19:31-18.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 19:31-18.1		-			
Laws of	Chapter _	115			
Bill No					
Sponsor(s) Hynes &	Others				
Date Introduced Sept					
Committee: Assembly	State Gov't	, Federa	al & Tn	terstate	Relations
Senate _	ti ti	11	11	11	11
Amended during passa	ge	435		No	
Date of passage: As	sembly Jan	uary 23	, 19 7 5		
Se	nate <u>April</u>	21, 197	5		
Date of approval _Ju	ne 3, 1975				
Following statements	are attack	ned if	availa	able:	
Sponsor statement		Yes		N.O	
Committee Statement:	Assembly	X:2:3		ИO	
	Senate	Yes si		No	
Fiscal Note		K228		No	
Veto message		Y k e s		No	
Hessage on signing		x kæs		No	
Following were print	ed:				
Reports		Kes		No	
Hearings		Y63		ΝО	

10/4/76 1977 Do Not Remove From Library

APPROVED 6-3-75

ASSEMBLY No. 2073

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

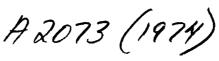
INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 9, 1974

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 solicita-
- 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.