquire of every such person whether the person, if not
49 already registered to vote from the place of his or her present
50 residence, wishes to be so registered and shall inform the person

1 that whether or not the applicant chooses to register will not
2 affect the person's eligibility for those services. The employee
3 shall provide the person with any assistance necessary in
4 completing the form and, if the person requests the employee to
5 receive the form for processing, shall accept the completed form,
6 stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on which it was so
7 received, and forward it to the Secretary of State;

8 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
9 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to each such
10 principal or branch location;

11 c. obtain the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
12 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages in the
13 case of a principal or branch regional library location in a county
14 in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
15 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
16 (C.19:23-22.4); and

17 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
18 forms by any employee of the library and for the transmittal of
19 the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

20 ²[¹15.] 16.1 (New section) The director or other chief
21 administrative officer of each county cooperative extension
22 service which receives financial assistance, aid or grants from
23 State funds shall:

24 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
25 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
26 prominently displayed at the principal and any branch location of
27 that extension service and to be made readily available to each
28 person who, when appearing in person at such location to apply
29 for services under any program administered by the extension
30 service, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register to vote. An
31 employee at the location shall inquire of every such person
32 whether the person, if not already registered to vote from the
33 place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so registered
34 and shall inform the person that whether or not the applicant
35 chooses to register will not affect the person's eligibility for
36 those services. The employee shall provide the person with any
37 assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the person
38 requests the employee to receive the form for processing, shall
39 accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the
40 date on which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary
41 of State;

42 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
43 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to each such
44 principal or branch location;

45 c. obtain the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
46 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages in the
47 case of a county cooperative extension service in a county in
48 which bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
49 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
50 (C.19:23-22.4); and

1 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
2 forms by any employee of the extension service and for the
3 transmittal of the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

4 ²[¹17. (New section) The chief administrative officer of each
5 local assistance board shall:

6 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
7 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
8 prominently displayed at the principal location of the office and
9 to be made readily available to each person who, when appearing
10 in person at that location to apply for services under any program
11 administered by the office, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to
12 register to vote. An employee of the office shall inquire of every
13 such person whether the person, if not already registered to vote
14 from the place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so
15 registered and shall inform the person that whether or not the
16 applicant chooses to register will not affect the person's
17 eligibility for those services. The employee shall provide the
18 person with any assistance necessary in completing the form and,
19 if the person requests the employee to receive the form for
20 processing, shall accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise
21 mark it with the date on which it was so received, and forward it
22 to the Secretary of State;

23 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
24 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to that
25 location;

26 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
27 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to the
28 location in the case of any office on aging which is located in any
29 county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
30 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
31 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

32 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
33 forms by any employee of the office and for the transmittal of
34 the forms to the Secretary of State.]¹²

35 ²[¹16.] ¹18.¹ (New section) The director or other chief
36 administrative officer of a free public library in any municipality
37 shall:

38 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
39 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
40 prominently displayed at that library and to be made readily
41 available to each person who, when appearing in person at the
42 library to apply for services under any program administered by
43 the library, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register to vote.
44 An employee of the library shall inquire of every such person
45 whether the person, if not already registered to vote from the
46 place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so registered
47 and shall inform the person that whether or not the applicant
48 chooses to register will not affect the person's eligibility for
49 those services. The employee shall provide the person with any
50 assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the person

1 requests the employee to receive the form for processing, shall
2 accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the
3 date on which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary
4 of State;

5 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
6 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the free
7 public library;

8 c. obtain the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
9 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages in the
10 case of a library located in a county in which bilingual sample
11 ballots must be provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or
12 section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

13 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
14 forms by any employee of the library and for the transmittal of
15 the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

16 ²[¹[17.] 19.¹ (New section) The director or other chief
17 administrative officer of a joint free public library serving two or
18 more municipalities shall:

19 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
20 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
21 prominently displayed at that library and to be made readily
22 available to each person who, when appearing in person at the
23 library to apply for services under any program administered by
24 the library, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register to vote.
25 An employee of the library shall inquire of every such person
26 whether the person, if not already registered to vote from the
27 place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so registered
28 and shall inform the person that whether or not the applicant
29 chooses to register will not affect the person's eligibility for
30 those services. The employee shall provide the person with any
31 assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the person
32 requests the employee to receive the form for processing, shall
33 accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the
34 date on which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary
35 of State;

36 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
37 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the joint
38 free public library;

39 c. obtain the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
40 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages in the
41 case of a library located in a county in which bilingual sample
42 ballots must be provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or
43 section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

44 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
45 forms by any employee of the library and for the transmittal of
46 the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

47 ²[¹[18.] 20.¹ (New section) The director or other chief
48 administrative officer of a narcotic and drug abuse center, other
49 than a private narcotic and drug abuse center which receives no
50 financial assistance, aid or grants from State funds, in any

1 municipality shall:

2 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
3 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
4 prominently displayed at that center and to be made readily
5 available to each person who, when appearing in person at the
6 center to apply for services under any program administered by
7 the center, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register to vote.
8 An employee of the center shall inquire of every such person
9 whether the person, if not already registered to vote from the
10 place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so registered
11 and shall inform the person that whether or not the applicant
12 chooses to register will not affect the person's eligibility for
13 those services. The employee shall provide the person with any
14 assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the person
15 requests the employee to receive the form for processing, shall
16 accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the
17 date on which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary
18 of State;

19 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
20 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the
21 narcotic and drug abuse center;

22 c. obtain the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
23 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages in the
24 case of a narcotic and drug abuse center located in a county in
25 which bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
26 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
27 (C.19:23-22.4); and

28 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
29 forms by any employee of the narcotic and drug abuse center and
30 for the transmittal of the forms to the commissioner of
31 registration for the Secretary of State.]²

32 ²[19.] 21.1¹ (New section) The principal officer responsible
33 for the registration of students at each public school, including
34 any primary or secondary school, subject to the provisions of
35 chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, shall:

