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COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes Budget & Appropri.

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"New law will let you register to vote online," The Star-Ledger, January 22, 2020

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 487, *approved January 21, 2020*
Assembly, No. 4564 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the availability of election district, county
2 district, municipal ward boundary, and election results data to
3 the public, amending various parts of the statutory law, and
4 supplementing chapter 4 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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9 1. (New section) a. This act shall be known and may be cited
10 as the “Voting Precinct Transparency Act.”

11 b. The Secretary of State shall make available on the official
12 website of the Division of Elections in the Department of State the
13 election district, county district, and municipal ward boundaries
14 required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to section 7
15 of P.L.1976, c.83 (C.19:4-16), section 121 of P.L.1972, c.154
16 (C.40:41A-121), and section 7 of P.L.1981, c.496 (C.40:44-15),
17 respectively. The boundary files shall be in ESRI Shapefile format
18 and available for download by the public free of charge ², upon
19 implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration
20 System².

21 c. Within 90 days following the certification of the results of
22 any special, primary, school, municipal, or general election, and of
23 any public question voted by the voters at an election, pursuant to
24 Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, the ²**[Secretary of State shall also]**
25 county clerk of each county shall² make available on ²**[the]** their²
26 official website ²**[as provided under subsection b. of this section]**²
27 a table or database containing the election results compiled at the
28 election districts level ²**[**1, which shall, as is provided to the
29 Secretary of State,]². If feasible, the table or database shall² include
30 the results of mail-in ballots delineated by election district¹.

31 The election results table or database shall be in a single file, in a
32 comma-delimited values format, and shall contain a unique
33 identifier field for each election district that matches the unique
34 identifier field for that district in the election districts Shapefile. ¹In
35 the event that election results specific to mail-in ballots are unable
36 to be included in the table or database created pursuant to this
37 subsection, the votes by mail-in ballot for a particular candidate
38 shall be included in ²**[the]** a separate² table or database ²**[in a**
39 separate, clearly labeled column]². A mail-in ballot received and

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted December 6, 2018.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 9, 2020.

1 counted shall not be attributed in the table or database to an election
2 district ²or other geographic unit² in which the voter does not
3 reside.¹ The election results table or database shall be available for
4 download by the public free of charge.

5 d. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the New Jersey
6 Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic
7 Information Systems, shall issue technical guidelines governing the
8 preparation, maintenance, and submission of boundary files and
9 election results files deemed necessary or desirable to accomplish
10 the provisions of this section.

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12 2. Section 7 of P.L.1976, c.83 (C.19:4-16) is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 7. a. The county board shall cause to have prepared and shall
15 maintain an up-to-date suitable map of the county and of each
16 constituent municipality clearly delineating the geographical
17 boundaries of each election district contained therein and of the
18 ward, legislative, freeholder, Congressional or other district or part
19 thereof, in which each election district is contained. A word
20 description of such geographical boundaries shall be attached to
21 each such map.

22 The county board shall file copies of such maps and descriptions
23 in the following manner: three copies to the Secretary of State, one
24 copy to the county clerk, and one copy to the clerk of each affected
25 municipality. Within 30 days of any changes in the boundaries of
26 any of the aforementioned districts, the county board shall file
27 revised maps and accompanying revised descriptions in the same
28 manner.

29 Said maps and descriptions shall be public records and shall be
30 available for inspection by the public in the offices of the Secretary
31 of State, county clerks and municipal clerks during normal office
32 hours. Copies shall be made available to the public for a fee
33 necessary to cover the cost of reproduction.

34 In order to effectuate the purposes of this act, the Secretary of
35 State shall establish such rules and regulations governing the
36 preparation, maintenance, distribution and filing of said maps and
37 descriptions as he deems necessary or desirable.

38 b. In addition to the maps and descriptions required to be filed
39 with the Secretary of State under subsection a. of this section, the
40 county board shall file with the Secretary of State the election
41 district boundaries in ESRI Shapefile format in accordance with
42 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
43 bill).

44 (cf: P.L.1976, c.83, s.7)

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46 3. Section 121 of P.L.1972, c.154 (C.40:41A-121) is amended
47 to read as follows:

1 121. a. Within 30 days after the adoption of one of said optional
2 plans, the district commissioners shall make and file their report
3 and certificate over at least three of their signatures setting forth
4 and properly describing the district boundaries fixed and
5 determined, to which there shall be annexed a map of the county
6 with the district boundaries clearly marked thereon.

7 The report so certified shall be filed in the office of the clerk of
8 the county, and a copy thereof shall also be filed with the Secretary
9 of State.

10 b. In addition to the description of the district boundaries and
11 map required to be filed with the Secretary of State under
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15 before the Legislature as this bill).

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18 4. Section 7 of P.L.1981, c.496 (C.40:44-15) is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 7. a. Within 30 days following their initial meeting pursuant to
21 section 5 of this act, the ward commissioners shall file their report,
22 certified by at least three of their signatures, setting forth and
23 properly describing the ward boundaries fixed and determined.
24 There shall be annexed to the report a map of the municipality with
25 the ward boundaries clearly marked thereon.

26 The report so certified shall be filed in the office of the county
27 clerk, and copies shall be filed with the Secretary of State and in the
28 office of the municipal clerk.

29 b. In addition to the description of the ward boundaries and
30 map required to be filed with the Secretary of State under
31 subsection a. of this section, the ward commissioners shall file with
32 the Secretary of State the ward boundaries in ESRI Shapefile format
33 in accordance with section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
34 the Legislature as this bill).

35 (cf: P.L.1981, c.496, s.7)

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37 5. This act shall take effect immediately.
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42 _____
43 Establishes “Voting Precinct Transparency Act;” requires filing
44 of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary
45 data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official
website with matching election results data.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 15, 2018

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ANDREW ZWICKER

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



A4564 ZWICKER

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24 b. of this section a table or database containing the election results
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6 voters, to make available on the same website a table or database
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8 level. The election results table or database would be in a single
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19 desirable to accomplish the provisions of the bill.

ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 4564

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2018

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4564.

This act, to be known as the “Voting Precinct Transparency Act,” requires the filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with the Secretary of State for posting and download online. The bill, as amended, also requires the secretary to post as a single file a table or database containing the election results at the election districts level, in a manner that matches the election districts boundary data.

Under current law, all municipalities in New Jersey are divided into election districts for election administration and voting purposes. For counties and municipalities that have adopted an optional charter as a form of government, current law also provides that those counties and municipalities may choose in their charter to be divided into county districts or municipal wards for the purpose of electing members of the governing body to represent those districts or wards. Currently, Essex, Atlantic, and Hudson counties are divided into county districts from which voters elect some or all of the members of the county governing body. Of the State’s 565 municipalities, about 64 have chosen to establish municipal wards from which voters elect some or all of the members of the municipal governing body.

