

**19:6-17 & 19:6-17.1 and 19:6-18  
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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**LAWS OF:** 2019                    **CHAPTER:** 191

**NJSA:** 19:6-17 & 19:6-17.1 and 19:6-18 (Permits county board of chosen freeholders to increase membership of county board of elections.)

**BILL NO:** A5162                (Substituted for S3554)

**SPONSOR(S)** Shanique Speight and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 3/11/2019

**COMMITTEE:**                **ASSEMBLY:** Appropriations

**SENATE:** Budget & Appropriations

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:**                Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                **ASSEMBLY:** 3/25/2019

**SENATE:** 5/30/2019

**DATE OF APPROVAL:**                7/19/2019

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (First Reprint enacted)                                Yes

**A5162**

**SPONSOR’S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                                **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** No

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**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:**                                No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**                                No

**S3554**

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 191, *approved July 19, 2019*  
Assembly, No. 5162 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning county boards of elections and amending  
2 R.S.19:6-17 and R.S.19:6-18 <sup>1</sup>and supplementing Title 19 of the  
3 Revised Statutes<sup>1</sup>.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 <sup>1</sup>**[1.** R.S.19:6-17 is amended to read as follows:

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10 who shall be legal voters of the counties for which they are  
11 respectively appointed. **[Two]** Three members of such county  
12 board shall be members of the political party which at the last  
13 preceding general election, held for the election of all of the  
14 members of the General Assembly, cast the largest number of votes  
15 in this State for members of the General Assembly, and the  
16 remaining **[2]** three members of such board shall be members of  
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25 committee or State committee or for nomination for or election as a  
26 delegate at large or alternate delegate at large, or district delegate  
27 or alternate district delegate to any national political convention,  
28 such candidacy to be determined by the filing of a petition of  
29 nomination duly accepted by such member in the manner provided  
30 by law.

31 In all counties of the first class the county board may appoint  
32 some suitable person clerk of such board. In counties of the first  
33 class having a population of less than 800,000, the county board  
34 may appoint **[4]** four additional office employees, and in counties  
35 of the first class having a population of more than 800,000, the  
36 county board may appoint not more than **[6]** six additional office  
37 employees, all of whom when appointed by such county boards  
38 shall be appointed from the competitive class of civil service,  
39 provided, however, that any employee now serving and who has not  
40 been appointed from the competitive class of civil service shall be

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not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 18, 2019.

1 in the classified service of the civil service upon passage of this act.  
2 The compensation of the clerk of the county board of elections in  
3 counties of the first class shall be in an amount recommended by  
4 the county board of elections and subject to the approval of the  
5 board of chosen freeholders of the county affected, provided,  
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7 per annum. The compensation of such office employees shall be  
8 recommended by the county board and approved by the board of  
9 chosen freeholders. All persons now employed by the board in the  
10 competitive class of civil service and such other employees now  
11 performing assigned duties shall hold such employment in the  
12 competitive class of civil service.

13 (cf: P.L.1965, c.166, s.1)]<sup>1</sup>

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26 the full membership of the county board of chosen freeholders, the  
27 county board of chosen freeholders may opt to increase to six  
28 persons the membership of the county board of elections. The two  
29 new members shall be legal voters of the counties for which they  
30 are respectively appointed. If a county board of chosen freeholders  
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23 (cf: P.L.1965, c.166, s.1)

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29 committeewoman of each of such two political parties, respectively  
30 shall meet and jointly, in writing, nominate **【one person】** an equal  
31 number of persons, as specified under R.S.19:6-17, residing in the  
32 county of such county committee chairman, duly qualified, for  
33 member of the county board in and for such county.

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35 any party from a county, the State committeeman and State  
36 committeewoman who shall participate in the process of nomination  
37 shall be those holding full votes who received the greatest number  
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41 shall certify the nomination so made to the State chairman and to  
42 the Governor, and the Governor shall commission such appointees,  
43 who shall be members of opposite parties, on or before March 1. If  
44 nomination be not so made on account of a tie vote in the said  
45 meeting of the county committee chairman, county committee vice-  
46 chairlady, State committeeman and State committeewoman, in  
47 respect to such nomination, the said county committee chairman  
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1 shall have the deciding vote and who shall certify, in writing, to the  
 2 Governor, the nomination made by his deciding vote. Appointees  
 3 to county boards of election pursuant to this section shall continue  
 4 in office for **[2]** two years from March 1 next after their  
 5 appointment.

