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P.L.2011, CHAPTER 73, *approved May 26, 2011*  
Assembly, No. 2173 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT requiring <sup>1</sup> **the Department of** <sup>1</sup> State <sup>1</sup> departments and  
2 agencies <sup>1</sup> to <sup>1</sup> **establish and maintain a website to** <sup>1</sup> provide <sup>1</sup> **a**  
3 **clearinghouse of** <sup>1</sup> information for nonprofit organizations and  
4 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. The Department of State <sup>1</sup> **[,** in consultation with the  
10 Office of Information Technology, <sup>1</sup> shall <sup>1</sup> **establish and** <sup>1</sup>  
11 maintain <sup>1</sup> **a** <sup>1</sup> in a single accessible location on its designated  
12 home <sup>1</sup> website <sup>1</sup> **to serve as an** <sup>1</sup> information <sup>1</sup> **clearinghouse** <sup>1</sup> for  
13 nonprofit organizations <sup>1</sup> **interested in obtaining information** <sup>1</sup>  
14 regarding various resources available to assist them in their daily  
15 operations. The information featured <sup>1</sup> **on the website** <sup>1</sup> shall be  
16 updated <sup>1</sup> at least <sup>1</sup> monthly and include, but not be limited to,  
17 information regarding: (1) available funding sources offered by  
18 <sup>1</sup> **various departments and State agencies; (2)** <sup>1</sup> the Department of  
19 State; (2) relevant eligibility criteria applicable to such funding;  
20 <sup>1</sup> **(3)** <sup>1</sup> incorporation <sup>1</sup> **;** <sup>1</sup> **(3)** <sup>1</sup> and, to the extent applicable, <sup>1</sup> board  
21 development; (4) volunteer opportunities <sup>1</sup> available with or through  
22 the Department of State; (5) links to the website pages of the  
23 various departments and State agencies that contain the information  
24 that such entities must maintain in accordance with this section <sup>1</sup>;  
25 and <sup>1</sup> **(5)** <sup>1</sup> **(6)** <sup>1</sup> any other information the Secretary of State <sup>1</sup> **and**  
26 the Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information  
27 Technology deem <sup>1</sup> **deems** <sup>1</sup> necessary. The website shall be  
28 accessible from the <sup>1</sup> Department of <sup>1</sup> State's designated home  
29 webpage.

30 b. <sup>1</sup> **The website shall contain links to all of the departments**  
31 **and agencies in the State that provide information and resources to**  
32 **nonprofit organizations. This information shall be categorized by**  
33 **topic, and each sub-topic shall feature corresponding hyperlinks for**  
34 **the departments and agencies that provide those services.]** Each  
35 State department or agency that provides resources to nonprofit

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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations May 5, 2011.

1 organizations shall maintain in a single accessible location on its  
2 designated home website information regarding various resources  
3 available from or through that department or agency to assist those  
4 nonprofit organizations in their daily operations. The information  
5 featured shall be updated at least monthly and include, but not be  
6 limited to, information regarding: (1) available funding sources  
7 offered by the department or agency; (2) relevant eligibility criteria  
8 applicable to such funding; (3) volunteer opportunities available  
9 with or through the department or agency; and (4) any other  
10 information the Secretary of State deems necessary. The website  
11 shall be accessible from the designated home website of each such  
12 department or agency.<sup>1</sup>

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14 2. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Chief  
15 Technology Officer, shall <sup>1</sup>]: identify information needed for the  
16 new website; create a standard template for collecting required  
17 information; and establish a timeline for data to be submitted by the  
18 departments to the Secretary of State.] establish a standard format  
19 and icon for each department and agency to use to display the  
20 required information for nonprofit organizations.<sup>1</sup>

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22 3. All Executive Branch departments and State agencies are  
23 directed to cooperate fully with the Office of the Secretary of State  
24 to implement the provisions of this act.

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26 4. This act shall take effect on the <sup>1</sup>[90th] 180th<sup>1</sup> day after the  
27 date of enactment.

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33 Requires Department of State to establish and maintain a website  
to provide a clearinghouse of information for nonprofits.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2173

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 2010

**Sponsored by:**

Assemblywoman **VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman **LINDA STENDER**

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

**Co-Sponsored by:**

Senators **Buono and Greenstein**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Department of State to establish and maintain a website to provide a clearinghouse of information for nonprofits.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/22/2011)

1 AN ACT requiring the Department of State to establish and maintain  
2 a website to provide a clearinghouse of information for nonprofit  
3 organizations and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised  
4 Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. The Department of State, in consultation with the Office  
10 of Information Technology, shall establish and maintain a website  
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12 interested in obtaining information regarding various resources  
13 available to assist them in their daily operations. The information  
14 featured on the website shall be updated monthly and include, but  
15 not be limited to, information regarding: (1) available funding  
16 sources offered by various departments and State agencies; (2)  
17 incorporation; (3) board development; (4) volunteer opportunities;  
18 and (5) any other information the Secretary of State and the Chief  
19 Technology Officer of the Office of Information Technology deem  
20 necessary. The website shall be accessible from the State's  
21 designated home webpage.

22 b. The website shall contain links to all of the departments and  
23 agencies in the State that provide information and resources to  
24 nonprofit organizations. This information shall be categorized by  
25 topic, and each sub-topic shall feature corresponding hyperlinks for  
26 the departments and agencies that provide those services.

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29 Technology Officer, shall: identify information needed for the new  
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34 3. All Executive Branch departments and State agencies are  
35 directed to cooperate fully with the Office of the Secretary of State  
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42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires the New Jersey Department of State, in  
45 consultation with the Office of Information Technology, to establish  
46 and maintain a website to provide a clearinghouse of information  
47 for nonprofit organizations that provide services in New Jersey.  
48 Currently, to acquire information regarding existing resources that

1 are being offered by various Executive departments and State  
2 agencies, nonprofits must visit each department's and agency's  
3 website, respectively, to obtain that information.