This bill, as amended, requires each districting authority (county board of elections for election districts, district commissioners for county districts, and ward commissioners for municipal wards) to file with the Secretary of State the election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data, as appropriate, in ESRI Shapefile format. This file format is widely used with geographic information systems software. The Secretary of State is directed to make this boundary data available on the official website of the Division of Elections for download by the public free of charge. The bill also requires the secretary, within 90 days following the certification of the results of any election, or public question voted on by the voters, to make available on the same website a table or database containing the election results compiled at the election districts level, which is to

include votes received from mail-in ballots, delineated by election district. The election results table or database would be in a single file, in a comma-delimited values format, and would contain a unique identifier field for each election district that matches the unique identifier field for that district in the election districts Shapefile. If the results from mail-in ballots are unable to be included in the table or database that is required to be made available to the public within 90 days of certification of election results, the Secretary of State will include in the table or database the votes by mail-in ballot for a particular candidate in a separate, clearly labeled column. The bill, as amended, requires that mail-in ballots received and counted only be attributed in the table or database to the election district in which the voter resides. The election results table or database would also be available for download by the public free of charge.

The bill directs the Secretary of State, in consultation with the New Jersey Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic Information Systems, to issue technical guidelines governing the preparation, maintenance, and submission of boundary files and election results files deemed necessary or desirable to accomplish the provisions of the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to require that the table or database created by the Secretary of State pursuant to the bill include votes received from mail-in ballots delineated by election district. The amendments provide that if the results from mail-in ballots are unable to be included in the table or database that is required to be made available to the public within 90 days of certification of election results, the Secretary of State will include in the table or database the votes by mail-in ballot for a particular candidate in a separate, clearly labeled column. The amendments require that a mail-in ballot received and counted only be attributed in the table or database to the election district in which the voter resides.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 20, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4564 (1R).

Assembly Bill No. 4564 (1R), to be known as the “Voting Precinct Transparency Act,” requires the filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with the Secretary of State for posting and download online. The bill, as amended, also requires the secretary to post as a single file a table or database containing the election results at the election districts level, in a manner that matches the election districts boundary data.

Under current law, all municipalities in New Jersey are divided into election districts for election administration and voting purposes. For counties and municipalities that have adopted an optional charter as a form of government, current law also provides that those counties and municipalities may choose in their charter to be divided into county districts or municipal wards for the purpose of electing members of the governing body to represent those districts or wards. Currently, Essex, Atlantic, and Hudson counties are divided into county districts from which voters elect some or all of the members of the county governing body. Of the State’s 565 municipalities, about 64 have chosen to establish municipal wards from which voters elect some or all of the members of the municipal governing body.

This bill requires each districting authority (county board of elections for election districts, district commissioners for county districts, and ward commissioners for municipal wards) to file with the Secretary of State the election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data, as appropriate, in ESRI Shapefile format. This file format is widely used with geographic information systems software. The Secretary of State is directed to make this boundary data available on the official website of the Division of Elections for download by the public free of charge. The bill also requires the secretary, within 90 days following the certification of the results of any election, or public question voted on by the voters, to make available on the same website a table or database containing the election results compiled at the election districts level, which is to include votes received from mail-in ballots, delineated by election district. The election results table or database would be in a single file,

in a comma-delimited values format, and would contain a unique identifier field for each election district that matches the unique identifier field for that district in the election districts Shapefile. If the results from mail-in ballots are unable to be included in the table or database that is required to be made available to the public within 90 days of certification of election results, the Secretary of State will include in the table or database the votes by mail-in ballot for a particular candidate in a separate, clearly labeled column. The bill, as amended, requires that mail-in ballots received and counted only be attributed in the table or database to the election district in which the voter resides. The election results table or database would also be available for download by the public free of charge.

The bill directs the Secretary of State, in consultation with the New Jersey Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic Information Systems, to issue technical guidelines governing the preparation, maintenance, and submission of boundary files and election results files deemed necessary or desirable to accomplish the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate expenditure increase for the State and certain local government units associated with the development and posting for public view of district boundary and election results data.

Counties and certain municipalities may incur indeterminate costs associated with the development of election districts, county districts, and municipal ward boundary data in ESRI Shapefile format. County boards of elections would additionally incur the costs of developing a database of election results, including votes cast using voting machines and paper ballots in each district, which matches the boundary Shapefiles. Some county boards of elections may also incur the costs associated with mail-in ballot tabulation equipment capable of allocating election results from paper ballots within the district in which the voter resides.

The Department of State would incur an indeterminate cost increase associated with the development and maintenance of a website where the boundary and election results data would be posted for download by the public free of charge. The Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic Information Systems, would work with the Department of State in issuing technical guidelines.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4564

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4564 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended and reported, this bill, to be known as the “Voting Precinct Transparency Act,” requires the filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with the Secretary of State for posting and download online. The bill, as amended by the committee, also requires these files to be in ESRI Shapefile format upon implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration System.

Under current law, all municipalities in New Jersey are divided into election districts for election administration and voting purposes. For counties and municipalities that have adopted an optional charter as a form of government, current law also provides that those counties and municipalities may choose in their charter to be divided into county districts or municipal wards for the purpose of electing members of the governing body to represent those districts or wards. Currently, Essex, Atlantic, and Hudson counties are divided into county districts from which voters elect some or all of the members of the county governing body. Of the State’s 565 municipalities, about 64 have chosen to establish municipal wards from which voters elect some or all of the members of the municipal governing body.

This bill requires each districting authority (county board of elections for election districts, district commissioners for county districts, and ward commissioners for municipal wards) to file with the Secretary of State the election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data, as appropriate, in ESRI Shapefile format. This file format is widely used with geographic information systems software. The Secretary of State is directed to make this boundary data available on the official website of the Division of Elections for download by the public free of charge, upon implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration System.

The bill, as amended by the committee, also requires the county clerk of each county, within 90 days following the certification of the results of any election, or public question voted on by the voters, to

make available on their official websites a table or database containing the election results compiled at the election districts level. The election results table or database would be in a single file, in a comma-delimited values format, and would contain a unique identifier field for each election district that matches the unique identifier field for that district in the election districts Shapefile. Under the bill, as amended by the committee, the table or database would include the mail-in ballot results by election district, if feasible. If the results from mail-in ballots are unable to be included in the table or database by election district, these results would be included in a separate table or database. The bill, as amended by the committee, prohibits mail-in ballots received and counted to be attributed in the table or database to an election district or other geographic unit in which the voter does not reside. The election results table or database would also be available for download by the public free of charge.

The bill directs the Secretary of State, in consultation with the New Jersey Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic Information Systems, to issue technical guidelines governing the preparation, maintenance, and submission of boundary files and election results files deemed necessary or desirable to accomplish the provisions of the bill.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4564 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3087, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments:

(1) provide that the boundary files would be available in ESRI Shapefile format upon implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration System;

(2) require the county clerk of each county, instead of the Secretary of State, to make available the election results table or database on their official websites;

(3) require the mail-in ballot results to be reported by election district, if feasible;

(4) provide that if it is not feasible to report the mail-in ballot results by election district, that these results would be reported in a separate table or database; and

(5) clarify that a mail-in ballot result is prohibited from being attributed in the table or database to an election district or other geographic unit in which the voter does not reside.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that this bill, as amended by the committee, will result in an indeterminate expenditure increase for the State and certain local government units associated

with the development and posting for public view of district boundary and election results data.

