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Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A1332

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		SENATE:	Yes
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ASSEMBLY, No. 1332

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ALAN M. AUGUSTINE District 22 (Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywomen Heck, Greenstein and Assemblyman R.Smith

SYNOPSIS

Allows stalking victims protected by temporary restraining order to register to vote without disclosing street address.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/8/2000)

AN ACT allowing certain victims of stalking to register to vote without 1 2 disclosing a street address and amending the title and body of 3 P.L.1994, c.148. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey: 6 7 1. The title of P.L.1994, c.148 is amended to read as follows: 8 9 AN ACT allowing certain victims of [domestic violence] crime to 10 register to vote without disclosing a street address and supplementing 11 chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. 12 (cf: P.L.1994, c.148, s.title) 13 14 2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2) is amended to read 15 as follows: 16 1. a. A person who is (1) a victim of domestic violence who has 17 obtained a permanent restraining order against a defendant pursuant 18 to section 13 of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," 19 P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-29) and fears further violent acts by the 20 defendant, or (2) a victim of stalking, or member of the immediate 21 family of such a victim as defined by paragraph (3) of subsection a. of 22 section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209 (C.2C:12-10), who is protected under the 23 terms of a permanent restraining order issued pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1996, c.39 (C.2C:12-10.1) and who fears death or bodily injury 24 25 from the defendant against whom that order was issued, shall be allowed to register to vote without disclosing the person's street 26 27 address. Such a person shall leave the space for a street address on 28 the original permanent registration form blank and shall, instead, 29 attach to the form a copy of the permanent restraining order and a 30 note which indicates that the person fears [further] <u>future</u> violent acts 31 by the defendant and which contains a mailing address, post office box 32 or other contact point where mail can be received by the person. 33 Upon receipt of the person's voter registration form, the commissioner 34 of registration in all counties having a superintendent of elections, and 35 the county board of elections in all other counties, shall provide the 36 person with a map of the municipality in which the person resides 37 which shows the various voting districts. The person shall indicate to 38 the commissioner or board, as appropriate, the voting district in which 39 the person resides and shall be permitted to vote at the polling place 40 for that district. If such a person thereafter changes residences, the

b. Any person who makes public any information which has been

person shall so inform the commissioner or board by completing a new

permanent registration form in the manner described above.

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

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1 provided by a victim of domestic violence, or by a victim of stalking 2 or the family member of such a victim, pursuant to subsection a. of this 3 section concerning the mailing address, post office box or other 4 contact point of the victim or family member or the election district in which the victim or family member resides is guilty of a crime of the 5 6 fourth degree. 7

(cf: P.L.1994, c.148, s.1)

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This bill permits certain victims of stalking to register to vote without publicly disclosing their street address.

A 1992 law provides that someone commits the crime of stalking if he (1) purposefully engages in repeatedly maintaining a visual or physical proximity to a person or repeatedly conveying verbal or written threats or threats implied by conduct or a combination thereof directed at or toward a person that would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily injury to or the death of himself or a member of his immediate family, and (2) knowingly, recklessly or negligently places the specific person in reasonable fear of bodily injury to himself or a member of his immediate family or in reasonable fear of the death of himself or a member of his immediate family. Under legislation enacted in 1996, a judgment of conviction for stalking operates as an application for a permanent restraining order limiting the contact of the defendant and the victim of the stalking.

This bill provides that a stalking victim or member of the victim's immediate family who is protected under the terms of such an order and fears death or bodily injury from the person against whom the order was issued may register to vote without having to enter a voting address on the registration form. Instead, the registrant would be required only to identify to the appropriate voter registration official an address at which mail can be received and the voting district in which the registrant resides. Under a 1994 law, this method of protecting voters against public disclosure of the location of their residence through voter registration records is already available to victims of domestic violence.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1332

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2000

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1332.

This bill permits certain victims of stalking to register to vote without publicly disclosing their street address.

Current law provides that someone commits the crime of stalking if he or she (1) purposefully engages in repeatedly maintaining a visual or physical proximity to a person or repeatedly conveying verbal or written threats or threats implied by conduct or a combination thereof directed at or toward a person that would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily injury to or the death of himself or herself or a member of the person's immediate family, and (2) knowingly, recklessly or negligently places the specific person in reasonable fear of bodily injury to himself or herself or a member of the person's immediate family or in reasonable fear of the death of himself or herself or a member of the person's immediate family. Under legislation enacted in 1996, a judgment of conviction for stalking operates as an application for a permanent restraining order limiting the contact of the defendant and the victim of the stalking.

