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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 160, *approved September 4, 2007*  
Senate, No. 1662 (*Second Reprint*)

- 1 AN ACT concerning legislative information available to members of  
2 the public and amending P.L.1995, c.319.  
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- 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:  
6
- 7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.319 (C.52:11-78) is amended to read  
8 as follows:
- 9 1. a. The Office of Legislative Services shall make available to  
10 the public and maintain in electronic form the following information:
- 11 (1) the most current available compilation of the official text of the  
12 statutes of New Jersey;
- 13 (2) the text of all bills introduced during the current two-year  
14 session of the Legislature, including amended versions, as well as  
15 sponsor statements, committee statements, and fiscal notes;
- 16 (3) all bills currently pending in the Legislature, listed by subject  
17 and sponsor;
- 18 (4) bill-tracking data on all bills pending in the Legislature,  
19 including the history of actions, current status, a complete voting  
20 record, including individual votes by <sup>1</sup>[Legislators,] members of the  
21 Legislature recorded during committee meetings <sup>2</sup>, updated on a daily  
22 basis<sup>2</sup> and made available and maintained for the two-year  
23 legislative term in progress and the immediately preceding term.<sup>1</sup>  
24 and, where appropriate, by citation of the section of law to be  
25 amended by a bill;
- 26 (5) a current calendar of legislative events, including the schedule  
27 of legislative committee meetings, and a list of bills scheduled for  
28 legislative action;
- 29 (6) a current directory of the members of the Legislature,  
30 including complete committee membership information;
- 31 (7) the text of all chapter laws beginning with laws passed by the  
32 Legislature after 12:00 noon, January 9, 1996; and
- 33 (8) such other information as the Legislative Services Commission  
34 shall direct.
- 35 b. The information specified in subsection a. of this section shall  
36 be made available to the public through the largest nonproprietary  
37 cooperative public computer network.
- 38 c. The Office of Legislative Services shall not impose a fee or  
39 usage charge as a condition of accessing the information specified in  
40 subsection a. of this section through the network described in  
41 subsection b. of this section.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SSG committee amendments adopted May 15, 2006.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted June 22, 2006.

1 d. The Office of Legislative Services may offer a fee-based  
2 electronic legislative information service which may include, in  
3 addition to the information specified in subsection a. of this section,  
4 the following information and capabilities:

5 (1) the ability for users to automatically maintain updated private  
6 databases and receive notification of scheduled action on specific  
7 bills or subject matter;

8 (2) the ability for users to retrieve information by various means of  
9 searching full text; and

10 (3) archives of bill texts and related information from prior  
11 sessions of the Legislature.

12 e. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as  
13 prohibiting a private individual or entity from using the information  
14 specified in subsection a. of this section to provide, either  
15 commercially or on a voluntary basis, services similar to those  
16 provided by the Office of Legislative Services pursuant to subsection  
17 d. of this section.

18 f. The Office of Legislative Services shall consult with the  
19 appropriate office within the executive branch of the State  
20 government responsible for computer security and guidelines in order  
21 to provide the information specified in subsection a. of this section on  
22 the largest nonproprietary cooperative public computer network, and  
23 both offices shall take all appropriate security measures, subject to  
24 the approval of the Legislative Services Commission or the designee  
25 thereof, to protect the computer systems that provide access to and  
26 store the information specified in subsection a. of this section.

27 g. No fee shall be charged to the Office of Legislative Services by  
28 the appropriate office within the executive branch of the State  
29 government responsible for computer security and guidelines for  
30 services rendered related to this act.

31 (cf: P.L.1995, c.319, s.1)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately and be retroactive to  
34 January 10, 2006.

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39 \_\_\_\_\_  
40 Requires Office of Legislative Services to make complete voting  
records of legislators available to the public in electronic form.

**SENATE, No. 1662**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**212th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MARCH 20, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN**

**District 26 (Morris and Passaic)**

**Senator LORETTA WEINBERG**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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15 session of the Legislature, including amended versions, as well as  
16 sponsor statements, committee statements, and fiscal notes;

17 (3) all bills currently pending in the Legislature, listed by subject  
18 and sponsor;

19 (4) bill-tracking data on all bills pending in the Legislature,  
20 including the history of actions, current status, a complete voting  
21 record, including individual votes by Legislators, and, where  
22 appropriate, by citation of the section of law to be amended by a  
23 bill;

24 (5) a current calendar of legislative events, including the  
25 schedule of legislative committee meetings, and a list of bills  
26 scheduled for legislative action;

27 (6) a current directory of the members of the Legislature,  
28 including complete committee membership information;

29 (7) the text of all chapter laws beginning with laws passed by the  
30 Legislature after 12:00 noon, January 9, 1996; and

31 (8) such other information as the Legislative Services  
32 Commission shall direct.