Counties and certain municipalities may incur indeterminate costs associated with the development of election districts, county districts, and municipal ward boundary data in ESRI Shapefile format, upon implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration System. County boards of elections would additionally incur the costs of developing a database of election results, including votes cast using voting machines and, if feasible, paper ballots in each district, which matches the boundary Shapefiles. Some county boards of elections may also incur the costs associated with mail-in ballot tabulation equipment capable of allocating election results from paper ballots within the district in which the voter resides. If this is not feasible, mail-in ballot results would be included in a separate table or database. The election results data would be posted for download by the public free of charge.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 24, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes “Voting Precinct Transparency Act;” requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data.
- Type of Impact:** Indeterminate State and local government expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of State; Office of Information Technology; Certain local governments.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
Local Cost Increase		Indeterminate	

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Technology, Office of Geographic Information Systems, would work with the Department of State in issuing technical guidelines.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill, named the “Voting Precinct Transparency Act,” requires election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data to be filed with the Secretary of State for posting and download online, along with a matching database of election results at the election districts level.

Under current law, all municipalities in New Jersey are divided into election districts for election administration and voting purposes. For counties and municipalities that have adopted an optional charter as a form of government, current law also provides that those counties and municipalities may choose in their charter to be divided into county districts or municipal wards for the purpose of electing members of the governing body to represent those districts or wards. Currently, Essex, Atlantic, and Hudson counties are divided into county districts from which voters elect some or all of the members of the county governing body. Of the State’s 565 municipalities, about 64 have chosen to establish municipal wards from which voters elect some or all of the members of the municipal governing body.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICESLocal Government Expenditure Increase

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Because county boards of elections have jurisdiction over the gathering and reporting of election results, it is estimated that the county boards of elections would also incur the costs of developing a database of election results, including votes cast using voting machines and paper ballots, which matches the boundary Shapefiles. In order to comply with the requirement for election results from mail-in ballots cast to be reported at the district level, some county boards of elections may also incur the costs associated with mail-in ballot counting equipment that is capable of allocating such ballots to the district in which the voter resides.

State Expenditure Increase

The Department of State would incur an indeterminate cost increase associated with the development and maintenance of a website where the boundary and election results data would be posted for download by the public free of charge. The Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic Information Systems, would work with the Department of State in issuing technical guidelines for the preparation, maintenance, and submission of boundary files and election results files deemed necessary or desirable.

Section: State Government

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 16, 2020

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes “Voting Precinct Transparency Act;” requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State and local government expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of State; Office of Information Technology; Certain local governments.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
Local Cost Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill will result in an indeterminate annual expenditure increase for the State and certain local government units associated with the development and posting for public view of district boundary and election results data.
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download by the public free of charge. The Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic Information Systems, would work with the Department of State in issuing technical guidelines.

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This bill requires each districting authority (county board of elections for election districts, district commissioners for county districts, and ward commissioners for municipal wards) to file with the Secretary of State the election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data, as appropriate, in ESRI Shapefile format. This file format is widely used with geographic information systems (GIS) software. The Secretary of State is directed to make this boundary data available on the official website of the Division of Elections for download by the public free of charge, upon implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration System.

The bill also requires the county clerk of each county, within 90 days following the certification of the results of any election, or public question voted on by the voters, to make available on their official websites a table or database containing the election results compiled at the election districts level. The election results table or database would be in a single file, in a comma-delimited values format, and would contain a unique identifier field for each election district that matches the unique identifier field for that district in the election districts Shapefile. The table or database would include the mail-in ballot results by election district, if feasible. If the results from mail-in ballots are unable to be included in the table or database by election district, these results would be included in a separate table or database. The bill prohibits mail-in ballots received and counted to be attributed in the table or database to an election district or other geographic unit in which the voter does not reside. The election results table or database would also be available for download by the public free of charge.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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SENATE, No. 3087

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 2018

Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN
District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Voting Precinct Transparency Act;” requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the availability of election district, county
2 district, municipal ward boundary, and election results data to
3 the public, amending various parts of the statutory law, and
4 supplementing chapter 4 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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9 1. (New section) a. This act shall be known and may be cited
10 as the “Voting Precinct Transparency Act.”

11 b. The Secretary of State shall make available on the official
12 website of the Division of Elections in the Department of State the
13 election district, county district, and municipal ward boundaries
14 required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to section 7
15 of P.L.1976, c.83 (C.19:4-16), section 121 of P.L.1972, c.154
16 (C.40:41A-121), and section 7 of P.L.1981, c.496 (C.40:44-15),
17 respectively. The boundary files shall be in ESRI Shapefile format
18 and available for download by the public free of charge.

19 c. Within 90 days following the certification of the results of
20 any special, primary, school, municipal, or general election, and of
21 any public question voted by the voters at an election, pursuant to
22 Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, the Secretary of State shall also
23 make available on the official website as provided under subsection
24 b. of this section a table or database containing the election results
25 compiled at the election districts level. The election results table or
26 database shall be in a single file, in a comma-delimited values
27 format, and shall contain a unique identifier field for each election
28 district that matches the unique identifier field for that district in the
29 election districts Shapefile. The election results table or database
30 shall be available for download by the public free of charge.

31 d. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the New Jersey
32 Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic
33 Information Systems, shall issue technical guidelines governing the
34 preparation, maintenance, and submission of boundary files and
35 election results files deemed necessary or desirable to accomplish
36 the provisions of this section.

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38 2. Section 7 of P.L.1976, c.83 (C.19:4-16) is amended to read
39 as follows:

40 7. a. The county board shall cause to have prepared and shall
41 maintain an up-to-date suitable map of the county and of each
42 constituent municipality clearly delineating the geographical
43 boundaries of each election district contained therein and of the
44 ward, legislative, freeholder, Congressional or other district or part
45 thereof, in which each election district is contained. A word

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 description of such geographical boundaries shall be attached to
2 each such map.

3 The county board shall file copies of such maps and descriptions
4 in the following manner: three copies to the Secretary of State, one
5 copy to the county clerk, and one copy to the clerk of each affected
6 municipality. Within 30 days of any changes in the boundaries of
7 any of the aforementioned districts, the county board shall file
8 revised maps and accompanying revised descriptions in the same
9 manner.

10 Said maps and descriptions shall be public records and shall be
11 available for inspection by the public in the offices of the Secretary
12 of State, county clerks and municipal clerks during normal office
13 hours. Copies shall be made available to the public for a fee
14 necessary to cover the cost of reproduction.

15 In order to effectuate the purposes of this act, the Secretary of
16 State shall establish such rules and regulations governing the
17 preparation, maintenance, distribution and filing of said maps and
18 descriptions as he deems necessary or desirable.

19 b. In addition to the maps and descriptions required to be filed
20 with the Secretary of State under subsection a. of this section, the
21 county board shall file with the Secretary of State the election
22 district boundaries in ESRI Shapefile format in accordance with
23 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
24 bill).

25 (cf: P.L.1976, c.83, s.7)

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27 3. Section 121 of P.L.1972, c.154 (C.40:41A-121) is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 121. a. Within 30 days after the adoption of one of said optional
30 plans, the district commissioners shall make and file their report
31 and certificate over at least three of their signatures setting forth
32 and properly describing the district boundaries fixed and
33 determined, to which there shall be annexed a map of the county
34 with the district boundaries clearly marked thereon.

