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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Political parties--Platforms--extend time
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LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 423

Bill No. A3523

Sponsor(s) Burstein

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3523

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JULY 9, 1979

By Assemblyman BURSTEIN

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning State conventions and amending R. S. 19:5-6.

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

1 1. R. S. 19:5-6 is amended to read as follows:

2 19:5-6. There shall be held in each year in which all members
3 of the General Assembly are to be elected, a State convention of
4 each of the political parties.

5 Such State convention of each party shall consist of the follow-
6 ing members:

7 (1) The party candidates for the following offices:

8 (a) Members of the Senate or House of Representatives of
9 the United States from this State, nominated at the party
10 primaries held for the nomination of candidates for any of
11 said offices immediately preceding the convention.

12 (b) State Senator nominated, in each county, at the party
13 primaries, held for the nomination of a candidate for said
14 office, immediately preceding the convention, and

15 (c) Members of the General Assembly, nominated in each
16 county, at the party primaries immediately preceding the con-
17 vention, if the convention is to be held in a year in which all
18 of the members of the General Assembly are to be elected;
19 or all of the party candidates for said offices, in each county,
20 who were voted upon and were not elected at the general elec-
21 tion held in the year immediately preceding the convention, if
22 the convention is to be held in a year other than one in which
23 all of the members of the General Assembly are to be elected,
24 except that any candidates nominated for the filling of vacan-
25 cies, in said offices, at the party primaries held in the year in
26 which the convention is held, shall replace, to an equal number,
27 the candidates so voted upon and not elected at the general
28 election held in the preceding year, who received the least
29 number of votes in said general election;

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

30 (2) The candidate of the party for Governor nominated at the
31 primaries in said year;

32 (3) Members of the State Senate and of the General Assembly
33 belonging to the party who are holding office at the time of the
34 State convention and whose successors are not to be chosen at the
35 ensuing general election;

36 (4) Members of the State Committee chosen as herein provided;

37 (5) Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the
38 United States from this State, belonging to such party, who are
39 holding office at the time of the holding of the State convention and
40 whose successors are not to be chosen at the ensuing general
41 election;

42 (6) Members of the National Committee from this State; and

43 (7) The county chairperson and vice chairperson of the several
44 county committees.

45 The convention of each party shall be held at the city of Trenton
46 on the second Thursday after the primary election for the general
47 election in each year in which all members of the General Assembly
48 are to be elected. When the day prescribed by law for holding
49 State conventions of political parties, or any adjournment thereof,
50 falls on a legal holiday, the convention or adjournment thereof, as
51 the case may be, shall be held on the day preceding such legal
52 holiday. The place and the hour at which the convention shall meet
53 shall be fixed by call of the existing State Committee to be issued
54 at least 5 days prior to the date of meeting. If no call is issued by
55 the State Committee, any person qualified to sit in the convention
56 may issue a call.

57 The convention of each party shall have power to adopt and
58 promulgate a party platform for its party, and to transact such
59 other business as may properly come before it. The convention of
60 each political party, in this Title authorized, upon convening, shall
61 appoint a committee on resolutions consisting of five members. The
62 convention shall then be open for the reception of all proposed
63 planks for the party platform, which planks shall be referred to
64 the committee on resolutions, whose duty it shall be to prepare a
65 tentative party platform and furnish *it* to each member of the con-
66 vention within [3 weeks thereafter a copy of the same and of all
67 other planks submitted to it which have not been incorporated
68 in the tentative party platform, together with the names and
69 addresses of the delegates proposing the same. After the introduc-
70 tion of all proposed planks and the reference thereof to the com-
71 mittee on resolutions, the convention shall adjourn to meet again
72 4 weeks later at its originally set meeting place. At the adjourned]

73 75 days. The committee on resolutions of each political party shall
74 hold a minimum of three public hearings throughout the State.
75 A number of such public hearings shall be held in the evenings, if
76 feasible, to give the largest possible number of people an oppor-
77 tunity to express their views. The State convention of each politi-
78 cal party shall adjourn to meet again at its originally set meeting
79 place not later than 90 days after the initial adjournment of such
80 convention. The State chairman of each political party shall set
81 the date of the adjourned meeting of his party. A notice of the date
82 of the adjourned meeting of each political party shall be furnished
83 to each member of each respective convention not later than 15
84 days prior to such adjourned meeting. At such meeting the respec-
85 tive conventions shall consider and may adopt the draft of the
86 platform so prepared by the committee on resolutions with such
87 amendments as shall be suggested and adopted in the conventions
88 as a whole. The voting on the adoption of the party platform shall
89 be on the entire platform as reported by the committee on resolu-
90 tions, unless there be an objection to any separate plank or planks
91 or to any amendment thereto, in which case the voting on such
92 plank or planks or amendment shall be by the "ayes" and "nays"
93 of the members of the convention present and voting.

94 The provisions of this section shall not preclude the holding of
95 additional State conventions of the political parties at such times
96 as the State Committees of the parties shall determine.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive
2 to July 1, 1979.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to provide both political parties with sufficient time to complete their platform work.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3523

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 2, 1979

The purpose of Assembly Bill No. 3523 is to increase the time period that political parties have to promulgate a party platform. Presently, each party's committee on resolutions has 3 weeks to prepare a tentative party platform and the entire convention must vote on adoption of that platform 4 weeks after the original meeting. Assembly Bill No. 3523 would increase to 75 days the time period that the committee on resolutions has to prepare the tentative party platform and would increase to 90 days from the date of the original meeting, the date on which the entire convention must vote on adoption of the platform. Assembly Bill No. 3523 would also mandate that at least three public hearings shall be held throughout the State by the committee on resolutions on the tentative platform. These hearings shall be held in the evenings, if feasible to give the largest possible number of people an opportunity to express their views.

FEBRUARY 0, 1950

A-1680, sponsored by Assemblyman Ernest F. Schuck (D-Camden), which places municipal and county utility authorities under a 90-day deadline for review of applications for the construction of sewage disposal and waste distribution facilities.

The intent of the legislation is to place the county and municipal utility authorities, which were not previously subject to any time restraints for review of such applications, under similar restrictions to those placed upon the Department of Environmental Protection.

A-1755, sponsored by Assemblyman Vincent Ozzie Pellechia (D-Passaic), which amends the Local Public Contracts Law to provide clear statutory authorization for local governments to establish cooperative pricing systems among themselves.

A number of means are now available to local units for joint purchasing with various provisions for participation under the Local Public Contracts Law, the Interlocal Services Act and the Optional County Charter Law. This bill differs in that it permits cooperative pricing systems in which one participant merely obtains standard prices on behalf of other participants in contrast to joint purchasing systems in which one member performs the actual purchasing as well. The bill establishes basic criteria to assure that accountability and uniformity are assured.

AJR-3003, sponsored by former Assemblywoman Rosemaire Totaro (D-Morris), which authorizes the United States Army Corps of Engineers to select the Rockaway and Passaic River as suitable sites for implementing anticipatory flood control measures under the federal Operation Foresight Program.

A-3523, sponsored by Assemblyman Albert Burstein (D-Bergen), which increases the time political parties have to complete the party platform.

Formerly, each party's committee on resolutions had 21 days to prepare a tentative party platform and the entire convention had to vote on adoption of that platform four weeks after the original meeting. This bill increases to 75 days the time period the committee on resolutions has to prepare the tentative party platform and increases to 90 days from the date of the original meeting, the date on which the entire convention must vote on adoption of the platform.