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**ASSEMBLY, No. 1422**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED APRIL 1, 1974

By Assemblyman RUANE

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and  
Interstate Relations

AN ACT to amend the "Absentee Voting Law (1953)," approved  
July 1, 1953 (P. L. 1953, c. 211).

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

1 1. Section 14 of P. L. 1953, c. 211 (C. 19:57-14) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 14. Each absentee ballot to be used at any election to be held  
4 while this act is in effect shall be printed entirely in black ink and,  
5 except as otherwise provided, shall conform generally to the ballot  
6 to be used at said election in the absentee voter's election district  
7 and shall be so prepared that the absentee voter may indicate  
8 thereon his choice of such of the candidates for the offices to be  
9 filled, and as to such public questions to be voted upon, at said  
10 election by the voters of the entire State, **[or of the]** county *or*  
11 **\*[election district]\* \*municipality\*** in which such absentee **[voter's**  
12 election district is situated**]** *voter is a resident*, as shall be ascer-  
13 tained and known on the thirty-fourth day preceding such election  
14 and sufficient space shall be provided thereon for such absentee  
15 voter to write in the name of and vote for any candidate for, or his  
16 personal choice for, any public office to be voted for at such election  
17 in such election district. **[A list of the candidates for the offices to**  
18 be filled in each election district in the county, whose names are  
19 known and ascertained on said thirty-fourth day but do not appear  
20 upon said ballot, with a statement of the office for which each is a  
21 candidate, shall be forwarded with such ballot.] *\*A list of the*  
21A *candidates for the offices to be filled in each election district in the*  
21B *county, whose names are known and ascertained on said thirty-*  
21C *fourth day but do not appear upon said ballot, with a statement of*

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

21D *the office for which each is a candidate, shall be forwarded with*  
21E *such ballot.\**

22 In the preparation of absentee ballots the name of any candidate  
23 who has been nominated for any office shall be placed upon the  
24 absentee ballot [or list of candidates, as the case may be,] to be  
25 used in the general election to be held in said year in each election  
26 district in which he is a candidate, whether or not such candidate  
27 has accepted such nomination prior to said date; provided, that he  
28 has not prior to said date declined the same.

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STATEMENT

This bill requires that absentee ballots contain a list of names  
of all candidates for local offices.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL  
AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1422**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: FEBRUARY 13, 1975

This bill amends the "Absentee Voting Law (1953)" (P. L. 1953, c. 211) to require that the list of candidates for local offices be printed on the absentee ballot. The statute (C. 19:57-14) presently requires that a list of candidates for local office be sent with the absentee ballots. This amendment, by requiring that these candidates be printed on the ballot itself, is aimed at reducing the confusion and errors which occur in the process of transferring choices from a separate list to the official absentee ballot.