

19:27-6.1

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3395

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 11, 1983

By Assemblymen LESNIAK and DEVERIN

AN ACT concerning the filling of vacancies in the offices of members of the Legislature, amending section 4 of P. L. 1981, c. 429 and supplementing Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. Section 4 of P. L. 1981, c. 429 (C. 19:27-6.1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 4. In the case of a vacancy in the representation of this State
4 in the Senate or General Assembly, the writ shall designate a
5 special election day, the cause and purpose of the election and the
6 name of the member in whose office the vacancy has occurred. The
7 special election day shall be not less than 37 nor more than 43 days
8 following the date on which the writ is issued, *but if the primary*
9 *election for the general election shall occur within 70 days after the*
10 *date on which the writ is issued, the special election day shall be*
11 *on the day on which the primary election is to be held, provided*
12 *the writ is issued no later than 40 days before the primary election.*
13 The writ also shall specify the day or days when the district boards
14 shall meet for the purpose of making, revising or correcting the
15 registers of voters to be used at the special election.

1 2. (New section) This act shall apply to vacancies occurring prior
2 to its effective date for which writs of election have been issued,
3 but special elections not held. Any such writ of election issued
4 need not be reissued, but the special election shall be held and
5 notice thereof given in accordance with the provisions of this act
6 and such other laws as may be applicable to special elections.

1 3. This act shall take effect April 27, 1983.

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

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