35 The report so certified shall be filed in the office of the clerk of
36 the county, and a copy thereof shall also be filed with the Secretary
37 of State.

38 b. In addition to the description of the district boundaries and
39 map required to be filed with the Secretary of State under
40 subsection a. of this section, the district commissioners shall file
41 with the Secretary of State the district boundaries in ESRI Shapefile
42 format in accordance with section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
43 before the Legislature as this bill).

44 (cf: P.L.1972, c.154, s.121)

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46 4. Section 7 of P.L.1981, c.496 (C.40:44-15) is amended to
47 read as follows:

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1 systems software. The Secretary of State is directed to make this
2 boundary data available on the official website of the Division of
3 Elections for download by the public free of charge. The bill also
4 requires the secretary, within 90 days following the certification of
5 the results of any election, or public question voted on by the
6 voters, to make available on the same website a table or database
7 containing the election results compiled at the election districts
8 level. The election results table or database would be in a single
9 file, in a comma-delimited values format, and would contain a
10 unique identifier field for each election district that matches the
11 unique identifier field for that district in the election districts
12 Shapefile. The election results table or database would also be
13 available for download by the public free of charge.

14 The bill directs the Secretary of State, in consultation with the
15 New Jersey Office of Information Technology, Office of
16 Geographic Information Systems, to issue technical guidelines
17 governing the preparation, maintenance, and submission of
18 boundary files and election results files deemed necessary or
19 desirable to accomplish the provisions of the bill.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3087

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 9, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3087, with committee amendments.

As amended and reported, this bill, to be known as the “Voting Precinct Transparency Act,” requires the filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with the Secretary of State for posting and download online. The bill, as amended by the committee, also requires these files to be in ESRI Shapefile format upon implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration System.

Under current law, all municipalities in New Jersey are divided into election districts for election administration and voting purposes. For counties and municipalities that have adopted an optional charter as a form of government, current law also provides that those counties and municipalities may choose in their charter to be divided into county districts or municipal wards for the purpose of electing members of the governing body to represent those districts or wards. Currently, Essex, Atlantic, and Hudson counties are divided into county districts from which voters elect some or all of the members of the county governing body. Of the State’s 565 municipalities, about 64 have chosen to establish municipal wards from which voters elect some or all of the members of the municipal governing body.

This bill requires each districting authority (county board of elections for election districts, district commissioners for county districts, and ward commissioners for municipal wards) to file with the Secretary of State the election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data, as appropriate, in ESRI Shapefile format. This file format is widely used with geographic information systems software. The Secretary of State is directed to make this boundary data available on the official website of the Division of Elections for download by the public free of charge, upon implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration System.

The bill, as amended by the committee, also requires the county clerk of each county, within 90 days following the certification of the results of any election, or public question voted on by the voters, to make available on their official websites a table or database containing the election results compiled at the election districts level. The election

results table or database would be in a single file, in a comma-delimited values format, and would contain a unique identifier field for each election district that matches the unique identifier field for that district in the election districts Shapefile. Under the bill, as amended by the committee, the table or database would include the mail-in ballot results by election district, if feasible. If the results from mail-in ballots are unable to be included in the table or database by election district, these results would be included in a separate table or database. The bill, as amended by the committee, prohibits mail-in ballots received and counted to be attributed in the table or database to an election district or other geographic unit in which the voter does not reside. The election results table or database would also be available for download by the public free of charge.

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As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3087 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4564, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments:

(1) provide that the boundary files would be available in ESRI Shapefile format upon implementation of a compatible Statewide Voter Registration System;

(2) require the county clerk of each county, instead of the Secretary of State, to make available the election results table or database on their official websites;

(3) require the mail-in ballot results to be reported by election district, if feasible;

(4) provide that if it is not feasible to report the mail-in ballot results by election district, that these results would be reported in a separate table or database; and

(5) clarify that a mail-in ballot result is prohibited from being attributed in the table or database to an election district or other geographic unit in which the voter does not reside.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that this bill, as amended by the committee, will result in an indeterminate expenditure increase for the State and certain local government units associated with the development and posting for public view of district boundary and election results data.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3087 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Expand Access to and Strengthen Democracy

01/21/2020

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed legislation to expand and strengthen democracy in New Jersey. The bills will provide protections and security for online voter registration while expanding access to the ballot for New Jerseyans. Today's signings add to the list of reforms expanding democracy enacted during the Murphy administration, including automatic voter registration and the restoration of the right to vote for residents on probation or parole.

"We are stronger and fairer when more New Jerseyans are represented in our democracy," **said Governor Murphy**. "Expanding access to voting is one of many ways we can work to enfranchise more voters and ensure that all eligible voters are able to participate in the democratic process."

- **S589 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Eustace, Moriarty)** - Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database.
- **S758 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano)** - Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes.
- **A4564 (Zwicker, Freiman/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Voting Precinct Transparency Act;" requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data.

"These voting bills, which will make democracy more accessible, more fair, and more transparent in our state, are reflective of grassroots efforts of advocates on the ground who are determined -- despite the troubling national moment we find ourselves in -- to build democracy from the ground up in New Jersey," **said Ryan P. Haygood, President & CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice**. "We commend Governor Murphy for signing these bills into law, and look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature to continue to strengthen our democracy in the Garden State."

"These three laws offer promise to make our democracy more representative at a time when the principle of 'one person, one vote' has come under assault, and racially biased voting laws are being advanced nationwide. Everyone deserves a voice, whether through the ballot box or being counted truthfully when districts are apportioned, and these laws amplify that microphone democracy provides. Tearing down barriers and modernizing registration, shining a light into the electoral process, and allocating representation accurately are important steps toward a fairer, freer system of democracy. New Jersey has responded to attacks on our right to vote by strengthening the power of the people," **said ACLU-NJ Executive Director Amol Sinha**.

"Governor Murphy continues to lead the nation in reform for the criminal legal system," **said Bonnie Kerness, Director of the American Friends Service Committee Prison Watch Program**. "People in prison are from, and in a very real sense, remain present in the communities where their loved ones are. Given how much dialogue there is recently on election fraud, this is one clear way to restore broken communities."

"These reforms make our democracy more transparent, inclusive, and accessible. We applaud Governor Murphy and the legislature for their commitment to empowering voters and removing barriers to participation. At a time when too many Americans feel they do not have a meaningful voice in democracy, New Jersey is establishing ourselves as a leader in protecting the sacred right to vote and expanding access for those who have been marginalized and left out of our democratic process," **said Jesse Burns, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey**.

"At a time when the right to vote is threatened all over the country, it is exciting to see New Jersey continue to enact pro-voter reforms," **said Myrna Pérez, director of the Voting Rights and Elections Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law**. "We hope other states follow New Jersey's lead."

S589

“It’s time to bring our voter registration into the 21st century,” **said Senator Weinberg**. “Over 30 states have already created an online system, and I’m glad that today, New Jersey will join them. It will not only make it easier for residents to register but it will be more environmentally friendly and save the state money over the cost of the paper system.”