36 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
37 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
38 prominently displayed at the office of registration for that school
39 and to be made readily available to each eligible enrolled student
40 at and each eligible prospective student of the school or, in the
41 case of an enrolled or prospective student who is disqualified by
42 reason of age from eligibility to be registered to vote, that
43 student's parent or legal guardian, coming into that office to be
44 registered or re-registered as a student or to register or
45 re-register a child as a student who may wish, on a voluntary
46 basis, to register to vote. An employee of the institution shall
47 inquire of every such student, parent or legal guardian whether
48 the student, parent or legal guardian, if not already registered to
49 vote from the place of his or her present residence, wishes to be
50 so registered. The employee shall provide the student, parent or

- 1 legal guardian with any assistance necessary in completing the
2 form and, if the student, parent or legal guardian requests the
3 employee to receive the form for processing, shall accept the
4 completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on
5 which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary of State;
- 6 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
7 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the office
8 of registration for the public school;
- 9 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
10 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to the
11 office of registration for the public school if it is located in any
12 county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
13 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
14 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and
- 15 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
16 forms by an employee of the public school who is employed in the
17 office of registration for the school, and for the transmittal of
18 the forms to the Secretary of State.

19 As used in this section:

20 "Eligible enrolled student" means an individual who is already
21 enrolled in a public school who, by the time of the next election,
22 shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, a
23 resident of the State of New Jersey, and a resident of the county
24 in which the individual resides for at least 30 days before the
25 election; and

26 "Eligible prospective student" means an individual who is
27 applying for initial enrollment in a public school who, by the time
28 of the next election, shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen of
29 the United States, a resident of the State of New Jersey, and a
30 resident of the county in which the individual resides for at least
31 30 days before the election.]²

32 ²[¹[20.] 22.1 (New section) The executive director or other
33 chief administrative officer of each housing authority established
34 under the "Local Housing Authorities Law," P.L.1938, c.19
35 (C.55:14A-1 et seq.) shall:

- 36 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
37 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
38 distributed to the dwelling unit of each tenant of that authority
39 residing, on the effective date of this act, in any project
40 administered by the authority and to each person becoming a
41 tenant of the authority after that effective date, attaching to the
42 forms a notice inquiring of every such tenant whether the person,
43 if not already registered to vote from the place of his or her
44 residence, wishes to be so registered and informing the tenant
45 that whether or not he or she chooses to register will not affect
46 the tenant's housing status or any right to housing services from
47 the authority. The authority shall assign one or more of its
48 employees to provide any tenant who wishes to be so registered
49 with any assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the
50 tenant requests such employee to receive the form for

1 processing, the employee shall accept the completed form, stamp
2 or otherwise mark it with the date on which it was so received,
3 and forward it to the Secretary of State;

4 b. maintain a continuous supply of the forms and instructions
5 specified in subsection a. of this section;

6 c. obtain the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
7 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages in the
8 case of a housing authority located in a county in which bilingual
9 sample ballots must be provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21,
10 R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

11 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
12 forms by any employee of the authority and for the transmittal of
13 the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

14 ²[¹[21.] 23.¹ (New section) The registrar or other principal
15 officer responsible for the registration of students at each
16 institution of higher education, as defined by section 2 of
17 P.L.1977, c.123 (C.18A:68-11.2), which receives financial
18 assistance, aid or grants from State funds shall:

19 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
20 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
21 prominently displayed at the office of registration for that
22 institution and to be made readily available to each eligible
23 enrolled student at and each eligible enrolled student of the
24 institution coming into that office who may wish, on a voluntary
25 basis, to register to vote. An employee of the institution shall
26 inquire of every such student whether the student, if not already
27 registered to vote from the place of his or her present residence,
28 wishes to be so registered. The employee shall provide the
29 student with any assistance necessary in completing the form
30 and, if the student requests the employee to receive the form for
31 processing, shall accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise
32 mark it with the date on which it was so received, and forward it
33 to the Secretary of State;

34 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
35 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the office
36 of registration for the institution;

37 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
38 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to the
39 office of registration for the institution which is located in any
40 county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
41 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
42 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

43 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
44 forms by any employee of the institution who is employed in the
45 office of registration for the institution, and for the transmittal
46 of the forms to the Secretary of State.

47 As used in this section:

48 "Eligible enrolled student" means an individual who is already
49 enrolled in a public institution of higher education who, by the
50 time of the next election, shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen

1 of the United States, a resident of the State of New Jersey, and a
2 resident of the county in which the individual resides for at least
3 30 days before the election; and

4 "Eligible prospective student" means an individual who is
5 applying for initial enrollment in a public school who, by the time
6 of the next election, shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen of
7 the United States, a resident of the State of New Jersey, and a
8 resident of the county in which the individual resides for at least
9 30 days before the election.]²

10 ²[¹[~~22.~~] 24.¹ (New section) The principal officer responsible
11 for the registration of students at each private school to which,
12 under N.J.S.18A:69-1, the provisions of article 1 of chapter 69 of
13 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes apply and which receives
14 financial assistance, aid or grants from State funds shall:

15 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
16 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
17 prominently displayed at the office of registration for that school
18 and to be made readily available to each eligible enrolled student
19 at and each eligible prospective student of the school or, in the
20 case of an enrolled or prospective student who is disqualified by
21 reason of age from eligibility to be registered to vote, that
22 student's parent or legal guardian, coming into that office to be
23 registered or re-registered as a student or to register or
24 re-register a child as a student who may wish, on a voluntary
25 basis, to register to vote. An employee of the school shall inquire
26 of every such student, parent or legal guardian whether the
27 student, parent or legal guardian, if not already registered to
28 vote from the place of his or her present residence, wishes to be
29 so registered. The employee shall provide the student, parent or
30 legal guardian with any assistance necessary in completing the
31 form and, if the student, parent or legal guardian requests the
32 employee to receive the form for processing, shall accept the
33 completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on
34 which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary of State.

35 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
36 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the office
37 of registration for the private school;

38 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
39 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to the
40 office of registration for the private school if it is located in any
41 county in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
42 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
43 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4); and

44 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
45 forms by an employee of the private school who is employed in
46 the office of registration for the school, and for the transmittal
47 of the forms to the Secretary of State.

