

# 19:60-2

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2001      **CHAPTER:** 98

**NJSA:** 19:60-2      (School elections—notices)

**BILL NO:** S249      (Substituted for A1968)

**SPONSOR(S):** Bennett

**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 11, 2000

**COMMITTEE:**      **ASSEMBLY:** State Government

**SENATE:** Education

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**      **ASSEMBLY:** March 8, 2001; Re-enacted 5-24-2001

**SENATE:** June 8, 2000; Re-enacted 5-14-2001

**DATE OF APPROVAL:**      May 31, 2001

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (2<sup>nd</sup> reprint enacted)

(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

#### S249

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill)      Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**      **ASSEMBLY:**      Yes

**SENATE:**      Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**      No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**      No

#### A1968

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill)      Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S249

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** Yes

Identical to Senate Statement to S249

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**

No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**

No

**VETO MESSAGE:**

Yes

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:**

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**SENATE, No. 249**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOHN O. BENNETT**

**District 12 (Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain notices of special school elections; requires such elections to be held on certain days.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



S249 BENNETT

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2 c.278.

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**S249 BENNETT**

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# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 249**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 11, 2000

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 249.

As amended, this bill revises the current law regarding the holding of special school elections.

First, the bill requires a board of education to give the municipal clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election.

Second, the bill replaces the provisions in current law regarding when a special school election may be held in a type II district to provide that such an election may be held only on the following days: the fourth Tuesday in January, the second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in December. The bill does not preclude, however, holding a special school election at the time of the annual school election, currently the third Tuesday in April.

The committee amended the bill to change the date in September to the last Tuesday of the month and to make the bill's effective date the 120th day after enactment.

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

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 249**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOHN O. BENNETT**

**District 12 (Monmouth)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Felice and Impreveduto**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain notices of special school elections; requires such elections to be held on certain days.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on May 11, 2000, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/9/2001)**

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38 day after<sup>1</sup> enactment.

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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Senate SED committee amendments adopted May 11, 2000.



ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 249**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 16, 2000

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 249 (1R).

This bill revises the current law regarding the holding of special school elections.

First, the bill requires a board of education to give the municipal clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election.

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The bill's effective date is the 120th day after enactment.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1968 (1R).

[Second Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 249**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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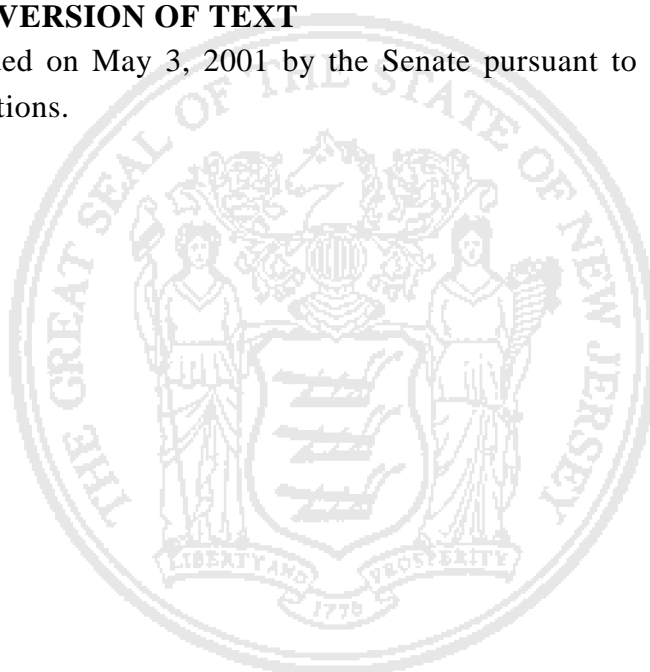
**Assemblymen Felice and Impreveduto**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended on May 3, 2001 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



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<sup>2</sup> Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations May 3, 2001.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1968

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 31, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman NICHOLAS R. FELICE**

**District 40 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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# ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 1968**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 16, 2000

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1968.

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The committee amended the bill to change the election date in September to the last Tuesday in the month and to have the bill take effect on the 120th day after enactment, instead of January 1 following enactment.

