

ASSEMBLY, No. 1

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Referred to Committee on Law Revision

AN ACT concerning the definition of the words "general election" and other similar expressions when used in any statute and in the Revised Statutes, 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 have  
5 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 assessment  
8 of taxes or water rents or other public assessments, includes all officers,  
9 boards or commissions charged with the duty of making such assessments,  
10 unless a particular officer, board or commission is specified.

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

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

18 Folio; sheet. A sheet or folio shall consist of one hundred words, and in  
19 all cases where an entry of any writing or copy is to be paid for, the sheet  
20 or folio shall consist of one hundred 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 election  
26 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. See "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, justice, justice  
34 of the peace or recorder or officer or other person having the powers of a  
35 committing magistrate.

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 to  
47 several persons or parties as well as to one person or party and to females  
48 as well as males, and to bodies come 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 in-  
55 dividuals, unless restricted by the context to an individual as distinguished  
56 from a corporate entity or specifically restricted to one 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 States,  
59 any other State of the United States as defined infra and any foreign country  
60 or government lawfully owning or possessing property within this State.

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

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

69 Population; inhabitants. The word "population," when used in any stat-  
70 ute, shall be taken to mean the population as shown by the latest Federal  
71 census effective within this State, and shall be construed as synonymous  
72 with "inhabitants."

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

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

79 Revised Statutes. The words "Revised Statutes" mean the Revised Stat-  
80 utes of 1937, unless some other revision is expressly indicated or referred to.

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

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

83 Ship. The word "ship" includes vessels, steamers, canal boats and every  
84 boat or structure adapted to navigation or movement from place to place,  
85 upon the ocean, lakes, rivers or artificial waterways, either by its own power  
86 or otherwise.

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

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

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

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

96 Territory. The word "territory" extends to and includes any territory  
97 or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia and the Canal  
98 Zone.

99 United States. The words "United States" extend to and include every  
100 State, territory and possession of the United States, the District of Colum-  
101 bia and the Canal Zone.

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

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to implement Article II, paragraph 1 of the new Constitution by writing into the general definition section of the Revised Statutes a definition of the words "general election" and of other similar words to conform with the provisions of said paragraph of the new Constitution.

This bill was drafted by the Law Revision and Bill Drafting Commission under the direction of the Senate and General Assembly Committees on Law Revision.