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-submission to  
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CHAPTER: 60

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Sponsor(s): Brown

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Committee: Assembly: State Government

Senate: State Government

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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2 c.347.

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12 list of voters of each election district. He shall also furnish five  
13 printed copies thereof to each district board, which shall within 2  
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40 cards to any voter requesting such tape or cards, for which copy  
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3 solicitation of the voters listed thereon. Any person making such  
4 use of such lists or copies thereof shall be a disorderly person,  
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6 (cf: P.L.1975, c.115, s.1)

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ELECTIONS

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

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#### 16 STATEMENT

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18 This bill amends the statute providing for automatic  
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21 lists for each election district in the county. Under the bill,  
22 copies of these lists would be delivered to a State chairman only  
23 upon that individual's request, and only one copy, rather than  
24 five, would be required. The bill adds a new requirement that,  
25 where voter lists are recorded on magnetic tape, it is a copy of  
26 the taped form of the lists which is to be transmitted.  
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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1097

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 1990

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1097.

This bill revises the statute providing for transmittal of voter registration lists to the State chairmen of the several political parties.

The law requires the county commissioner of elections, on or before the fifteenth day preceding a general election, to certify and transmit to the county clerk a list of the names and addresses of the registered voters in each election district in the county. Currently, the clerk must then deliver "forthwith" to the State party chairmen five copies, printed in handbill form, of the lists for that county. Under the bill, the clerk will be required to deliver the lists to a State chairman only upon that chairman's request, and not more frequently than once in each calendar year; only one copy of the lists will be required.

In addition, the bill requires that, if the voter registration lists for a county are recorded on magnetic tape, the clerk shall satisfy a State chairman's request for the lists for that county by delivering a copy of the tape, rather than the printed lists.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1990 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL  
AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1097

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 7, 1990

The Senate State Government and Federal and Interstate Relations Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 1097.

This bill revises the existing law concerning transmittal of voter registration lists to the State chairmen of the several political parties. At present, the county clerk must deliver to the State party chairmen five copies of the voter registration lists for each election district in that county. Under this bill, copies of these lists would be delivered to a State chairman only upon that individual's request, but not more than once in each calendar year. Only one copy of the lists, rather than five, would be required.

The bill further provides that if the voter registration lists for a county are recorded on magnetic tape, the county clerk shall satisfy a State chairman's request for the lists by delivering a copy of the magnetically recorded lists.