33 b. The information specified in subsection a. of this section shall  
34 be made available to the public through the largest nonproprietary  
35 cooperative public computer network.

36 c. The Office of Legislative Services shall not impose a fee or  
37 usage charge as a condition of accessing the information specified  
38 in subsection a. of this section through the network described in  
39 subsection b. of this section.

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42 addition to the information specified in subsection a. of this section,  
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9 prohibiting a private individual or entity from using the information  
10 specified in subsection a. of this section to provide, either  
11 commercially or on a voluntary basis, services similar to those  
12 provided by the Office of Legislative Services pursuant to  
13 subsection d. of this section.
- 14 f. The Office of Legislative Services shall consult with the  
15 appropriate office within the executive branch of the State  
16 government responsible for computer security and guidelines in  
17 order to provide the information specified in subsection a. of this  
18 section on the largest nonproprietary cooperative public computer  
19 network, and both offices shall take all appropriate security  
20 measures, subject to the approval of the Legislative Services  
21 Commission or the designee thereof, to protect the computer  
22 systems that provide access to and store the information specified in  
23 subsection a. of this section.
- 24 g. No fee shall be charged to the Office of Legislative Services  
25 by the appropriate office within the executive branch of the State  
26 government responsible for computer security and guidelines for  
27 services rendered related to this act.  
28 (cf: P.L.1995, c.319, s.1)

29  
30 2. This act shall take effect immediately and be retroactive to  
31 January 10, 2006.  
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34 STATEMENT  
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36 This bill would require the Office of Legislative Services to  
37 make available to the public in electronic form a complete voting  
38 record, including individual votes by Legislators, on all bills. The  
39 bill would be retroactive to January 10, 2006, which is the first day  
40 of the 2006/2007 Legislative term.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1662**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2006

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1662 (1R).

This bill requires the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) to make available to the public in electronic form a complete voting record on all bills, including individual votes by members of the Legislature on bills considered by legislative committees with these voting records made available and maintained for the two-year legislative term in progress and the immediately preceding term.

The committee understands that, in addition, the OLS will provide a program that will allow the public to access the complete voting record of individual members of the Legislature as soon as technically feasible.

The effective date of the bill makes it retroactive to January 10, 2006, the first day of the 2006-2007 legislative term.

Senate Bill No. 1662 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3252 of 2006.



SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1662**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 15, 2006

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate, No. 1662.

This bill requires the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) to make available to the public in electronic form a complete voting record on all bills, including individual votes by members of the Legislature on bills considered by legislative committees and during voting sessions of the Legislature.

The effective date of the bill makes it retroactive to January 10, 2006, which is the first day of the 2006/2007 legislative term.

The committee amended the bill to provide that the complete voting record will include individuals votes by members of the Legislature recorded during committee meetings and made available and maintained for the two-year legislative term in progress and the immediately preceding term.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 1662**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Assemblywoman VAINIERI HUTTLE)

ADOPTED: JUNE 22, 2006

These floor amendments require that the complete voting record on all bills to be made available to the public in electronic form by the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) will be updated on a daily basis.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3252

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 1, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman JACK CONNERS**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Assemblyman MIMS HACKETT, JR.**

**District 27 (Essex)**

**Assemblyman ROBERT M. GORDON**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

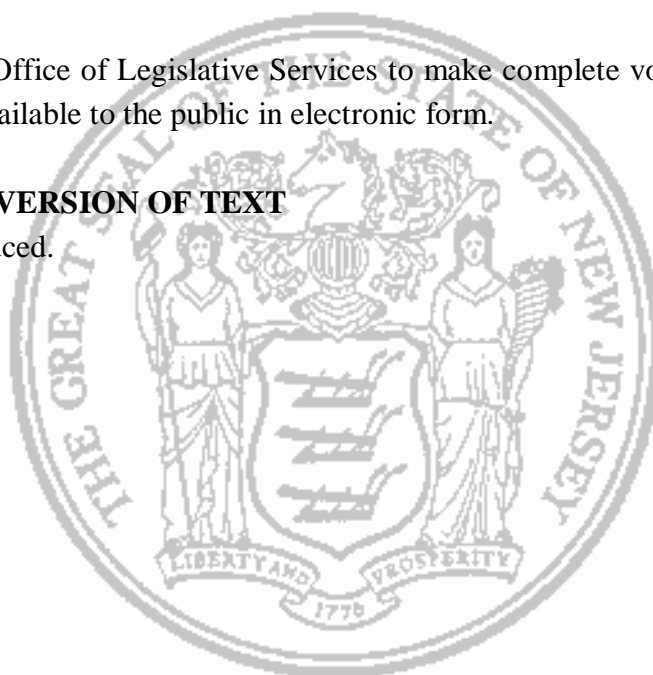
**Assemblywomen Cruz-Perez, Voss, Assemblymen Panter, Conaway,  
Assemblywoman Beck and Assemblyman Gusciora**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Office of Legislative Services to make complete voting records of legislators available to the public in electronic form.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/16/2007)