4 The purpose of the website is to provide a one stop location  
5 where nonprofits can obtain information and links to various State  
6 agencies and departments that provide information and resources  
7 (i.e., funding, information regarding incorporation, board  
8 development, volunteer opportunities, etc.) to nonprofit  
9 organizations without having to visit multiple department and  
10 agency websites to obtain that information. All of this information  
11 will be contained on one website, which shall be accessible from  
12 the State's designated home webpage. Currently, the State's home  
13 webpage is ([www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov)).

14 This bill requires the departments and agencies featured on the  
15 Department of State's website to update the information provided  
16 on their respective websites on a monthly basis to ensure visitors  
17 receive the most current information regarding the types of  
18 resources offered by each department and agency.

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20 Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information Technology,  
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24 Secretary of State.

# ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2173

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2010

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably on Assembly, No. 2173.

This bill requires the New Jersey Department of State, in consultation with the Office of Information Technology, to establish and maintain a website to provide a clearinghouse of information for nonprofit organizations that provide services in New Jersey. Currently, to acquire information regarding existing resources that are being offered by various Executive departments and State agencies, nonprofits must visit each department's or agency's website.

The purpose of the website is to provide a one-stop location where nonprofits can obtain information and links to various State agencies and departments that provide information and resources on topics such as funding, incorporation, board development, and volunteer opportunities. All of this information will be contained on one website, accessible from the State's designated home webpage.

The bill requires the departments and agencies featured on the Department of State's website to update the information provided on their respective websites on a monthly basis to ensure visitors receive the most current information regarding the types of resources offered. It also requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information Technology, to identify information needed for the new website and to create a timeline and standard template for collecting that information.

Assembly Bill No. 2173 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1361 of 2010.



SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 2173

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 10, 2011

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2173.

This bill requires the New Jersey Department of State, in consultation with the Office of Information Technology, to establish and maintain a website to provide a clearinghouse of information for nonprofit organizations that provide services in New Jersey. Currently, to acquire information regarding existing resources that are being offered by various Executive departments and State agencies, nonprofits must visit each department's or agency's website.

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**ASSEMBLY BILL No. 2173**

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2173 with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill would require that the Department of State establish and maintain a website to provide a clearinghouse of information for nonprofit organizations. I appreciate the sponsors' efforts to create a "one-stop" location for the many laudable organizations and charities working on behalf of our citizens. By using the Internet to gather a virtual library of non-profit guidance on important subjects such as volunteer opportunities and funding sources, the proposals in this bill will help those who help others work more effectively.

To ensure that all areas of State government participate in this initiative, I recommend the bill be amended to require all Departments to prominently post information relevant to nonprofits on their respective websites, and ensure that this information remains current. My recommendations also require the Department of State to create a central location on its homepage linking to each individual Department's nonprofit information. Finally, to make certain that all Departments have sufficient time to collect and display their information, I recommend allowing 180 days for implementation of the bill.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 2173 and recommend that it be amended as follows:

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| <u>Page 2, Title, Line 1:</u> | Delete "the Department of" and insert "departments and agencies" |
| <u>Page 2, Title, Line 1:</u> | Delete "establish and maintain"                                  |
| <u>Page 2, Title, Line 2:</u> | Delete "a website to"  |
| <u>Page 2, Title, Line 2:</u> | Delete "a clearinghouse of"                                      |

Page 2, Section 1, Line 9: Delete ", in consultation with the Office"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 10: Delete "of Information Technology"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 10: Delete "establish and"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 10: Delete "a" and insert "in a single accessible location on its designated home"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 11: Delete "to serve as an"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 11: Delete "clearinghouse"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 12: Delete "interested in obtaining information"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 14: Delete "on the website"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 14: After "shall be updated" insert "at least"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 16: Delete "various departments and State agencies; (2)" and insert "the Department of State; (2) relevant eligibility criteria applicable to such funding; (3)"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 17: After "incorporation" delete "; (3)" and insert "and, to the extent applicable,"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 17: After "(4) volunteer opportunities" insert "available with or through the Department of State; (5) links to the website pages of the various departments and State agencies that contain the information that such entities must maintain in accordance with this section"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 18: Delete "(5)" and insert "(6)"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 18: Delete "and the Chief"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 19: Delete in its entirety and insert "deems"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 20: After "be accessible from the" insert "Department of"

Page 2, Section 1, Line 22: Delete "The website shall contain links to all of the departments and" and insert "Each State department or agency that provides resources to nonprofit organizations shall maintain in a single accessible location on its designated home website information regarding various resources available from or through"

that department or agency to assist those nonprofit organizations in their daily operations. The information featured shall be updated at least monthly and include, but not be limited to, information regarding: (1) available funding sources offered by the department or agency; (2) relevant eligibility criteria applicable to such funding; (3) volunteer opportunities available with or through the department or agency; and (4) any other information the Secretary of State deems necessary. The website shall be accessible from the designated home website of each such department or agency."

Page 2, Section 1, Lines 23-26:

Delete in their entirety

Page 2, Section 2, Line 29:

Delete " : identify information needed for the new" and insert "establish a standard format and icon for each department and agency to use to display the required information for nonprofit organizations."

Page 2, Section 2, Lines 30-32:

Delete in their entirety

Page 2, Section 4, Line 38:

Delete "90th" and insert "180th"

Respectfully,

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor

# SENATE, No. 1361

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2010

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator BARBARA BUONO**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1361**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 10, 2011

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Senate Bill No. 1361 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2173 of 2010.