This bill provides that a stalking victim or member of the victim's immediate family who is protected under the terms of such an order and fears death or bodily injury from the person against whom the order was issued may register to vote without having to enter a voting address on the registration form. Instead, the registrant would be required only to identify to the appropriate voter registration official an address at which mail can be received and the voting district in which the registrant resides. This method of protecting voters against public disclosure of the location of their residence through voter registration records is already available to victims of domestic violence.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2000-2001 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1332

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 31, 2001

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1332.

This bill permits victims of stalking to register to vote without publicly disclosing their street address. It provides that a stalking victim or member of the victim's immediate family who is protected under the terms of a permanent restraining order and fears death or bodily injury from the person against whom the order was issued may register to vote without having to enter a voting address on the registration form. Instead, the registrant would be required to provide the appropriate voter registration official with an address at which mail can be received and indicate the voting district in which the registrant resides. This method of protecting voters against public disclosure of the location of their residence through voter registration records is already available to victims of domestic violence.

Assembly Bill No. 1332 is the same as Senate Bill No. 1637.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1332

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ALAN M. AUGUSTINE District 22 (Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywomen Heck, Greenstein, Assemblyman R.Smith, Senators Inverso, Singer, Allen and Matheussen

SYNOPSIS

Allows stalking victims protected by temporary restraining order to register to vote without disclosing street address.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly State Government Committee with technical review.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2001)

1 AN ACT allowing certain victims of stalking to register to vote without 2 disclosing a street address and amending the title and body of 3 P.L.1994, c.148. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. The title of P.L.1994, c.148 is amended to read as follows: 9 AN ACT allowing certain victims of [domestic violence] crime to register to vote without disclosing a street address and 10 11 supplementing chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. 12 (cf: P.L.1994, c.148, s.title) 13 14 2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2) is amended to read 15 as follows: 16 1. a. A person who is (1) a victim of domestic violence who has 17 obtained a permanent restraining order against a defendant pursuant 18 to section 13 of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," 19 P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-29) and fears further violent acts by the 20 defendant, or (2) a victim of stalking, or member of the immediate 21 family of such a victim as defined by paragraph (3) of subsection a. of 22 section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209 (C.2C:12-10), who is protected under the 23 terms of a permanent restraining order issued pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1996, c.39 (C.2C:12-10.1) and who fears death or bodily injury 24 25 from the defendant against whom that order was issued, shall be allowed to register to vote without disclosing the person's street 26 27 address. Such a person shall leave the space for a street address on 28 the original permanent registration form blank and shall, instead, 29 attach to the form a copy of the permanent restraining order and a 30 note which indicates that the person fears [further] <u>future</u> violent acts 31 by the defendant and which contains a mailing address, post office box 32 or other contact point where mail can be received by the person. 33 Upon receipt of the person's voter registration form, the commissioner 34 of registration in all counties having a superintendent of elections, and 35 the county board of elections in all other counties, shall provide the 36 person with a map of the municipality in which the person resides 37 which shows the various voting districts. The person shall indicate to 38 the commissioner or board, as appropriate, the voting district in which 39 the person resides and shall be permitted to vote at the polling place 40 for that district. If such a person thereafter changes residences, the 41 person shall so inform the commissioner or board by completing a new

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- 1 b. Any person who makes public any information which has been 2 provided by a victim of domestic violence, or by a victim of stalking or the family member of such a victim, pursuant to subsection a. of this 3 4 section concerning the mailing address, post office box or other 5 contact point of the victim <u>or family member</u> or the election district in 6 which the victim or family member resides is guilty of a crime of the 7 fourth degree. 8 (cf: P.L.1994, c.148, s.1) 9
- 10 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE, No. 1637

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator PETER A. INVERSO
District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)
Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Allen and Matheussen

SYNOPSIS

Allows stalking victims protected by temporary restraining order to register to vote without disclosing street address.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2001)