“Whether it’s shopping or maintaining our bank accounts online, the Internet has become integral in our daily routines. Allowing people to register to vote online provides a similar ease for residents who wish to participate in general elections,” **said Assemblywoman Mosquera**. “Online registration opens up opportunity for more residents and, particularly, new generations to register to vote more quickly and easily.”

“Eligible voters should be able to register to vote from home or any place with a laptop and an Internet connection,” **said Assemblywoman Egan Jones**. “It’s more practical for the times we are in and it just makes sense.”

“By making voter registration just a click away, we will better fit the needs of the next generation of voters,” **said Assemblyman Moriarty**. “When we make it easier for residents to register to vote, we help ensure every eligible resident their right to be heard at the polls.”

S758

“In most cases, incarceration is only temporary. It is unfair for inmates to be considered part of a community where they’ll likely never live as a free citizen,” **said Senator Cunningham**. “These individuals have personal and professional ties to the community they lived in prior to their incarceration. It is unfair to count them as part of the district which they are imprisoned when upon their release they will more than likely return to the area from which they came.”

“Camden County has no prison facilities, but in 2018, there were 1652 individuals from Camden in State prisons. Those 1652 were counted as citizens of other counties, adding to the representation of those communities, despite hailing from Camden,” **said Senator Cruz-Perez**. “Today New Jersey puts an end to the process of unfairly skewing districts and the resulting imbalances in our state representation.”

Assemblymembers Shavonda Sumter, Raj Mukherji and Annette Quijano issued the following joint statement on the bill:

“By requiring incarcerated individuals to be counted at their last known residential address for legislative redistricting purposes, the bill would eliminate the inequity and ensure every eligible person is counted for one vote.

“To do this now is imperative to ensuring a complete and accurate count during the 2020 Census and a more balanced account of voters in all legislative districts in the state.”

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“Some states do a great job of providing precinct-level election results, others do a great job of providing precinct geographies,” **said Assemblyman Zwicker**. “However, most states don’t compile *either*, and the few that do, don’t do so in a way that is standardized. Currently, New Jersey is one of the states that doesn’t compile and release them all. This new law would change that and indeed, would make New Jersey a leader in transparency about election data.”

“Election data should be accessible to all in a format that is clear and understandable,” **said Assemblyman Freiman**. “Our goal has always been to protect the rights of voters and ensure that all elections are fair and in compliance with federal mandates. This law is an added layer of security in order to do just that.”

“The most important responsibility to preserving our fundamental freedoms is ensuring a fair election process,” **said Senator Greenstein**. “We have the ability to effectively compile data and can easily share that information online for all to access. It is imperative for every precinct to partake in this process and today’s signing underscores New Jersey’s commitment to transparency, especially in our elections.”

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/21/2020

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

S-62/A-2478 (Singleton, Oroho/DeAngelo, Houghtaling, Space) – Requires certain contractors to register under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act"

S-358/A-4587 (Rice/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State

S-376/A-3839 (Madden, Gopal/Moriarty, Lagana, Mukherji, Murphy) – Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties

S-497/A-4626 (Vitale, Madden/Mosquera, McKnight, Vainieri Huttle) – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

S-498/ACS for A-3391 (Vitale, Oroho/DeCroce, Johnson, DiMaso) – Makes various changes to "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971"

S-521/A-4378 (T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Pou, Ruiz/Caputo, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation

S-589/ACS for A-422 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Moriarty) – Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database

S-700/A-3836 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Schaer, Mukherji, Jasey) – "Higher Education Citizenship Equality Act"; defines domicile for dependent students for purpose of eligibility for State student grants and scholarships, and resident tuition rate

S-721/A-1751 (Greenstein, Cunningham, Diegnan/Quijano, Benson) – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

S-758/A-1987 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano) – Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

S-765/A-541 (Cunningham, T. Kean, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Sumter, Benson) – Prohibits Higher Education Student Assistance Authority from referring defaulted loans under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program for certain actions if authority and borrower have entered into settlement agreement

S-782/A-1110 (Sarlo, Scutari/Downey, Houghtaling, Dancer) – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

S-834 wGR/A-4186 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin) – Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists

S-939/A-3331 (Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, McKnight) – Requires forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities to be available in languages other than English

S-974/A-3040 (Singleton, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Timberlake, Mosquera) – Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy

- S-1032/A-2389 (Vitale, Gopal/Schaer, Benson, Verrelli)** – Concerns expansion of services provided by DHS mental health screening services
- S-1146/A-2365 (Codey, Rice/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Downey)** – Requires hospital patient's medical record to include notation if patient is at increased risk of confusion, agitation, behavioral problems, and wandering due to dementia related disorder
- S-1298/ACS for A-2972 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton/Mazzeo, Dunn, Space)** – Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services
- S-1318/A-3156 (Ruiz, Scutari/Lampitt, Mosquera)** – Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members
- S-1505/A-1707 (Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Benson, Mosquera)** – Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- S-1647/A-3181 (Diegnan, Codey/Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Murphy)** – Prohibits use of coupons, price rebates, and price reduction promotions in sales of tobacco and vapor products
- S-1683/A-4267 (Smith, Greenstein/McKeon, Space, Wirths)** – Concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries
- S-1703/A-715 (Connors, Holzapfel/Gove, Rumpf, DiMaso)** – Exempts disabled veterans from beach buggy permit fees
- S-1791/A-3414 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling)** – Requires employers to disclose certain wage information to employees
- S-1796/A-4693 (Addiego, Sweeney/Murphy)** – Permits school district of residence to provide aid in-lieu-of transportation to pupil attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology provided certain conditions are met
- S-1832/A-211 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Chiaravalloti, Zwicker, Pintor Marin)** – Establishes loan redemption program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- S-2267/A-3616 (Sweeney, Corrado/Burzichelli, Holley, Calabrese)** – Gives State lottery winners option of remaining anonymous indefinitely
- S-2303/A-4843 (Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham/Wimberly, Karabinchak, Calabrese)** – Requires establishment of Work and Learn Consortiums by certain educational institutions to establish certificate and degree programs identified in high labor-demand industries
- S-2389 wGR/A-5449 (Singleton/Quijano, Downey, Houghtaling, Moriarty)** – Requires New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to establish prescription drug pricing disclosure website and certain pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide prescription drug price information
- S-2428/A-4965 (Scutari/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires that massage and bodywork therapists and employers carry professional liability insurance
- S-2469/A-3745 (Singleton, Oroho/Wirths, Mazzeo, Space)** – Prohibits person from contracting for public work if person is federally debarred from receiving federal contract
- S-2511/A-4020 (Madden/Mazzeo, Murphy, Johnson)** – Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer"
- S-2521/A-4087 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program
- S-2522/A-4090 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Limits cross gender strip searches in

State correctional facilities

S-2532/A-4086 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake) – Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation

S-2555/A-3990 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, Karabinchak) – Allows dependent students whose parents or guardians hold H-1B visas to qualify for in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education provided they meet certain criteria

S-2564/A-3519 (Turner, Singleton/Benson, McKnight, Jasey) – Establishes "Restorative Justice in Education Pilot Program" in Department of Education

