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LAWS OF: 2019 **CHAPTER:** 78

NJSA: 52:9A-14 (Designates Thomas Alva Edison as State Inventor.)

BILL NO: S1857 (Substituted for A3238)

SPONSOR(S) Shirley K. Turner and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 2/15/2018

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** State & Local Government

SENATE: State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 2/25/2019

SENATE: 10/29/2019

DATE OF APPROVAL: 5/2/2019

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Introduced bill enacted) Yes

S1857

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 78, *approved May 2, 2019*
Senate, No. 1857

1 **AN ACT** designating Thomas Alva Edison as New Jersey State
2 Inventor, and supplementing chapter 9A of Title 52 of Revised
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10 numerous inventions, such as the electric pen, an early version of
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24 by incandescent light on New Year’s Eve, 1879; and
25 **WHEREAS**, The following year, Mr. Edison established the Edison
26 Electric Light Company and was commissioned to install the
27 brass chandelier with 66 light bulbs that hangs in the General
28 Assembly Chamber of the New Jersey State House; and
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38 power an electric car; and
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40 United States patents, 400 of them while living in Menlo Park,
41 New Jersey; and
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43 diabetes at the age of 84, on October 18, 1931, many
44 communities and corporations throughout the world
45 commemorated his passing by briefly dimming their lights; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Since Mr. Edison’s death, the State and its residents
2 have dedicated memorials, which include the Edison Memorial
3 Tower in Menlo Park, the Menlo Park Laboratory Tablet and
4 Memorial, Thomas Edison State University in Trenton, and
5 Edison Township in Middlesex County, in honor and
6 remembrance of Mr. Edison for his accomplishments and
7 contributions to the State of New Jersey, the nation, and the
8 world; now, therefore,

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Designates Thomas Alva Edison as State Inventor.

SENATE, No. 1857

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 15, 2018

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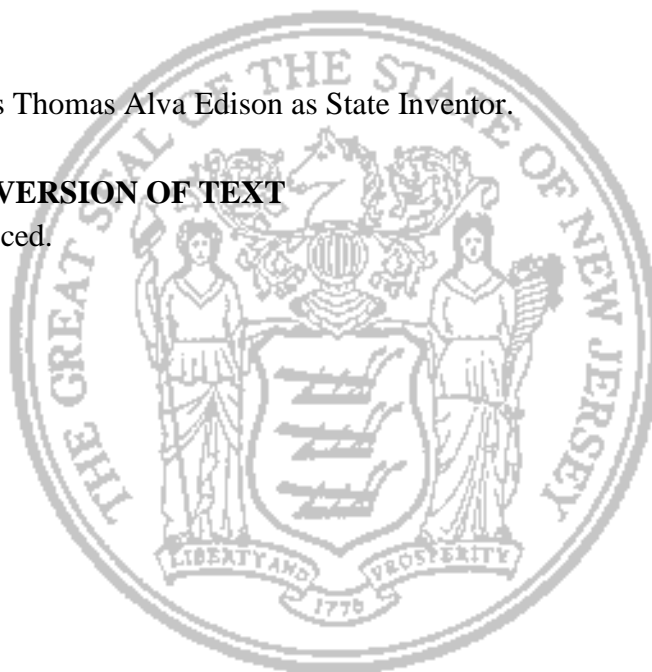
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SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1857

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 24, 2019

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1857.

This bill designates Thomas Alva Edison as New Jersey State Inventor.

Thomas Alva Edison was an American inventor and businessman, who spent more than 50 years of his life residing and inventing in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Edison first moved to New Jersey in 1870, establishing a facility in Newark, New Jersey, and developing numerous inventions, such as the electric pen, an early version of the copy machine, and most importantly the quadruplex telegraph, which allowed the transmission of multiple messages on the same telegraph wire.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3238

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2018

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ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3238

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 24, 2019

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Newark, N.J.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/2/2019

Trenton – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S368 (Rice, Turner/Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Swain) – Authorizes political subdivisions to set aside 0.5 percent of public works funds to recruit and train women and minorities and promote local hiring.

S768 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Pinkin, Jasey, DeAngelo, Danielsen, Wimberly, McKnight, Taliaferro) – Requires institutions of higher education to develop open textbook plan.

S1857 (Turner, Diegnan/Pinkin, Jasey, Karabinchak, Holley) – Designates Thomas Alva Edison as State Inventor.

A4897 (Lopez, Benson/O’Scanlon, Singleton) – Permits 20 year ferry boat local public contracts; permits 50 year local public contracts for certain capital improvements and extends prevailing wage requirements to certain work performed under those contracts.

A5159 (Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Karabinchak/Diegnan, Greenstein) – Permits county commissioner of registration and board of elections to use electronic poll books

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