6 The first appointment having been made pursuant to law for  
 7 terms of **[1]** one and **[2]** two years, respectively, the members  
 8 subsequently appointed each year shall fill the offices of the  
 9 appointees whose terms expire in that year.

10 (cf: P.L.2011, c.134, s.8)

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12 <sup>1</sup>[3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of R.S.19:6-  
 13 18 requiring appointments to be made on or before March 1,  
 14 following the enactment of, P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
 15 Legislature as this bill), the initial nomination and appointment to  
 16 increase the membership of the county boards of elections by two  
 17 additional members, as provided by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
 18 the Legislature as this bill) amending R.S.19-6-18, shall be made  
 19 not less than 10 business days following the effective date of P.L. ,  
 20 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). Thereafter, all  
 21 members shall be nominated and appointed in accordance with the  
 22 timeframe specified under section a. of R.S.19:6-18.]<sup>1</sup>

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 27 membership of the county boards of elections by two additional  
 28 members, as provided by the action to increase membership under  
 29 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
 30 amending R.S.19-6-17, shall be made not less than 10 business days  
 31 following the adoption of increase in membership of the county  
 32 board of elections by the county board of chosen freeholders.  
 33 Thereafter, all members shall be nominated and appointed in  
 34 accordance with the timeframe specified under section a. of  
 35 R.S.19:6-18.<sup>1</sup>

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37 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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42 Permits county board of chosen freeholders to increase  
 43 membership of county board of elections.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5162

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 11, 2019

**Sponsored by:**  
**Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT**  
**District 29 (Essex)**

### **SYNOPSIS**

Increases membership of county boards of elections.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



A5162 SPEIGHT

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26 delegate to any national political convention, such candidacy to be  
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28 by such member in the manner provided by law.

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STATEMENT

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12 This bill increases the membership of county boards of elections  
13 from four members to six members. The bill requires that three  
14 members of the county board of elections be members of the  
15 political party which at the last preceding general election, held for  
16 the election of all of the members of the General Assembly, cast the  
17 largest number of votes in this State for members of the General  
18 Assembly, and the remaining three members of the county board of  
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23 this bill, a one-time, mid-year appointment to increase membership  
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25 election. Thereafter, persons will be nominated and appointed in  
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# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 5162**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 18, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5162, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill allows a county board of chosen freeholders, by a majority vote of its full membership, to increase the membership of a county board of elections from four members to six members. The bill requires that three members of the county board of elections be members of the political party which at the last preceding general election, held for the election of all of the members of the General Assembly, cast the largest number of votes in this State for members of the General Assembly, and the remaining three members of the county board of elections be members of the political party which at such election cast the next largest number of votes in the State for members of the General Assembly.

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#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendment provides that the county board of chosen freeholders, by a majority vote of its full membership, is permitted to increase the membership of the county board of elections.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

**SENATE, No. 3554**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED MARCH 5, 2019

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JAMES BEACH**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits county board of elections to increase its membership

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



S3554 BEACH

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**STATEMENT**

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12 that three members of the county board of elections be members of  
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# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 3554**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 18, 2019

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3554, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill permits a county board of chosen freeholders to increase the membership of the county board of elections from four members to six members. The bill requires that if a county board of chosen freeholders opts to increase the membership of the county board of elections, the two new members are to be legal voters of the counties for which they are appointed, and the board of elections is to consist of an equal representation between the political parties which at the last preceding general election, held for the election of all of the members of the General Assembly, cast the largest and next largest number of votes in this State for members of the General Assembly.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments provide that the county board of chosen freeholders, by a majority vote of its full membership, is permitted to increase the membership of the county board of elections. The amendments also provide for mid-year appointments to the county board of elections not less than 10 business days following the adoption of an increase by the county board of chosen freeholders.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified as requiring a fiscal note.



# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

07/19/2019

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:

**AJR26 (Downey, Houghtaling, Quijano, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jasey, McKnight/Pou, Codey)** - Designates September of each year as "Youth Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

**AJR87 (Murphy, Mosquera, Pinkin/Singleton, Addiego)** - Designates January 11 of each year as "Alice Paul Day" in New Jersey.

**A769 (Caputo, Giblin, Vainieri Huttle/A.R. Bucco, Ruiz)** - Requires school districts to incorporate age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in grades preschool through 12 as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

**A1048 (Houghtaling, Downey, Mukherji, Holley/Turner, Stack)** - Requires property tax bills to contain eligibility information on State tax relief programs.

**A1190 (Jones, Giblin, Mukherji/Beach, Cruz-Perez)** - Concerns appointment of person to control funeral and disposition of human remains.

**A1369 (Kennedy, DeAngelo, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Quijano/Greenstein, Addiego)** - Allows for cancellation of certain service contracts without paying early termination fee if customer becomes deceased prior to end of service contract.

**A1428 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, Vainieri Huttle/Ruiz, Cunningham)** - Requires Department of Education to develop guidelines for school districts concerning child trafficking awareness and prevention.

**A3766 (Armato, Houghtaling, Murphy, Jones/Corrado)** - Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction for corruption of public resources, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when offense involves or touches upon public office or employment.

**A5162 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Beach)** - Permits county board of chosen freeholders to increase membership of county board of elections.

**A5456 (Armato, Kennedy, Speight/Greenstein, Bateman)** - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020.

**A5457 (Danielsen, Swain, Milam/Codey)** - Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020.

**A5462 (Milam, Speight, Murphy/Smith)** - Modifies powers and duties of New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.

**S692 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Caputo, Holley)** - Prohibits the DOE from regulating maximum salary amount school district may pay its superintendent of schools and codifies standards for contract review.

**S756 (Diegnan, Turner/Calabrese, Sumter, Pinkin)** - Updates notice of elections requirements to include information for voter to obtain polling place locations.

**S858 (Turner, Diegnan/Jasey, Caputo)** - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate.

**S954 (Vitale, Singleton, Madden/Conaway, Moriarty, Sumter, McKnight, Mukherji, Downey)** - Enters New Jersey in enhanced multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.

**S1373 (Andrzejczak/Land, Milam)** - Expands option of governmental home health care agency to partner with non-governmental providers to deliver health care services.

**S1707 (Oroho, Bateman, Andrzejczak/Space, Wirths)** - Exempts governmental entities acquiring lands for open space located in a deed-authorized common interest community from paying community fees if, at time of acquisition, community has never been formed or has been dissolved or discontinued.

**S1761 (Weinberg, Singleton/Pintor Marin, Lampitt, Pinkin, Munoz, McKeon)** - Expands the Address Confidentiality Program to include victims of sexual assault and stalking; and reproductive health service patients and providers.

**S1799 (A.R. Bucco/A.M. Bucco, Murphy, Caputo)** - Increases membership of fire safety commission in DCA.

**S2472 (Singleton, Murphy/Conaway, Timberlake)** - Requires certain real estate licensees to complete courses of study concerning fair housing and housing discrimination.

**S2489 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Mosquera, Jones, Holley, McKnight, Downey)** - Requires board of education to post information about child abuse hotline in each school.

**S2575 (Diegnan, Greenstein/Karabinchak, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Establishes task force to examine and make recommendations regarding implementation of "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act."

**S2944 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Pintor Marin, McKnight, Chiaravalloti)** - Permits certain council members to appoint up to four fulltime equivalent aides; allows these aide positions to be divided into part-time positions.

**S2994 (Ruiz/Freiman, McKeon, Schaer) – Concerns refunds following terminations or cancellations of guaranteed asset protection waivers.**

**S3043 (Madden, Oroho/Mosquera, Pintor Marin)** - Clarifies that family day care providers or other persons who are subjects of criminal history record back checks have access to disqualifying information.

**S3452 (Ruiz, Pou/Lopez, Holley, Schaer)** - Requires certain consumer reporting agencies to make consumer reports available to consumers in Spanish and certain other languages.

**S3899 (Ruiz/Burzichelli)** - Allows TPAF retiree to be employed, without TPAF reenrollment, by school district as certificated superintendent or administrator for more than two years when in best interests of school district.