SCS for S-2599/ACS for A-1268 (Bateman, Beach/Tucker, Conaway, Lampitt, Quijano) – Authorizes veterans' property tax exemption and veterans' property tax deduction for honorably discharged veterans of United States Armed Forces who did not serve in time of war or other emergency

S-2826/A-3274 (Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Dancer, Benson) – Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes for adoption; designated the "Homes for Animal Heroes Act"

S-2849/A-4590 (A.M. Bucco/DiMaio, Caputo, Dunn) – Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog

S-3036/A-1697 (Lagana, Scutari/Dancer, Downey) – Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies

S-3061/A-4603 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that participate in DOL registered apprenticeship programs; establishes grant program for tax-exempt organizations participating in DOL registered apprenticeship programs

S-3065/A-4657 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Benson, Timberlake) – Establishes youth apprenticeship pilot program in Department of Education

S-3067/A-4602 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes five year Apprentice Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program

S-3116/A-4683 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) – Requires certain medical facilities to undertake end-of-life planning and training

S-3117/A-4685 (Ruiz/Speight, Pinkin, Munoz) – Requires emergency departments to take certain measures concerning palliative care for patients

S-3126/A-4107 (Gopal/Benson, DeCroce, Chiaravalloti) – Requires drivers to stop at railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching railroad crossing

S-3170/A-5145 (Cryan, Pou/Quijano, Milam, Land) – Increases prenotification time and requires severance pay in certain plant closings, transfers, and mass layoffs

S-3227/A-5261 (Gopal/Tully, Pinkin, Swain) – Requires restaurants to post signs advising customers to notify servers of food allergies; requires restaurant managers to complete food allergen training

S-3265/A-3178 (Turner, Codey, Vitale/Conaway, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle) – Prohibits sale or distribution of flavored vapor products

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S-3330 wGR/A-5066 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy) – Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria

S-3422/A-6056 (Singer, T. Kean/Houghtaling, Downey, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires declaration of Code Blue

alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

S-3468/A-5105 (Sweeney, Singleton/Murphy, Karabinchak, Vainieri Huttle) – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Authorizes certain health care and social service resources to be made available during Code Blue alert

S-3581/A-5963 (Singleton/Lopez, Quijano) – Prohibits certain business financing contracts that contain judgment by confession provisions

S-3685/A-5345 (Sarlo, Singleton/Mukherji, Conaway, McKnight) – Establishes program to increase participation of underrepresented students in New Jersey's science and engineering workforce

S-3756/A-6115 (Ruiz, Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Jasey, Jones, Wirths) – Requires limited purpose regional school districts to coordinate with constituent districts regarding school calendar and curriculum

S-3763/A-6116 (Addiego, Bateman, Sarlo/DeAngelo, Dancer, Space) – Renames joint meetings as regional service agencies; grandfathers existing joint meetings

S-3869/A-5561 (Sarlo/Burzichelli, Houghtaling) – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

S-3871/A-5427 (Bateman, Scutari/DePhillips, McKeon) – Adds member from Retired Judges Association of New Jersey to State Investment Council

SCS for S-3878/ACS for A-5394 (Ruiz, Weinberg, Cunningham/Moriarty, McKnight, Pinkin) – Reaffirms and clarifies that Attorney General and Division on Civil Rights may initiate actions in Superior Court to enforce "Law Against Discrimination"

S-3920 wGR/A-5552 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

S-3923/A-5680 (Madden, Singleton/Giblin, Timberlake, Murphy) – Concerns labor harmony agreements for hospitality projects

SCS for S-3939 and 3944/ACS for A-5681 and 5682 (Smith, Greenstein, Bateman, Codey/Pinkin, Lopez, McKeon) – Establishes Recycling Market Development Council

S-3985/A-5663 (Smith/McKeon, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttle) – Amends "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act" to add definition of "open access offshore wind transmission facility" and revises law concerning "qualified offshore wind projects"

S-4025/A-5695 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Makes FY 2020 language allocation of \$1,000,000 appropriated to Grants for Urban Parks to Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson

S-4162/A-6014 (Smith, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Houghtaling) – Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University; appropriates up to \$500,000

S-4165/A-4364 (Rice/Giblin, Caputo, Tucker) – Expands University Hospital board of directors membership from 11 to 13 members

S-4188/A-6075 (Beach/Murphy, Dancer, Lampitt) – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

S-4200/A-5855 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Lampitt, Holley) – Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million

S-4247/A-6049 (Gopal, O'Scanlon/Conaway, Houghtaling, Downey) – Establishes criteria for distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 funding to Community Food Bank of New Jersey and partner organizations

S-4264/A-5962 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter, Calabrese) – Designates State Highway Route 19 as "William J. Pascrell Jr. Highway"

S-4275/A-6088 (Smith, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Allows BPU to increase cost to customers of Class I renewable energy requirement for energy years 2022 through 2024, under certain conditions

S-4276/A-6109 (Corrado, Bateman/Armato, Calabrese, Land) – Appropriates \$32,153,936 to State Agriculture Development Committee, and amends 2017 appropriations for stewardship activities, for farmland preservation purposes

S-4277/A-6112 (Greenstein, Bateman/Freiman, Danielsen, Downey) – Appropriates \$5,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4278/A-6108 (Greenstein, Bateman/Taliaferro, Karabinchak, Kennedy) – Appropriates \$21 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4279/A-6106 (Smith, Bateman/Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin) – Appropriates \$1,350,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

S-4286/A-5890 (Vitale/Swain, Jones) – Clarifies procedures concerning collection of child support on behalf of child over age 19 when court has ordered such support

S-4309/A-6107 (Turner, Cruz-Perez/Mejia, Vainieri Huttie, Zwicker) – Appropriates \$13,902,723 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

S-4310/A-6114 (Codey, Bateman/Carter, Murphy, Lopez) – Appropriates \$8,872,682 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

S-4311/A-6113 (Greenstein, Bateman/Speight, Mukherji, Verrelli) – Appropriates \$77,450,448 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

S-4312/A-6111 (Smith, Bateman/Giblin, Mazzeo, Land) – Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

S-4313/A-6110 (Corrado, Bateman/Moriarty, McKeon, Swain) – Appropriates \$33.915 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects

SCS for S-4315/ACS for A-6063 (Beach, Turner/Jones, Zwicker) – Creates fund to reimburse local units of government for cost of certain mail-in ballot procedures; appropriates \$3,000,000

SJR-51/AJR-189 (Rice, Turner/Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes the "New Jersey State Commission on Urban Violence"

SJR-65/AJR-90 (Weinberg, Addiego/DiMaso, Vainieri Huttie, Schepisi) – Designates March 19th "Women in Public Office Day" in New Jersey

SJR-80/AJR-121 (Lagana, Weinberg/Jones, Benson, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce) – Urges federal government to adhere to commitment to improve Northeast Corridor rail infrastructure by providing funding to complete Gateway Program

SJR-125/AJR-169 (Gopal, Codey/Wolfe, Pinkin) – Designates the second week of October of each year as "Obesity Care Week" in NJ