48 As used in this section:

49 "Eligible enrolled student" means an individual who is already
50 enrolled in a private school who, by the time of the next election,

1 shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, a
2 resident of the State of New Jersey, and a resident of the county
3 in which the individual resides for at least 30 days before the
4 election; and

5 "Eligible prospective student" means an individual who is
6 applying for initial enrollment in a private school who, by the
7 time of the next election, shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen
8 of the United States, a resident of the State of New Jersey, and a
9 resident of the county in which the individual resides for at least
10 30 days before the election.]²

11 ²[¹[23.] 25.1 (New section) The executive director or other
12 chief administrative officer of any health care facility, as
13 defined by section 2 of P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-2), other than a
14 private health care facility which receives no financial
15 assistance, aid or grants from State funds or which does not
16 directly provide health care services on the premises of the
17 facility, shall:

18 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
19 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
20 prominently displayed at the main admissions office of that
21 facility and to be made readily available to each person who,
22 when appearing at the facility to apply for services provided by
23 the facility, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register to vote.
24 An employee of the facility shall inquire of every such person
25 whether the person, if not already registered to vote from the
26 place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so registered
27 and shall inform the person that whether or not the applicant
28 chooses to register will not affect the person's eligibility for
29 those services. The employee shall provide the person with any
30 assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the person
31 requests the employee to receive the form for processing, shall
32 accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the
33 date on which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary
34 of State;

35 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
36 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the health
37 care facility;

38 c. obtain the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
39 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages in the
40 case of a health care facility located in a county in which
41 bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
42 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
43 (C.19:23-22.4); and

44 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
45 forms by any employee of the health care facility and for the
46 transmittal of the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

47 ²[¹[24.] 26.1 (New section) The executive director or other
48 chief administrative officer of any residential health care
49 facility, as defined by section 1 of P.L.1953, c.212 (C.30:11A-1),
50 which receives financial assistance, aid or grants from State

1 funds shall:

2 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms furnished under
3 subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be
4 prominently displayed at the main admissions office of that
5 facility and to be made readily available to each person who,
6 when appearing at the facility to apply for services provided by
7 the facility, may wish, on a voluntary basis, to register to vote.
8 An employee of the facility shall inquire of every such person
9 whether the person, if not already registered to vote from the
10 place of his or her present residence, wishes to be so registered
11 and shall inform the person that whether or not the applicant
12 chooses to register will not affect the person's eligibility for
13 those services. The employee shall provide the person with any
14 assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the person
15 requests the employee to receive the form for processing, shall
16 accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the
17 date on which it was so received, and forward it to the Secretary
18 of State;

19 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
20 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to the
21 residential health care facility;

22 c. obtain the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
23 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages in the
24 case of a residential health care facility located in a county in
25 which bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
26 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
27 (C.19:23-22.4); and

28 d. provide for the collection of completed voter registration
29 forms by any employee of the residential health care facility and
30 for the transmittal of the forms to the Secretary of State.]²

31 ²10. (New section) The Secretary of State may promulgate,
32 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
33 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations to effectuate the
34 purposes of this act.²

35 ²11. (New section) No State or county government employee
36 shall be subject to any penalty, liability or disciplinary action for
37 failure to fulfill any responsibility under the provisions of this act
38 except if the employee engages in the fraudulent registration of a
39 voter.²

40 ²12. (New section) The Secretary of State shall report to the
41 Legislature within two years after the effective date of this act
42 on the effectiveness of this voter registration program.²

43 ¹[25.] ²[27.1] 13.² This act shall take effect on the 90th day
44 following the date of enactment.

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ELECTIONS

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49 Provides for voter registration at various specified public
50 agencies.

ASSEMBLY, No. 745
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel
PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Assemblyman ROBERTS

1 **AN ACT** concerning voter registration, amending P.L.1974, c.30
2 and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. Section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 15. Any person entitled to register to vote may register as a
9 voter in the election district in which he resides at any time prior
10 to the twenty-ninth day preceding any primary or general
11 election by completing a registration form described in section 16
12 of this act, [having his signature or mark witnessed by a person
13 registered to vote in New Jersey] and submitting the form to the
14 commissioner of registration of the county wherein he resides or,
15 also, in the case of a registration form provided by the Director
16 of the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to section 3 of P.L. ,
17 c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this bill), to
18 the Division of Motor Vehicles or the Secretary of State. Any
19 registration form [shall be mailed to the commissioner to which it
20 is addressed or delivered to such office] addressed to a
21 commissioner of registration may be mailed to or delivered to the
22 office of that commissioner, and in the case of a registration
23 form provided by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles,
24 the form may be submitted to any agent of the Division of Motor
25 Vehicles, mailed to the Secretary of State or delivered to the
26 commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant. A
27 registration form postmarked on the twenty-ninth day preceding
28 any primary or general election shall be deemed timely.
29 (cf: P.L.1974, c.51, s.4)

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

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

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.

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VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print in ink or type)

(1) Name:

Last First Middle

(2) Residence:

Street Address Apt. No.

Municipality County Zip

(3) Rural Mailing Address (if any):

R.D. Number Box Municipality Zip

(4) This form is being used as (check one):

- New registration
- Change of address
- Change of name

(5) Birth Date:.....

Month Day Year

(6) From what address did you last register to vote; and under what name?

Last Name First Middle

Street Address Apt. No.

Municipality County Zip

(7) I am a native born naturalized citizen (check one). I was naturalized on.....

Month Day Year

in

Municipality State

(8) By the time of the next general election, I will be at least 18 years of age, I will be a citizen of the United States, and I will have resided in this State at least 30 days and in the county of at least 30 days. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct. I [understand that any false or fraudulent registration or attempted registration may subject me to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both pursuant to] UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION OR ATTEMPTED REGISTRATION MAY SUBJECT ME TO A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO 5 YEARS, OR BOTH PURSUANT TO R.S.19:34-1.

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Signature or mark of the registrant Date

1 [(9) I, being a registered voter in county in the State of
2 New Jersey, witnessed the making of the above signature or mark.