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AN ACT allowing certain victims of stalking to register to vote without 2 disclosing a street address and amending title and body of P.L. 3 1994, c.148. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. The title of P.L.1994, c.148 is amended to read as follows: 9 AN ACT allowing certain victims of [domestic violence] crime to register to vote without disclosing a street address and 10 11 supplementing chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. 12 (cf: P.L.1994, c.148, s.title) 13 14 2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2) is amended to read 15 as follows: 16 1. a. A person who is (1) a victim of domestic violence who has 17 obtained a permanent restraining order against a defendant pursuant 18 to section 13 of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," 19 P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-29) and fears further violent acts by the 20 defendant, or (2) a victim of stalking, or member of the immediate 21 family of such a victim as defined by paragraph (3) of subsection a. of 22 section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209 (C.2C:12-10), who is protected under the 23 terms of a permanent restraining order issued pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1996, c.39 (C.2C:12-10.1) and who fears death or bodily injury 24 25 from the defendant against whom that order was issued, shall be allowed to register to vote without disclosing the person's street 26 27 address. Such a person shall leave the space for a street address on 28 the original permanent registration form blank and shall, instead, 29 attach to the form a copy of the permanent restraining order and a 30 note which indicates that the person fears [further] <u>future</u> violent acts 31 by the defendant and which contains a mailing address, post office box 32 or other contact point where mail can be received by the person. 33 Upon receipt of the person's voter registration form, the commissioner 34 of registration in all counties having a superintendent of elections, and 35 the county board of elections in all other counties, shall provide the 36 person with a map of the municipality in which the person resides 37 which shows the various voting districts. The person shall indicate to 38 the commissioner or board, as appropriate, the voting district in which 39 the person resides and shall be permitted to vote at the polling place 40 for that district. If such a person thereafter changes residences, the 41 person shall so inform the commissioner or board by completing a new 42 permanent registration form in the manner described above.

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1 b. Any person who makes public any information which has been 2 provided by a victim of domestic violence, or by a victim of stalking 3 or the family member of such a victim, pursuant to subsection a. of this 4 section concerning the mailing address, post office box or other 5 contact point of the victim or family member or the election district in 6 which the victim or family member resides is guilty of a crime of the 7 fourth degree. 8

(cf: P.L.1994, c.148, s.1)

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This bill provides that a stalking victim or member of the victim's immediate family who is protected under the terms of such an order and fears death or bodily injury from the person against whom the order was issued may register to vote without having to enter a voting address on the registration form. Instead, the registrant would be required only to identify to the appropriate voter registration official an address at which mail can be received and the voting district in which the registrant resides. This method of protecting voters against public disclosure of the location of their residence through voter registration records is already available to victims of domestic violence.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1637

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 31, 2001

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1637.

This bill permits victims of stalking to register to vote without publicly disclosing their street address. It provides that a stalking victim or member of the victim's immediate family who is protected under the terms of a permanent restraining order and fears death or bodily injury from the person against whom the order was issued may register to vote without having to enter a voting address on the registration form. Instead, the registrant would be required to provide the appropriate voter registration official with an address at which mail can be received and indicate the voting district in which the registrant resides. This method of protecting voters against public disclosure of the location of their residence through voter registration records is already available to victims of domestic violence.

Senate Bill No. 1637 is the same as Assembly Bill No. 1332.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 177, *approved July 26, 2001*Assembly, No. 1332

AN ACT allowing certain victims of stalking to register to vote without disclosing a street address and amending the title and body of P.L.1994, c.148.

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

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- 1. The title of P.L.1994, c.148 is amended to read as follows:
- 9 **AN ACT** allowing certain victims of [domestic violence] <u>crime</u> to 10 register to vote without disclosing a street address and 11 supplementing chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.
- 12 (cf: P.L.1994, c.148, s.title)

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- 2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2) is amended to read as follows:
- as follows:
 1. a. A person who is (1) a victim of domestic violence who has
- obtained a permanent restraining order against a defendant pursuant
- 18 to section 13 of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991,"
- 19 P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-29) and fears further violent acts by the
- 20 defendant, or (2) a victim of stalking, or member of the immediate
- 21 <u>family of such a victim as defined by paragraph (3) of subsection a. of</u>
- 22 section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209 (C.2C:12-10), who is protected under the
- 23 terms of a permanent restraining order issued pursuant to section 3 of
- 24 P.L.1996, c.39 (C.2C:12-10.1) and who fears death or bodily injury
- 25 <u>from the defendant against whom that order was issued,</u> shall be
- 26 allowed to register to vote without disclosing the person's street
- address. Such a person shall leave the space for a street address on the original permanent registration form blank and shall, instead,
- 29 attach to the form a copy of the permanent restraining order and a
- 30 note which indicates that the person fears [further] <u>future</u> violent acts
- 31 by the defendant and which contains a mailing address, post office box
- 32 or other contact point where mail can be received by the person.
- 33 Upon receipt of the person's voter registration form, the commissioner
- of registration in all counties having a superintendent of elections, and
- 35 the county board of elections in all other counties, shall provide the
- 36 person with a map of the municipality in which the person resides
- 37 which shows the various voting districts. The person shall indicate to
- 38 the commissioner or board, as appropriate, the voting district in which
- 39 the person resides and shall be permitted to vote at the polling place
- 40 for that district. If such a person thereafter changes residences, the
- 41 person shall so inform the commissioner or board by completing a new
- 42 permanent registration form in the manner described above.

