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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 9, 1974

By Assemblymen HYNES, BURSTEIN, CONTILLO
and GLADSTONE

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and
Interstate Relations

AN ACT to forbid the use of voter registration lists for commercial
solicitation, and amending P. L. 1947, c. 347.

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

1 1. Section 2 of P. L. 1947, c. 347 (C. 19:31-18.1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 2. a. The county clerk in all counties shall cause copies of the
4 registry lists, certified and transmitted under R. S. 19:31-18, to be
5 printed in handbill form, and shall furnish to any voter applying
6 for the same such copies, charging therefor \$0.25 per copy of the
7 list of voters of each election district. He shall also furnish five
8 printed copies thereof to each district board, which shall within 2
9 days post two such registry lists, one in the polling place and one
10 in another conspicuous place within the election district. The
11 county clerk shall also forthwith deliver to the superintendent of
12 elections if any there be and the municipal clerk of each of the
13 municipalities in the county for which the lists have been printed
14 five copies of the lists of voters of each election district in such
15 municipality, and to the county board 10 copies of the lists of
16 voters of each election district in each of such municipalities. The
17 county clerk shall also forthwith deliver to the chairmen of the
18 State committees and to the chairmen of the county committees
19 of the several political parties, five copies of the lists of voters of
20 each election district in each of the municipalities in his county.

21 b. In any county where the voter registration lists are recorded
22 on magnetic tape or electronic data processing cards, the commis-
23 sioner of registration shall furnish a copy of such tape or cards
24 to any voter requesting such tape or cards, for which copy such
25 commissioner shall make a charge which shall be uniform in any

26 calendar year and which shall reflect only the cost of reproducing
27 such tape or cards.

28 *c. No person shall use voter registration lists or copies thereof*
29 *prepared pursuant to this section as a basis for commercial sollicita-*
30 *tion of the voters listed thereon. Any person making such use of*
31 *such lists or copies thereof shall be a disorderly person, and shall*
32 *be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00.*

1 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days following its enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill forbids the use of voter registration lists as mailing lists by commercial concerns. Currently, exposure of one's name and address to commercial solicitation is a necessary consequence of registering to vote. Persons choosing to exercise their right of franchise should not at the same time be compelled to agree to the addition of their names to countless mailing lists. Development of computerized voter registration lists will make such lists even more attractive to commercial enterprises looking for inexpensive and comprehensive mailing lists. This bill prevents a use of voter registration lists which is totally unrelated to the workings of the electoral process and the reason for the public availability of such lists.