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4 Signature of the Witness Date
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6 Name (Please print)
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8 Street Address Apt. No.
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10 Municipality County Zip]

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

15 c. The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared
16 registration forms of the size, weight and form described in
17 subsection a. of this section in both the English and Spanish
18 language and shall provide such forms to each commissioner of
19 registration of any county in which there is at least one election
20 district in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
21 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
22 c.29 (C.19:23-22.4).

23 d. The commissioner of registration shall furnish such
24 registration forms upon request in person to any person or
25 organization in such reasonable quantities as such person or
26 organization shall request. The commissioner shall furnish no
27 fewer than two such forms to any person upon request by mail or
28 by telephone.

29 e. Each such registration form shall have annexed thereto
30 instructions specifying the manner and method of registration and
31 stating the qualifications for an eligible voter.

32 f. (1) The Secretary of State shall provide to the Director of
33 the Division of Motor Vehicles a copy of the voter registration
34 forms prepared in English and Spanish by the secretary pursuant
35 to subsections a. and c. of this section and a copy of the
36 instructions required under subsection e. of this section to be
37 annexed to each voter registration form, except that the
38 secretary shall modify the instructions in an appropriate manner
39 so as to inform a registrant that the form may be submitted to an
40 agent of the Division of Motor Vehicles, mailed to the Secretary
41 of State, or delivered to the commissioner of registration in the
42 county of the registrant. If any changes are made in the forms or
43 the instructions, the Secretary of State shall immediately provide
44 to the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles a copy of the
45 new form or instructions.

46 (2) The Secretary of State shall also provide to the Director of
47 the Division of Motor Vehicles a list of the counties in which
48 bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to

1 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
2 (C.19:23-22.4).

3 g. All registration forms received by the Secretary of State in
4 the mail or from the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to
5 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the
6 Legislature as this bill) shall be forwarded to the commissioner of
7 registration in the county of the registrant.

8 (cf: P.L.1975, c.15, s.3)

9 3. (New section) The director shall:

10 a. Cause to be prepared as a part of all application forms for
11 driver's licenses easily detachable voter registration forms in
12 both the English and Spanish languages and of size and weight
13 suitable for mailing and the instructions to be annexed thereto
14 pursuant to subsection e. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30
15 (C.19:31-6.4), which forms and instructions shall conform in
16 content and format to the copies provided to the director by the
17 Secretary of State pursuant to subsection f. of section 16 of
18 P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) and, in the case of the forms, shall
19 bear on their reverse side the address of the Secretary of State
20 and a United States postal permit;

21 b. Provide for the continuous supply of the forms and
22 instructions specified in subsection a. of this section to every
23 Division of Motor Vehicles office that distributes application
24 forms for driver's licenses;

25 c. Provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a.
26 of this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each
27 Division of Motor Vehicle office that distributes application
28 forms for driver's licenses located in any county in which
29 bilingual sample ballots must be provided pursuant to
30 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29
31 (C.19:23-22.4); and

32 d. Provide for the collection of completed voter registration
33 forms by any agent of the division who is employed in any office
34 of that division which distributes application forms for driver's
35 licenses and for the transmittal of the forms to the Secretary of
36 State.

37 4. (New section) The Director of the Division of Motor
38 Vehicles shall have the authority to promulgate, pursuant to the
39 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1
40 et seq.), any additional rules and regulations that may be
41 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

42 5. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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46 The purpose of this bill is to make voter registration easier and
47 more accessible by providing that mail-in voter registration
48 forms shall be a detachable part of all applications for driver's

1 licenses.

2 The bill provides that this new combined form be available at
3 every Division of Motor Vehicles office that distributes driver's
4 license applications. Once the form is completed it may be
5 collected by any agent of the Division of Motor Vehicles who is
6 employed in an office that distributes applications for driver's
7 licenses. All voter registration forms thus collected would be
8 forwarded to the Secretary of State. The bill also provides that
9 the forms may be mailed to the Secretary of State or delivered to
10 the commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant.

11 As a further means of facilitating voter registration, the bill
12 deletes the requirement that all new voter registration forms be
13 witnessed by a registered voter.

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ELECTIONS

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18 Provides that mail-in voter registration forms shall be a
19 detachable part of all applications for driver's licenses;
20 eliminates requirement that applicant's signature be witnessed.

ASSEMBLY, No. 747

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Assemblyman ROBERTS

1 AN ACT concerning voter registration, amending P.L.1974, c.30
2 and supplementing Title 34 and Title 44 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. Section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 15. Any person entitled to register to vote may register as a
9 voter in the election district in which he resides at any time prior
10 to the twenty-ninth day preceding any primary or general
11 election by completing a registration form described in section 16
12 of this act, [having his signature or mark witnessed by a person
13 registered to vote in New Jersey] and submitting the form to the
14 commissioner of registration of the county wherein he resides or
15 also, in the case of a registration form provided by the employees
16 of the Department of Labor or by a county welfare agency or a
17 municipal director of welfare pursuant to section 2 or section 3
18 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
19 this bill), to those employees, or to that county welfare agency or
20 municipal director or to the Secretary of State. Any registration
21 form [shall be mailed to the commissioner to which it is
22 addressed or delivered to such office] addressed to a
23 commissioner of registration may be mailed to or delivered to the
24 office of that commissioner, and in the case of a registration
25 form provided by the employees of the Department of Labor or
26 by a county welfare agency or a municipal director of welfare,
27 the form may be submitted to those employees, that county
28 welfare agency or that municipal director, mailed to the
29 Secretary of State or delivered to the commissioner of
30 registration in the county of the registrant. A registration form
31 postmarked on the twenty-ninth day preceding any primary or
32 general election shall be deemed timely.