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[First Reprint]

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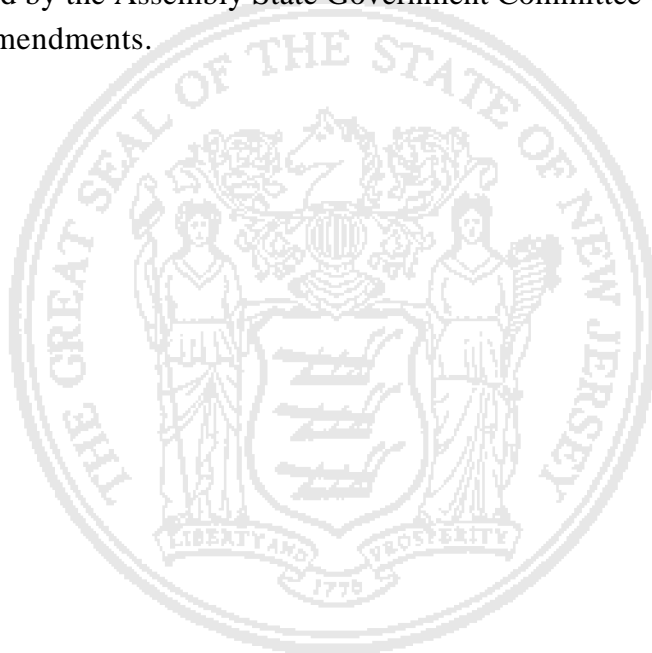
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**SYNOPSIS**

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<sup>1</sup> Assembly ASG committee amendments adopted October 16, 2000.

**SENATE BILL NO. 249**  
**(First Reprint)**

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Senate Bill No. 249 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

**A. Summary of Bill**

This bill makes three changes to existing law governing special school elections in Type II school districts. Specifically, the bill: (1) requires a board of education to give the municipal clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election; (2) replaces the provisions in current law regarding when a special school election may be held in a type II district to provide that such an election may be held only on the following days: the fourth Tuesday in January, the second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in December; and (3) eliminates the provisions of existing law which authorizes legal voters of the district to petition the school board to hold a special election.

**B. Recommended Action**

While I commend the sponsors of this bill for their efforts to streamline the school election process and increase voter participation and awareness, I have been advised that the bill contains a technical error which could lead to confusion as to the intent of this legislation. As a result, I recommend a Conditional Veto to clarify that this legislation intended to eliminate special elections by petition.

For this reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 249 (First Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 2, Line 31: After “was called” insert “.” delete “and in the notices of any special election, called upon”.

Page 2, Lines 32-34: Delete in entirety.

Respectfully,

/s/ Donald T. DiFrancesco

Acting Governor

[seal]

Attest:

/s/ James A. Harkness

Chief Counsel to the Governor

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 98, *approved May 31, 2001*  
Senate, No. 249 (*Second Reprint*)

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## CHAPTER 98

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

1. Section 2 of P.L.1995, c.278 (C.19:60-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.19:60-2 Special elections; days, certain; notice.

2. a. The board of education of a type II district may call a special election of the legal voters of the district on only the fourth Tuesday in January, the second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in December when in its judgment the interests of the schools require such an election. The board of education shall give the municipal clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election.

b. No business shall be transacted at any special election except such as shall have been set forth in the notices by which the election was called.

2. This act shall take effect on the 120th day after enactment.

Approved May 31, 2001.

*Office of the Governor*  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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RELEASE: June 1 , 2001

**Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco has signed the following legislation.**

**A-2930**, sponsored by acting Governor DiFrancesco, Senator William Gormley (R-Atlantic) and Assembly members Thomas Smith (R-Monmouth) and John Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/ Passaic), appropriates \$16.9 million in federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds along with any additional federal LIHEAP funds the State may receive from the federal government this fiscal year to the Department of Human Services (DHS). This appropriation was released to the states on September 23, 2000 by the federal Department of Health and Human Services to enable states to assist low-income households facing significant increases for heating oil, natural gas, and propane prices this coming winter.

**S-934**, sponsored by Senators Andrew Ciesla (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Robert Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Assemblyman James Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean), requires the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to verify the accuracy of cancer case information received by health care providers within six months of receipt and make public all the information in its cancer registry within six months after verification.

**S-249**, sponsored by Senator John Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assembly members Nicholas Felice (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson), makes the following three changes to existing law governing special school elections in Type II school districts; 1) requires a board of education to give the municipal clerk and the county board of elections no less than 60 days notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election, 2) provides that a special school election may only be held on the fourth Tuesday in January, the second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in December and 3) eliminates the provisions of existing law which authorizes legal voters of the district to petition the school board to hold a special election.