

ASSEMBLY, No. 590

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning the words "Registered Mail" when used in any statute, providing that such words shall be deemed to include the words "Certified Mail," and amending section 1:1-2 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New
2 Jersey:

1 1. Section 1:1-2 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

2 1:1-2. Unless it be otherwise expressly provided or there is something
3 in the subject or context repugnant to such construction, the following words
4 and phrases, when used in any statute and in the Revised Statutes, shall
5 have the meaning herein given to them.

6 Affirmation; affirmed. See "Oath; sworn," *infra*, this section.

7 Assessor. The word "assessor," when used in relation to the assess-
8 ment of taxes or water rents or other public assessments, includes all offi-
9 cers, boards or commissions charged with the duty of making such assess-
10 ments, unless a particular officer, board or commission is specified.

11 Census. When used with reference to the population of this State, or
12 of any subdivision thereof, the word "census" means the latest Federal
13 census effective within this State.

14 Collector. The word "collector," when used in relation to the collec-
15 tion of taxes or water rents or other public assessments, includes all offi-
16 cers charged with the duty of collecting such taxes, water rents or assess-
17 ments, unless a particular officer is specified.

18 Folio; sheet. A sheet or folio shall consist of 100 words, and in all
19 cases where an entry of any writing or copy is to be paid for, the sheet or
20 folio shall consist of 100 words.

21 Gender. See "Number; gender," infra, this section.

22 General election. The words "general election" shall be taken to mean
23 the annual election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
24 in November and in any statute in which it is provided that any public offi-
25 cer shall be elected, or any public question shall be voted upon, at an elec-
26 tion at which members of the General Assembly are to be voted for or elected,
27 or words to that effect, shall be taken to mean, and shall be construed to be
28 the equivalent of a provision, that said public officers shall be elected, or
29 that said public question shall be voted upon, "at a general election."

30 He. "Number; gender," infra, this section.

31 Inhabitants. See "Population; inhabitants," infra, this section.

32 It. See "Number; gender," infra, this section.

33 Magistrate. The word "magistrate" includes any judge, municipal mag-
34 istrate or officer or other person having the powers of a committing magis-
35 trate.

36 Masculine. See "Number; gender," infra, this section.

37 Month; year. The word "month" means a calendar month, and the
38 word "year" means a calendar year.

39 Municipality; municipal corporation. The words "municipality" and
40 "municipal corporation" include cities, towns, townships, villages and bor-
41 oughs, and any municipality governed by a board of commissioners or an
42 improvement commission.

43 Neuter. See "Number; gender," infra, this section.

44 Number; gender. Whenever, in describing or referring to any person,
45 party, matter or thing, any word importing the singular number or mascu-
46 line gender is used, the same shall be understood to include and to apply
47 to several persons or parties as well as to 1 person or party and to females
48 as well as males, and to bodies corporate as well as individuals, and to
49 several matters and things as well as 1 matter or thing.

50 Oath; sworn. The word "oath" includes "affirmation"; and the word
51 "sworn" includes "affirmed."

52 Other property. See "Property; other property," infra, this section.

53 Person. The word "person" includes corporations, companies, associa-
54 tions, societies, firms, partnerships and joint stock companies as well as
55 individuals, unless restricted by the context to an individual as distinguished
56 from a corporate entity or specifically restricted to 1 or some of the above
57 enumerated synonyms and, when used to designate the owner of property
58 which may be the subject of an offense, includes this State, the United
59 States, any other State of the United States as defined infra and any for-
60 eign country or government lawfully owning or possessing property within
61 this State.

62 Personal property. "Personal property" includes goods and chattels,
63 rights and credits, moneys and effects, evidences of debt, choses in action
64 and all written instruments by which any right to, interest in, or lien or en-
65 cumbrance upon, property or any debt or financial obligation is created,
66 acknowledged, evidenced, transferred, discharged or defeated, in whole or
67 in part, and everything except real property as herein defined which may
68 be the subject of ownership.

69 Plural. See "Number; gender," supra, this section.

70 Population; inhabitants. The word "population," when used in any
71 statute, shall be taken to mean the population as shown by the latest Fed-
72 eral census effective within this State, and shall be construed as synony-
73 mous with "inhabitants."

74 Property; other property. The words "property" and "other prop-
75 erty," unless restricted or limited by the context to either real or personal
76 property, includes both real and personal property.

77 Real estate; real property. The words "real estate" and "real prop-
78 erty," include lands, tenements and hereditaments and all rights thereto
79 and interests therein.

80 Registered mail. The words "registered mail" include "certified mail."

81 Revised Statutes. The words "Revised Statutes" mean the Revised
82 Statutes of 1937, unless some other revision is expressly indicated or re-
83 ferred to.

84 She. See "Number; gender," supra, this section.

85 Sheet. See "Folio," supra, this section.

86 Ship. The word "ship" includes vessels, steamers, canal boats and ev-
87 ery boat or structure adapted to navigation or movement from place to
88 place, upon the ocean, lakes, rivers or artificial waterways, either by its
89 own power or otherwise.

90 Singular. See "Number; gender," supra, this section.

91 State. The word "State" extends to and includes any State, territory
92 or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia and the Canal
93 Zone.

94 Sworn. See "Oath; sworn," supra, this section.

95 Taxing district. The words "taxing district," when used in a law relat-
96 ing to the assessment or collection of taxes, assessments or water rates or
97 water rents, include every political division of the State, less than a county,
98 whose inhabitants, governing body or officers have the power to levy taxes,
99 assessments or rates.

100 Territory. The word "territory" extends to and includes any territory
101 or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia and the Canal
102 Zone.

103 United States. The words "United States" extend to and include every
104 State, territory and possession of the United States, the District of Colum-
105 bia and the Canal Zone.

106 Year. See "Month; year," supra, this section.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.