33 (cf: P.L.1974, c.51, s.4)

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

36 16. a. The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared and
37 shall provide to each county commissioner of registration
38 registration forms of size and weight suitable for mailing, which

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 shall require the information required by R.S.19:31-3 in
2 substantially the following form:

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4 VOTER REGISTRATION FORM
5 (Please print in ink or type)

6 (1) Name:
7 Last
8 First Middle

9 (2) Residence:
10 Street Address
11 Apt. No.
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13 Municipality
14 County Zip

15 (3) Rural Mailing Address (if any):
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17 R.D. Number
18 Box Municipality
19 Zip
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21 (4) This form is being used as (check one):
22 [] New registration
23 [] Change of address
24 [] Change of name

25 (5) Birth Date:
26 Month
27 Day Year

28 (6) From what address did you last register to vote; and under
29 what name?
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31 Last
32 First Middle

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34 Street Address
35 Apt. No.
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37 Municipality
38 County State
39 Zip

40 (7) I am a native born [] naturalized [] citizen (check one).
41 I was naturalized on
42 Month
43 Day Year

44 in
45 Municipality
46 State

47 (8) By the time of the next general election, I will be at least
48 18 years of age, I will be a citizen of the United States, and I will

1 have resided in this State at least 30 days and in the county of . .
 2 at least 30 days. To the best of my knowledge
 3 and belief, all the foregoing statements made by me are true and
 4 correct. I [understand that any false or fraudulent registration or
 5 attempted registration may subject me to a fine of up to
 6 \$1,000.00 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both pursuant
 7 to] UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT
 8 REGISTRATION OR ATTEMPTED REGISTRATION MAY
 9 SUBJECT ME TO A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.00 OR
 10 IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO FIVE YEARS, OR BOTH PURSUANT
 11 TO R.S.19:34-1.

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 13 Signature or mark of the registrant

14 Date

15 [(9) I, being a registered voter in county in
 16 the State of New Jersey, witnessed the making of the above
 17 signature or mark.

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 19 Signature of the witness

20 Date

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 22 Name (Please print)

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 24 Street Address of the witness

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 26 Municipality

27 County Zip]

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

33 c. The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared
 34 registration forms of the size, weight and form described in
 35 subsection a. of this section in both the English and Spanish
 36 language and shall provide such forms to each commissioner of
 37 registration of any county in which there is at least one election
 38 district in which bilingual sample ballots must be provided
 39 pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of P.L.1965,
 40 c.29 (C.19:2 3-22.4).

41 d. The commissioner of registration shall furnish such
 42 registration forms upon request in person to any person or
 43 organization in such reasonable quantities as such person or
 44 organization shall request. The commissioner shall furnish no
 45 fewer than two such forms to any person upon request by mail or
 46 by telephone.

47 e. Each such registration form shall have annexed thereto
 48 instructions specifying the manner and method of registration and

1 stating the qualifications for an eligible voter.

2 f. The Secretary of State shall also furnish such registration
3 forms and such instructions to the Commissioner of Labor, each
4 county welfare agency and each municipal director of welfare.
5 The forms shall bear the address of the Secretary of State on the
6 reverse side.

7 g. All registration forms received by the Secretary of State in
8 the mail or forwarded by employees of the Department of Labor
9 or by a county welfare agency or a municipal director of welfare
10 pursuant to section 2 or section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now
11 pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be forwarded to
12 the commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant.
13 (cf: P.L.1975, c.15, s.3)

14 3. (New section) The Commissioner of Labor shall cause the
15 voter registration forms furnished under subsection f. of section
16 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) to be prominently displayed at
17 each public office of the Division of Employment Services and
18 the Division of Unemployment and Disability Insurance and to be
19 made readily available to each applicant for benefits or services
20 under any program administered by the divisions who may, on a
21 voluntary basis, wish to register to vote. An employee of the
22 department shall inquire of every applicant for benefits or
23 services whether the applicant wishes to register and shall inform
24 the applicant that whether or not the applicant chooses to
25 register will not affect the applicant's eligibility under any
26 program. The employee shall provide the applicant with any
27 assistance necessary in completing the form and, if requested by
28 the applicant, shall forward the completed form to the Secretary
29 of State.

30 4. (New section) Each county welfare agency and each
31 municipal director of welfare shall prominently display the voter
32 registration forms furnished under subsection f. of section 16 of
33 P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4) and shall make them readily
34 available to each applicant for public assistance, medicaid and
35 aid to families with dependent children who may, on a voluntary
36 basis, wish to register to vote. Each county welfare agency and
37 each municipal director of welfare shall inquire of every
38 applicant for these programs whether the applicant wishes to
39 register and shall inform the applicant that whether or not the
40 applicant chooses to register will not affect the applicant's
41 eligibility under any program. They shall provide the applicant
42 with any assistance necessary in completing the form and, if
43 requested by the applicant, shall forward the completed form to
44 the Secretary of State.

45 5. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of
46 enactment.

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This bill directs the Secretary of State to provide voter registration forms to the Commissioner of Labor for distribution to applicants for benefits or services under programs administered by the Division of Employment Services and the Division of Unemployment and Disability Insurance. Voter registration forms would also be provided to each county welfare agency and each municipal director of welfare for distribution to applicants for public assistance, medicaid and aid to families with dependent children.

As a further means of facilitating voter registration, the bill deletes the requirement that all new voter registration forms be witnessed by a registered voter.

ELECTIONS

Directs the Secretary of State to furnish voter registration forms to certain government agencies for distribution to members of the public; eliminates requirement that applicant's signature be witnessed.

ASSEMBLY, No. 984

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Assemblyman McGREEVEY

1 AN ACT concerning voter registration and supplementing Title
2 19 and Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

6 1. Any person entitled to register to vote may register as a
7 voter in the election district in which he resides by completing at
8 an office of an agent of the Division of Motor Vehicles, when
9 applying for the original issuance, a renewal, or a correction of a
10 driver's license, a registration form described in section 2 of this
11 act, having his signature or mark witnessed by the agent, and
12 having the form submitted to the commissioner of registration of
13 the county wherein the person resides. A registration form
14 postmarked on the 29th day preceding any primary or general
15 election shall be deemed timely registration for that person to be
16 eligible to vote in that election.

17 2. a. The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared and
18 shall provide to each agent of the Division of Motor Vehicles
19 voter registration forms of size and weight suitable for mailing,
20 which shall require the information required by R.S.19:31-3 in
21 substantially the following form:

22
23 VOTER REGISTRATION FORM
24 (Please print in ink or type)

25
26 (1) Name:.....

27 Last First Middle

28 (2) Residence:.....