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1	b. Any person who makes public any information which has been
2	provided by a victim of domestic violence, or by a victim of stalking
3	or the family member of such a victim, pursuant to subsection a. of this
4	section concerning the mailing address, post office box or other
5	contact point of the victim or family member or the election district in
6	which the victim or family member resides is guilty of a crime of the
7	fourth degree.
8	(cf: P.L.1994, c.148, s.1)
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10	3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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15	Allows stalking victims protected by temporary restraining order to
16	register to vote without disclosing street address.

CHAPTER 177

AN ACT allowing certain victims of stalking to register to vote without disclosing a street address and amending the title and body of P.L.1994, c.148.

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

1. The title of P.L.1994, c.148 is amended to read as follows:

Title amended.

AN ACT allowing certain victims of crime to register to vote without disclosing a street address and supplementing chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.19:31-3.2 Voter registration; nondisclosure of street address for domestic violence, stalking victims.

- 1. a. A person who is (1) a victim of domestic violence who has obtained a permanent restraining order against a defendant pursuant to section 13 of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-29) and fears further violent acts by the defendant, or (2) a victim of stalking, or member of the immediate family of such a victim as defined by paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209 (C.2C:12-10), who is protected under the terms of a permanent restraining order issued pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1996, c.39 (C.2C:12-10.1) and who fears death or bodily injury from the defendant against whom that order was issued, shall be allowed to register to vote without disclosing the person's street address. Such a person shall leave the space for a street address on the original permanent registration form blank and shall, instead, attach to the form a copy of the permanent restraining order and a note which indicates that the person fears future violent acts by the defendant and which contains a mailing address, post office box or other contact point where mail can be received by the person. Upon receipt of the person's voter registration form, the commissioner of registration in all counties having a superintendent of elections, and the county board of elections in all other counties, shall provide the person with a map of the municipality in which the person resides which shows the various voting districts. The person shall indicate to the commissioner or board, as appropriate, the voting district in which the person resides and shall be permitted to vote at the polling place for that district. If such a person thereafter changes residences, the person shall so inform the commissioner or board by completing a new permanent registration form in the manner described above.
- b. Any person who makes public any information which has been provided by a victim of domestic violence, or by a victim of stalking or the family member of such a victim, pursuant to subsection a. of this section concerning the mailing address, post office box or other contact point of the victim or family member or the election district in which the victim or family member resides is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.
 - 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 26, 2001.

Office of the Governor

NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: July 27, 2001

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco signed the following legislation:

A-2478, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader, John Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assemblymen Jack Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and John Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), provides that any relevant municipal ordinance would not apply to property for which any person is conducting actions related to historic pesticide contamination under the oversight of the Department of Environmental Protection, provided that such person, as a condition of any development approval by the municipality, obtains a full-site no further action letter from the department.

A-1755, sponsored by Assembly members David Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Joel Weingarten (R-Essex/Union), expands imdemnification for school board members and employees and establishes a code of ethics for school board members.

S-78, sponsored by Senator Raymond Zane (R-Salem/Cumberland/Gloucester) and Assemblymen George Geist (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Kip Bateman (R-Morris/ Somerset), prohibits insurers from requiring filing of municipal court complaint as precondition to payment of certain claims.

A-1332, sponsored by Senators Peter Inverso (R-Mercer/Middlesex) and Robert Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and the late Assemblyman Alan Augustine (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union), allows stalking victims protected by temporary restraining orders to register to vote without disclosing their street address.

AJR-49, sponsored by Senator Raymond Lesniak (D-Union) and Assemblymen Kip Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Richard Bagger (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/ Union), designates the third Thursday of October of each year as "New Jersey Credit Union Day."

S-1978, sponsored by Senators Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen) and Anthony Bucco (R-Morris) and Assemblymen Kip Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Peter Biondi (R- Morris/Somerset), provides that records of dispositive or final judgments in bankruptcies, records regarding collateral and the perfection of security interests and records of transfers by a financial institution of collateral that is real property shall be retained for six years as opposed to the current 20-year period.