

19:14-12

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Changes the day of drawing for position on general election ballot)

NJSA 19:14-12

Laws of 1977 Chapter 431

Bill No. A3365

Sponsor(s) Perskie & Kupperman

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Following were printed:

Reports ~~YES~~ No

Hearings ~~YES~~ No

Sponsor's Statement:

This bill changes the day upon which the drawing for positions on the general election ballot shall be held.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3365

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 26, 1977

By Assemblymen PERSKIE and KUPPERMAN

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning elections and amending R. S. 19:14-12.

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

1 1. R. S. 19:14-12 is amended to read as follows:

2 19:14-12. The county clerk shall draw lots in his county to
3 determine which columns the political parties which made nomina-
4 tions at the next preceding primary election shall occupy on the
5 ballot in the county. The name of the party first drawn shall
6 occupy the first column at the left of the ballot, and the name of
7 the party next drawn shall occupy the second column, and so forth.

8 The position which the names of candidates, and bracketed
9 groups of names of candidates nominated by petitions for all offices,
10 shall have upon the general election ballot, shall be determined by
11 the county clerks in their respective counties.

12 The manner of drawing the lots shall be as follows: paper slips
13 with the names of each political party written thereon, shall be
14 placed in capsules of the same size, shape, color and substance and
15 then placed in a covered box with an aperture in the top large
16 enough to admit a man's hand and to allow the capsules to be
17 drawn therefrom. The box shall be well shaken and turned over
18 to thoroughly intermingle the capsules. The county clerk or his
19 deputy shall at his office, draw from the box each capsule separately
20 without knowledge on his part as to which capsule he is drawing.

21 The person making the drawing shall open the capsule and shall
22 make public announcement at the drawing of each name, the order
23 in which name is drawn and the office for which the drawing is made.

24 Where there is but one person to be elected to an office, the
25 names of the several candidates who have filed petitions for such
26 office shall be written upon paper slips and placed in separate

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

27 capsules of the same size, shape, color and substance. The cap-
28 sules shall be placed in a covered box with an aperture in the top
29 large enough to admit a man's hand and to allow the capsules to
30 be drawn therefrom. The box shall be turned and shaken thor-
31 oughly to mix the capsules and the capsules shall be withdrawn
32 one at a time.

33 When there is more than one person to be elected to an office
34 where petitions have designated that certain candidates shall be
35 bracketed, the position of such bracketed names on the ballot (each
36 bracketed group to be treated as a single name), together with in-
37 dividuals who have filed petitions for such office, shall be determined
38 as above described.

39 Any legal voter of the county or municipality, as the case may
40 be, shall have the privilege of witnessing the drawing.

41 The name or names of the candidate or bracketed group of
42 candidates first drawn from the box shall be printed directly below
43 the proper title of the office for which they were nominated, and
44 the name or names of the candidate or bracketed group of candi-
45 dates next drawn shall be printed next in order, and so on, until
46 the last name or bracketed group of names shall be drawn from
47 the box.

48 The arrangement of names of any bracketed group of candidates
49 for any office for which more than one are to be elected shall be
50 printed in the same order on the ballot as they were arranged on
51 the petition of nomination.

52 The drawing for the positions which the names of candidates
53 and bracketed groups of names of candidates, nominated by petition
54 for office, and for the columns which the political parties which
55 made nominations at the next preceding primary election shall
56 occupy upon the general election ballot, shall be held at 3 o'clock
57 in the afternoon of the **【fiftieth】** *eighty-fifth* day prior to the day
58 of the general election.

1 *2. Section 19:13-22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 19:13-22. The Secretary of State, not later than **【fifty-one】**
4 *eighty-six* days before any election whereat any candidates nomi-
5 nated in any direct petition or primary certificate of nomination or
6 State convention certificate filed with him are to be voted for, shall
7 make and certify, under his hand and seal of office, and forward to
8 the clerks of the several counties of the State a statement of all
9 such candidates for whom the voters within such county may be
10 by law entitled to vote at such election. This statement, in addition

11 to the names of the candidates for President and Vice-President of
12 the United States, if any such have been included in any such
13 certificate or petition filed with him, shall contain the names and
14 residences of all other candidates, the offices for which they are
15 respectively nominated, and the names of the parties by which or
16 the political appellation under which they are respectively nomi-
17 nated. Candidates nominated directly by petition, without dis-
18 tinctive political appellation, shall be certified as independent candi-
19 dates. Similar statements shall be made, certified and forwarded,
20 when vacancies are filled subsequently, according to law.*

1 ***[2.]*** *3.* This act shall take effect immediately.