29 Street Address Apt. No.

30
31 Municipality County Zip

32 (3) Rural Mailing Address (if any):

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34 R.D.Number Box Municipality Zip

35 (4) This form is being used as (check one):

36 () New registration

37 () Change of address

38 () Change of name

1 (5) Birth Date:.....
2 Month Day Year

3 (6) From what address did you last register to vote;
4 and under what name?

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6 Last Name First Middle

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8 Street Address Apt. No.

9
10 Municipality County State Zip

11 (7) I am a native born () naturalized () citizen
12 (check one).

13 I was naturalized on
14 Month Day Year

15 in
16 Municipality State

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18 (8) By the time of the next general election, I will be at least
19 18 years of age, I will be a citizen of the United States, and I will
20 have resided in this State at last 30 days and in the county of
21 at least 30 days. To the best of my knowledge and belief,
22 all the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct. I
23 understand that any false or fraudulent registration or attempted
24 registration may subject me to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or
25 imprisonment of up to five years, or both pursuant to R.S.19:34-1.

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27 Signature or mark of the registrant Date

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29 (9) I, being an authorized agent of the Division of Motor
30 Vehicles, witnessed the making of the above signature or mark.

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32 Signature of the agent Date

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34 Name (Please print)

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36 Street Address of the agent's office

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38 Municipality County Zip

39 b. The reverse side of the registration form shall bear a United
40 States postal permit the charges upon which shall be paid by the
41 State.

42 c. The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared voter
43 registration forms of the size, weight and form described in
44 subsection a. of this act in both the English and Spanish language
45 and shall provide the form to each agent of the Division of Motor
46 Vehicles who is located in a county in which there is at least one
47 election district in which bilingual sample ballots must be
48 provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or section 2 of

1 P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4).

2 d. Each registration form shall have annexed thereto
3 instructions specifying the manner and method of registration and
4 stating the qualifications for an eligible voter.

5 3. Registration forms completed pursuant to this act shall be
6 handled in the same manner as provided in section 17 of P.L.1974,
7 c.30 (C.19:31-6.5) and shall be subject to the provisions of section
8 18 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.6).

9 4. The Secretary of State shall promulgate such rules and
10 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities
11 of the secretary and of a commissioner of registration under this
12 act, including rules delineating which defects, if any, in partially
13 completed voter registration forms may be cured and the manner
14 in which such defects, if any, may be cured.

15 5. a. Each agent of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall
16 inquire of each person applying for the original issuance, a
17 renewal, or a correction of a driver's license as to whether the
18 person is a registered voter and whether the person wishes to
19 register to vote.

20 b. The agent shall provide to each person wishing to register to
21 vote a voter registration form of the type specified in section 2
22 of this act, and upon the completion of that form in the presence
23 of the agent, the agent shall witness the signing of the voter
24 registration form by the person, shall sign his name in the
25 appropriate space indicated on the form, shall validate the form
26 with a stamp which shall indicate the date of completion of the
27 form, and shall provide the person with a receipt which shall also
28 be validated with a stamp to indicate the date and to verify that
29 the person has completed the form.

30 c. The agent shall address the reverse side of the voter
31 registration form to the commissioner of registration of the
32 county in which the person resides and shall cause the form to be
33 forwarded to that commissioner.

34 d. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall furnish
35 to the Secretary of State a list of authorized agents and shall
36 inform the Secretary of State immediately of any changes in
37 the list.

38 e. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall
39 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to
40 effectuate the purposes of this act.

41 6. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the day of
42 enactment.

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This bill allows any person who is entitled to register to vote in the election district in which he resides to complete an

1 application to register to vote at an office of an agent of the
2 Division of Motor Vehicles when applying for the original
3 issuance, a renewal, or a correction of a driver's license.

4 The bill provides an effective and efficient supplement to the
5 current methods of voter registration. Moreover, since public
6 contact with government is probably greatest with the Division of
7 Motor Vehicles, this method of voter registration will provide
8 convenient access for registration of potentially thousands of
9 unregistered voters throughout the State.

10 This alternative to the current voter registration systems has
11 been in effect in Michigan for over 10 years. Michigan law
12 permits a person who is entitled to register to vote and who
13 applies for original issuance, renewal, or correction of a driver's
14 license an opportunity to complete an application to register to
15 vote or to change the person's voting registration name or
16 address. Since the program's inception almost 1,820,000 persons
17 have registered to vote under this program.

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ELECTIONS

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23 Permits persons qualified to vote to register at Motor Vehicle
24 agent offices.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1027

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Assemblymen KRONICK and KELLY

1 AN ACT concerning the display and distribution of voter
2 registration forms, supplementing Title 19 and Title 27 of the
3 Revised Statutes and making an appropriation.

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5 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
6 *State of New Jersey:*

7 1. a. The Secretary of State shall provide, on a continuous
8 basis, to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit
9 Corporation, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1979, c.150
10 (C.27:25-4) mail-in voter registration forms suitable for display
11 and distribution on all motorbuses and rail passenger vehicles
12 owned and operated by or operated under contract to the New
13 Jersey Transit Corporation. The forms shall contain the
14 information required by chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised
15 Statutes and shall be of a design and size prescribed by the
16 Secretary of State.

17 b. The Secretary of State shall also be responsible for
18 providing the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit
19 Corporation with a display and distribution device suitable for the
20 forms for each motorbus and rail passenger vehicle owned and
21 operated by or operated under contract to the New Jersey Transit
22 Corporation.

23 2. The Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit
24 Corporation, upon receipt of the mail-in voter registration forms
25 and the display and distribution devices for those forms from the
26 Secretary of State provided pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c.
27 (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this bill), shall
28 provide for their placement on each motorbus and rail passenger
29 vehicle owned and operated by or operated under contract to the
30 New Jersey Transit Corporation. The Executive Director shall
31 also be responsible for maintaining a continuous supply of the
32 mail-in voter registration forms on each motorbus and rail
33 passenger vehicle owned and operated by or operated under
34 contract with the New Jersey Transit Corporation and for
35 maintaining in good order the display and distribution devices for
36 those forms.