- A-344/S-1575 (Murphy, McKeon, Timberlake/Cruz-Perez, Singleton)** – Revises certain aspects of the New Jersey Individual Development Account Program
- A-1040/S-3928 (Houghtaling, Taliaferro/Andrzejczak)** – Establishes NJ "Landowner of the Year" award program
- A-1146/S-4330 (Wimberly, Holley/Pou, Singleton)** – Establishes "New Jersey Investing in You Promise Neighborhood Commission"
- A-1277/S-2629 (Tucker, Holley, Lopez/Singleton, Gopal)** – Requires hospitals and homeless shelters to provide information on services and resources to individuals who are homeless or military veterans
- A-1449/S-3168 (Benson, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Turner)** – Provides job security to certain organ and bone marrow donors
- A-1477/S-3228 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jimenez, Mukherji, Downey/Gopal, Scutari)** – Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law"
- A-1478/S-1648 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle/Diegnan, T. Kean)** – Revises law governing theater liquor licenses
- A-1604/S-2734 (Conaway, Murphy, Jimenez/Singleton)** – "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act"
- A-1796/S-2609 (McKeon, Downey/Lagana, Gopal)** – Prevents criminal defendant from asserting "gay and transgender panic" defense to murder charge in order to reduce charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion
- A-1924/S-2930 (Mukherji, A.M. Bucco, DeAngelo, DeCroce/Beach)** – Exempts certain honorably discharged United States military veterans from initial insurance producer licensing fee
- A-1992/S-1780 (Sumter, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling, Wimberly/Diegnan, Turner)** – "New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act"
- A-2183/S-1687 (Land, Johnson/Cruz-Perez, Andrzejczak)** – "Music Therapist Licensing Act"
- ACS for A-2431 wGR/SCS for S-1865 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce/Weinberg, T. Kean)** – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage
- ACS for A-2444 and S-2656/S-2081 (Benson, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji/Turner, Singleton)** – Provides for coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits in Medicaid
- A-2767/S-2924 (Greenwald, Mosquera, McKnight/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Amends certain provisions of sexual assault statute to clarify elements necessary for conviction
- A-3312/S-1972 (Murphy, Lagana, Downey, Sumter/Gopal, Corrado)** – Requires Legislature to adopt and distribute policy prohibiting sexual harassment; requires members, officers, and employees of Legislature to complete online training on policy once every two years
- A-3670/S-995 (Benson, Giblin, Murphy/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Provides for designation of acute stroke ready hospitals, establishes Stroke Care Advisory Panel and Statewide stroke database, and requires development of emergency medical services stroke care protocols
- ACS for A-4136/SCS for S-2675 (Land, Milam/Andrzejczak, Van Drew)** – Establishes Possession In Excess of Daily Limit Vessel License for black sea bass and summer flounder; dedicates fees therefrom to marine fisheries programs
- A-4147/S-2744 (Lampitt, Houghtaling, Zwicker/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school districts and nonpublic schools to conduct audit of security features of buildings, grounds, and communication systems and to submit audit to NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and DOE

- A-4150/S-2742 (Lampitt, Jones, Timberlake/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires meeting between student and appropriate school personnel after multiple suspensions or proposed expulsion from public school to identify behavior or health difficulties
- A-4151/S-2745 (Swain, Tully, Jasey/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school security training for persons employed by public and nonpublic schools in substitute capacity and for employees and volunteers of youth programs operated in school buildings
- A-4260/S-4335 (Timberlake, Giblin, Tucker, Caputo/Pou, Scutari)** – Prohibits sale of certain toy guns and imitation firearms
- A-4370/S-2919 (Carroll/A.M. Bucco)** – Increases membership of board of trustees of Washington Association of New Jersey
- A-4377/S-2934 (Benson, Land, DeCroce/Greenstein)** – Requires DOT and OIT to develop materials concerning capabilities of airports in NJ and establishes "Public Use Airports Task Force"
- A-4517/S-4341 (Wimberly, Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Singleton, Cunningham)** – Establishes "New Jersey Eviction Crisis Task Force"
- A-4529/S-3191 (Mazzeo, Armato/Gopal, Andrezejczak)** – Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud
- A-4563/S-3096 (Zwicker, Benson/Greenstein, Gill)** – Prohibits use of bots to deceive person about origin and content of communication for certain commercial or election purposes
- A-4564/S-3087 (Zwicker, Freiman/Greenstein)** – Establishes "Voting Precinct Transparency Act;" requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data
- A-4699/S-2938 (Moriarty, Burzichelli, Bramnick/Turner)** – Regulates annual report filing services
- A-4803/S-4211 (Greenwald, Johnson, Pintor Marin/Cryan, Vitale)** – Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes
- A-4822/S-3408 (Wimberly, Tully, Swain/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use
- A-4904 wGR/S-3347 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney)** – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances
- A-4954/S-3368 (Quijano, Murphy, Carter/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support services to emergency services personnel
- ACS for A-4972/SCS for S-1490 (Moriarty/Beach, Scutari)** – Establishes certain consumer protections related to arbitration organizations
- A-4978 wGR/S-3498 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances
- A-5023/S-3467 (McKnight, Mukherji, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti/Cunningham)** – Exempts from DOT permitting requirements certain signs not located in protected areas that have been approved by municipality
- A-5028/S-3523 (Mukherji, Conaway, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Establishes "James Nicholas Rentas's Law," revises "New Jersey SmokeFree Air Act"
- A-5029/S-3522 (Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Johnson/Rice, T. Kean)** – Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women

A-5031/S-3455 (Speight, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz) – Requires hospital emergency departments to ask person of childbearing age about recent pregnancy history

A-5314/S-3692 (Zwicker, Milam, Mazzeo/Cryan, Ruiz) – Requires DHS to study social isolation occurring in certain population groups

A-5344/S-3833 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Milam/Gopal, Corrado) – Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs

A-5388/S-3895 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas

A-5389/S-3896 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires training or experience in crime victims' rights for certain members of Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board

A-5432/S-3796 (Milam, Land/Andrzejczak) – Requires DEP Commissioner to establish individual transferable quota system for menhaden purse seine fishery

A-5445/S-3909 (Swain, Tully, Spearman/T. Kean, Corrado) – Requires AG to establish program to detect fentanyl in State's illegal drug supply and make information related to presence of fentanyl available in database accessible by law enforcement

A-5511/S-1852 (Spearman, Jones, Reynolds-Jackson/Turner, Cruz-Perez) – Revises certain penalties for illegal operation of snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike

A-5580/S-3842 (Johnson, Moriarty, Greenwald/Weinberg, Sarlo) – Extends availability period for tax credits for certain expenses incurred for production of certain film and digital media content, raises annual cap related to film production, and provides for annual administration of film tax credits

A-5583/S-3919 (Pinkin, Lopez, Mukherji/Smith, Bateman) – Prohibits sale, lease, rent, or installation of certain equipment or products containing hydrofluorocarbons or other greenhouse gases

A-5630/S-3981 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg, Corrado) – Requires Civil Service Commission to establish and maintain hotline for State employees to submit reports of workplace discrimination and harassment