37 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
38 Department of State \$25,000 to effectuate the purposes of this
39 act.

40 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to require that mail-in voter registration forms be made available on each motorbus and rail passenger vehicle owned and operated by or operated under contract with the New Jersey Transit Corporation. The bill also requires that the Secretary of State provide and the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation maintain in good order display and distribution devices for the forms.

ELECTIONS

Requires that mail-in voter registration forms be available on each motorbus and rail passenger vehicle owned and operated by or operated under contract with New Jersey Transit; appropriates \$25,000.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, Nos. 745, 747, 984 and 1027

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 23, 1990

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly, Nos. 745, 747, 984 and 1027.

This committee substitute establishes a program under which an eligible individual having contact with any of various specified "public agencies" could at the same time apply to be registered as a voter. The specified agencies include certain State, county and municipal entities and certain private entities which provide public services and receive funding from State sources.

The legislation directs the Secretary of State, who currently is responsible for preparing the mail-in voter registration form used to register voters through local elections officials, to furnish copies of a form similar to that form, with the address of the Secretary of State printed on the reverse side but not including any federal postal permit, to the principal administrators of the several named public agencies.

These administrators are to arrange for copies of the form to be prominently displayed at each public office of the agency and to be made readily available to each user of services or applicant for benefits under any program administered by the agency who wishes to be registered to vote. The bill's provisions regarding the placement of the forms are not intended to be restrictive, and an agency is to have discretion to make forms available at other locations heavily used by the public which are under the agency's jurisdiction, in addition to those specified in the legislation.

Except in specified cases where it would be highly impractical, an employee of the agency is to inquire of each such user or applicant whether he or she wishes to register, and to inform the applicant that registering to vote will not affect the applicant's eligibility under any program. In all cases, an employee is to provide the applicant with any assistance necessary in completing the form and, if the applicant requests the employee to receive the form for processing, shall accept the completed form, stamp or otherwise mark it with the date on which it was received, and forward it to principal administrator of the agency or the Secretary of State, as appropriate.

If the applicant does not request that the completed form be forwarded to the Secretary of State, it may be mailed directly to the Secretary of State or delivered to the commissioner of

registration in the county of the registrant. The Secretary of State is to forward all such registration forms received in the mail or from a public agency to the commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant.

The public agencies which are to participate in the voter registration program are as follows:

The Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety, including any agent of the director of that division designated under R.S.39:3-3;

The Division of Workmen's Compensation, the Division of Employment Services and the Division of Unemployment and Disability Insurance in the Department of Labor;

The Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury;

The Division of Youth and Family Services in the Department of Human Services, including any regional or district office of that division;

The New Jersey Transit Corporation, with respect to its principal mass transit facilities;

Any public institution of higher education;

Any county welfare agency or county board of social services;

Any county office on aging;

Any congregate nutrition site established pursuant to the federal "Older Americans Act of 1965";

Any free county library;

Any regional library;

Any county cooperative extension service which receives State funds;

Any local assistance board;

Any free public library;

Any joint free public library;

Any narcotic and drug abuse treatment center, other than a private narcotic and drug abuse center which receives no State funds;

Any public school;

Any local housing authority;

Any private institution of higher education which receives State funds;

Any private school subject to statutory regulation which receives State funds;

Any health care facility, other than a private health care facility which receives no State funds or which does not directly provide health care services on the premises of the facility; and

Any residential health care facility which receives State funds.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, Nos. 745, 747, 984 and 1027

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 17, 1990

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill Nos. 745/747/984/1027 ACS with committee amendments.

Assembly Bill Nos. 745/747/984/1027 ACS, as amended, provides that eligible individuals may register to vote at specified "public agencies," as defined in the bill.

The bill requires the Secretary of State, who currently prepares the mail-in voter registration form used to register voters through local elections officials, to furnish copies of a similar form to the principal administrators of the public agencies.

These forms must be prominently displayed at each public agency and be available to each agency client who wishes to register to vote. Employees of the agency must ask each client whether he or she wishes to register, and inform the client that registering to vote will not affect eligibility under any program, and assist clients as necessary in completing the form. If the client so requests, the employee must receive the form for processing, date-stamp it, and forward it to principal administrator of the agency or the Secretary of State, as appropriate.

If the client does not request that the completed form be forwarded to the Secretary of State, it may be mailed directly to the Secretary of State or delivered to the commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant. The Secretary of State is to forward all such registration forms received in the mail or from a public agency to the commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant.

The specified public agencies are as follows:

the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety, including any agent of the director of that division designated under R.S.39:3-3;

the Division of Worker's Compensation, the Division of Employment Services and the Division of Unemployment and Disability Insurance in the Department of Labor;

the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury;

the Division of Youth and Family Services in the Department of Human Services, including any regional or district office of that division;

the New Jersey Transit Corporation, with respect to its principal mass transit facilities;

any public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education which receives State funds, and any public school or private school subject to statutory regulation which receives State funds;

various county agencies, including any welfare agency, board of social services, office on aging, free library, and cooperative extension service which receives State funds;

any congregate nutrition site established pursuant to the federal "Older Americans Act of 1965";

any local assistance board;

any regional library, free public library or joint free public library;

any narcotic and drug abuse treatment center, other than a private narcotic and drug abuse center which receives no State funds;

any local housing authority;

any health care facility, other than a private health care facility which receives no State funds or which does not directly provide health care services on the premises of the facility; and

any residential health care facility which receives State funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

A fiscal note has not been completed on this bill at this time.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments, technical in nature, include certain references to county welfare agencies and boards of social services and local assistance boards which were inadvertently omitted from the substitute.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL
AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 745, 747, 984 and 1027

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 31, 1991

The Senate State Government and Federal and Interstate Relations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Committee Substitute [1R] for Assembly Bill Nos. 745, 747, 984 and 1027.

This bill establishes a voter registration program under which an individual may register to vote at specified public agencies. The bill directs the Secretary of State, who currently prepares the mail-in voter registration form used to register voters, to furnish copies of a similar form to the principal administrators of the specified public agencies. These forms must be prominently displayed at each public office of the agency and shall be made readily available to persons who wish to register to vote. An employee of the agency must ask each person whether he or she wishes to register and inform the person that registering to vote will not affect eligibility under any program. The employee shall provide the applicant with any assistance necessary in completing the form; shall inform the applicant that the applicant may leave the completed form with the employee; and, if the applicant chooses to leave the form, shall accept the completed form, date-stamp it, and forward it to the appropriate office. The Secretary of State shall forward all registration forms received in the mail or from a public agency to the commissioner of registration in the county of the registrant.

The public agencies which shall participate in the voter registration program are as follows:

- (1) The Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety, including any agent of the director of that division designated under R.S.39:3-3;
- (2) The Division of Worker's Compensation, the Division of Employment Services and the Division of Unemployment and Disability Insurance in the Department of Labor;
- (3) The Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury;
- (4) The New Jersey Transit Corporation, with respect to its principal mass transit facilities; and
- (5) Any county welfare agency or county board of social services.

The bill also provides that voter registration forms shall be included in each mailing sent by the Division of Motor Vehicles to any person who applies for the original issuance, a renewal or a correction of a driver's license or a State identification card. Upon the return through the mail of a completed form, an employee of the division shall date-stamp it and forward it to the Secretary of State.

No State or county government employee shall be subject to any penalty, liability or disciplinary action for failure to fulfill any responsibility under the provisions of this act except if the employee engages in the fraudulent registration of a voter. The Secretary of State may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act and shall report to the Legislature within two years on the effectiveness of this voter registration program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to eliminate its applicability to the Division of Youth and Family Services, any public institution of higher education, any county office on aging, any congregate nutrition site established pursuant to the federal "Older Americans Act of 1965", any free county library, any regional library, any county cooperative extension service which receives State funds, any local assistance board, any free public library, any joint free public library, any narcotic and drug abuse treatment center, other than a private narcotic and drug abuse center which receives no State funds, any public school, any local housing authority, any private institution of higher education which receives State funds, any private school subject to statutory regulation which receives State funds, any health care facility, other than a private health care facility which receives no State funds or which does not directly provide health care services on the premises of the facility, and any residential health care facility which receives State funds.

The committee also amended the bill to: limit the mailing of voter registration forms to specified mailings by the Division of Motor Vehicles; include references to State identification cards; clarify the responsibilities of State and county government employees and protect them from disciplinary actions for failure to fulfill their responsibilities; authorize the Secretary of State to promulgate rules and regulations and report to the Legislature; and provide that a county welfare agency shall forward completed forms to the county board of elections instead of to the Secretary of State.

FISCAL NOTE TO
[SECOND REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 745, 747, 984 and 1027
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: March 18, 1991

The Assembly Committee Substitute (2R) for Assembly Bill Nos. 745, 747, 984 and 1027 of 1990 provides that eligible individuals may register to vote at specified "public agencies" and requires the Secretary of State to furnish copies of voter registration forms to the principal administrators of these agencies. These public agencies include:

1. The Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law & Public Safety including independent motor vehicle agents;
2. The Divisions of Worker's Compensation, Employment Services and Unemployment and Disability Insurance in the Department of Labor;
3. The Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury;
4. The New Jersey Transit Corporation;
5. Any county welfare agency or county board of social services.

The Department of State notes in its fiscal note on the unamended substitute bill, that in FY 1990, approximately 1.4 million voter registration forms costing \$21,671 were printed. If the department were to print enough forms to supply them to each of the agencies listed in the unamended substitute bill, approximately 10 million forms costing \$100,000 would be required, for an increased cost of about \$78,000. In addition to the increased printing cost, the department estimates that it would require an additional Principal Clerk Typist at a salary of about \$19,000 in order to receive and process the increased volume of voter registration forms from the participating agencies. Thus, the total first-year cost of this program would be about \$97,000. Future-year costs would increase as salary and printing expenses rise.

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that the Department of State's numbers are based upon the number of individuals served by each agency providing voter registration forms. However, not every client who enters these agencies will select to fill out a voter registration form. In addition, the 1990 census report indicates that there are only about 5.9 million New Jersey residents who are over the age of 18. Of that number 3.8 million are currently registered. Therefore, if every eligible but unregistered citizen were to register to vote under the terms of this bill, only 2.1 million forms would be required. Allowing for the need to maintain surplus forms on hand at each agency because the exact number of forms required by each agency cannot be determined, the OLS estimates that a maximum of 3,000,000 forms would be required. Therefore, the first-year printing cost would be about

\$45,000, and the increased cost would be \$23,329. The OLS also notes that the department should be able to process the incoming forms with current staff, and therefore should not require the services of an additional clerk typist. Thus, the basic cost during the first year of the bill's implementation would be \$23,329 as opposed to the Department of State's estimate of \$97,000.

However, the Office of Legislative Services notes that the bill permits registrants to either submit their voter registration forms through the agency where they obtained the forms, or mail them directly to the Secretary of State. As a result, an additional \$.37 would be required for every registrant who processes his application through the mail. Assuming that 10 percent of the State's eligible but unregistered voters who obtain voter registration applications under this program might process their applications through the mail, the first-year postage cost could be \$78,000. As a result, the total first-year cost of the program could be about \$101,000. Future-year costs would increase as printing and postage costs rise.

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.



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GOVERNOR FLORIO SIGNS VOTER REGISTRATION LAW, DEBATE LAW

Governor Jim Florio today signed a bill that widens the availability of voter registration forms by requiring various public agencies to make the forms available at their public offices.

"This law makes voter registration forms more easily available to the public, and that is important if we want to encourage citizens to participate in our election process," Governor Florio said.

The agencies included under the new law are: the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Division of Worker's Compensation, the Division of Employment Services, the Division of Unemployment and Temporary Disability Insurance, The Division of Taxation, the New Jersey Transit Corporation and any county welfare agency or board of social services.

The new law also allows citizens to submit completed voter registration forms to any of those public agencies, where they will then be dated and forwarded to the proper authority.

The Governor also signed into law a bill that allows associations of news organizations and public organizations to be eligible sponsors of the two primary and two general election debates that are required of gubernatorial candidates who accept public financing.

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