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A-5667/S-3933 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Armato, DeCroce, Karabinchak/Singer, Scutari) – "Charlie's Law"; requires pharmacy practice sites and hospice programs to furnish patients with information and means to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs and medications

A-5801/S-4064 (Coughlin, Houghtaling, Verrelli/Singleton, Sweeney) – Concerns responsibility of contractors for wage claims against subcontractors

A-5817/S-4263 (Mazzeo, Armato/Cunningham, Sweeney, C.A. Brown) – Allows certain persons to qualify for casino key employee license and casino employee registration

A-5916/S-4255 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight, Karabinchak/Cunningham, Weinberg) – Authorizes DOH to notify elected officials of financial distress of certain hospitals

A-5918/SCS for S-3741 and 4253 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Weinberg, Cunningham, Vitale) – Expands hospital reporting requirements

A-5970/S-4201 (Lopez, Speight, Chaparro/Codey) – Amends list of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding for FY2020 to include new projects, remove certain projects, and modify estimated loan amounts for certain projects

A-5971/S-4202 (Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Spearman/Bateman, Corrado) – Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend additional sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020

A-5972/S-4203 (Pinkin, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Singleton) – Makes changes to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's enabling act

A-5977/S-4282 (Greenwald, Downey, Vainieri Huttie/Vitale, Singleton) – Provides for establishment of Regional Health Hub Program as replacement to Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project, and designates existing accountable care organizations and look-alike organizations as Regional Health Hubs

A-6119/S-4336 (Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Revises "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" and amends definition of registered apprenticeship program

AJR-35/SJR-159 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce/Cunningham, Greenstein) – Designates third full week in March as "Domestic Violence Services Awareness Week" to bring awareness of services available to domestic violence victims

AJR-103/SJR-70 (Rooney, DePhillips, Murphy/Corrado) – Permanently designates January as "NUT Carcinoma Awareness Month" in New Jersey

AJR-118/SJR-157 (McKnight, Timberlake, McKeon/Pou, Madden) – Designates April of each year as "Financial Literacy Month" in New Jersey

AJR-180/SJR-112 (DeAngelo, McKnight, Murphy/Singleton, Corrado) – Designates February in each year as "Career and Technical Education Month" in New Jersey

Governor Murphy declined to sign the following bills, meaning they expire without becoming law:

S-691/A-657 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Caputo, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly) – Requires that if a school district satisfies 80% or more of the required NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum standards in an area of district effectiveness under State intervention, the State must return that area to local control

S-1083/A-544 (Cruz-Perez, Gopal/Mazzeo, Houghtaling, Holley, Dancer) – Establishes loan program and provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for establishment of new vineyards and wineries

S-2421/A-1030 (Smith, Bateman/Johnson, Kennedy, Benson, DeAngelo) – Concerns installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities

S-2425/A-3851 (Singleton, Andrzejczak/Conaway) – Revises law relating to common interest communities

S-2429/A-4028 (Scutari, Pou/Bramnick, Downey) – Requires automobile insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances

S-2835/A-3926 (Singleton, Ruiz/Conaway, Lampitt, Murphy) – Requires public schools to administer written screenings for depression for students in certain grades

S-2897/A-1433 (Madden, Singer/Benson, Wimberly, Carter) – Requires DCA to establish procedures for inspection and abatement of mold hazards in residential buildings and school facilities, and certification programs for mold inspectors and mold hazard abatement workers

S-2957/A-4712 (Stack/Mukherji, Chaparro) – Establishes five-year moratorium on conversions of certain residential rental premises in qualified counties

S-2958/A-4535 (Sarlo, Oroho/Zwicker, DePhillips, DeCroce) – Establishes the "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership Act"

S-3062/A-2049 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Howarth, Benson, Murphy) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that employ apprentices in DOL registered apprenticeships

S-3063/A-4655 (Ruiz/Armato, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo) – Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses

S-3137/A-1308 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singleton/Greenwald, Milam, Land) – The "Electronic Construction Procurement Act"

S-3252/A-4713 (Greenstein, Stack/DeAngelo, Quijano) – "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes

S-3263/A-4837 (T. Kean, Diegnan/Vainieri Huttie, Chiaravalloti, McKnight) – Revises and updates membership and purpose of Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in DHS

S-3270/A-5095 (Pou/McKeon, Freiman, DeCroce) – Establishes certain requirements for stop loss insurance offered to small employers

S-3393/ACS for A-5384 and 5157 (Sarlo, Addiego/Mazzeo, Murphy, Houghtaling, Calabrese, Armato, Dancer) – Allows certain preserved farms to hold 14 special occasion events per year; imposes further event restrictions on residentially-exposed preserved farms

S-3770/A-6118 (Sarlo, Oroho, Sweeney/Greenwald, Jones) – Establishes "New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Review Commission" to provide ongoing review of State and local tax structure, economic conditions, and related fiscal issues

S-3888/A-5585 (Ruiz/Dancer, Pintor Marin) – Extends document submission deadlines under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit program

S-4035/A-5702 (Pou, Singleton/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$1,700,000 for Thomas Edison State University

S-4281/A-6094 (Smith, Diegnan/Danielsen, Pinkin) – Requires State to sell and convey to Educational Services Commission of New Jersey certain land and improvements known as Piscataway Regional Day School

S-4331/A-4727 (Diegnan, Madden/Karabinchak, Holley, Jones) – Requires person taking written examination for permit to watch video of rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement; requires testing on rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement

A-491/S-4340 (Jimenez/Sacco, Stack) – Enhances PFRS accidental death pension for surviving spouse by providing for minimum of \$50,000 annually

A-1044/S-1441 (Houghtaling, Downey, DiMaio, Space/Doherty, Madden) – Requires Director of Division of Taxation to examine feasibility of centralized property tax information system to verify property taxes paid by homestead property tax reimbursement claimants

A-1045/S-2856 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Oroho) – Clarifies sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-boarding businesses in New Jersey

A-1526/S-1048 (Zwicker, Johnson/Vitale) – Concerns payment of independent contractors

A-2731/S-3407 (Taliaferro, Space/Sweeney, Oroho) – Removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver

A-4382/S-2815 (Pinkin, Lopez, Kennedy/Beach, Smith) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

A-4463/S-3927 (Freiman, Egan, Karabinchak/Oroho, Andrzejczak) – Establishes "Electronic Permit Processing Review System"

A-4788/S-3880 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese/Diegnan) – Establishes expedited construction inspection program

A-5072/S-3496 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Cryan) – "Defense Against Porch Pirates Act"; creates new category of theft, with penalties including mandatory restitution and community service, for taking package delivered to residence by cargo carrier

A-5446/S-3907 (Land, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/T. Kean, Lagana) – Requires reporting of opioid deaths

A-5629/S-3980 (Pintor Marin, Munoz/Weinberg, Corrado) – Clarifies provisions concerning disclosure of existence and content of discrimination or harassment complaints; requires certain disclosures to person against whom complaint is made

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ACS for A-5922 and 5923/SCS for S-4223 and 4224 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Pinkin/Vitale, Sweeney) – Revises requirements for sale of tobacco and vapor products; increases penalties for prohibited sales; increases fees for cigarette and vapor business licensure

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