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27 schedule of legislative committee meetings, and a list of bills  
28 scheduled for legislative action;

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32 Legislature after 12:00 noon, January 9, 1996; and

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36 be made available to the public through the largest nonproprietary  
37 cooperative public computer network.

38 c. The Office of Legislative Services shall not impose a fee or  
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34 STATEMENT  
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37 make available to the public in electronic form a complete voting  
38 record on all bills, including individual votes by members of the  
39 Legislature on bills considered by legislative committees and during  
40 voting sessions of the Legislature. Voting records will be made  
41 available and maintained for the two-year legislative term in  
42 progress and the immediately preceding term.

43 The effective date of the bill makes it retroactive to January 10,  
44 2006, which is the first day of the 2006/2007 legislative term.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3252**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 1, 2006

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3252.

This bill requires the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) to make available to the public in electronic form a complete voting record on all bills, including individual votes by members of the Legislature on bills considered by legislative committees with these voting records made available and maintained for the two-year legislative term in progress and the immediately preceding term.

The committee understands that, in addition, the OLS will provide a program that will allow the public to access the complete voting record of individual members of the Legislature as soon as technically feasible.

The effective date of the bill makes it retroactive to January 10, 2006, the first day of the 2006-2007 legislative term.

Assembly Bill No. 3252 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1662 (1R) of 2006.

**PRESS RELEASE**

**GOVERNOR CORZINE SIGNS ETHICS LEGISLATION**

By **Governors Press...** - September 4, 2007 - 3:03pm  
Governor Jon S. Corzine,  
Release Date: Sep 4 2007

MARLBORO – Governor Jon S. Corzine signed a package of bills today designed to further improve the ethical climate in New Jersey by eliminating dual office holding for elected officials and – for the first time – creating a specific crime to target individuals who use public resources for unauthorized purposes and increase penalties for those found guilty of public corruption. The Governor also signed legislation requiring the Office of Legislative Services to post all legislators’ voting records online.

“I am committed to giving the people of our state the kind of open, transparent and accountable government they deserve, and these bills go a long way towards accomplishing that goal,” Governor Corzine said. “These reforms will only further demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that government serves only the public trust, and I want to thank the Legislature, and Senator Karcher in particular, for their efforts on this issue.”

“We’ve made enormous progress in banning pay-to-play, removing taxpayer funded pensions from convicted officials and imposing mandatory criminal sentences on corrupt politicians,” added Senator Ellen Karcher (D-Mercer/Monmouth), who sponsored three of the bills in the Senate. “Together these bills will further chip away at New Jersey’s image of a haven for the corrupt.”

"Today is a historic day in our efforts to restore the public's trust in its elected officials," said Assemblyman Panter (D-Mercer/Monmouth), who authored the ban on dual office holding in the Assembly. "We will no longer accept business as usual to dominate Trenton. Instead, we're taking major steps towards real transparency in New Jersey."

The ethics bills signed today are:

· A-4326/ S-3008, sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblymembers Panter (D-Mercer/Monmouth) and Greenstein (D-Mercer/Middlesex), and in the Senate by Senators

James (D-Essex), Karcher (D-Mercer/Monmouth) and Turner (D-Mercer): Prohibits newly elected public office holders from simultaneously holding more than one elective office.

- S-1192/A-2465, sponsored in the Senate by Senators Adler (D-Camden) and Karcher (D-Mercer/Monmouth), and in the Assembly by Assemblymembers Cohen (D-Union), O'Toole (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), Panter (D-Mercer, Monmouth), and Greenstein (D-Mercer, Middlesex): Creates the crime of Corruption of Public Resources, which makes it illegal to knowingly misuse taxpayer dollars and other public resources. Violations could result in up to 20 years in prison, a fine of \$200,000, or both.

- S-1318/A-3005, the "Public Corruption Profiteering Penalty Act," sponsored in the Senate by Senators Karcher (D-Mercer/Monmouth) and Madden (D-Camden, Gloucester), and in the Assembly by Assemblymembers O'Toole (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), Handlin (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), Panter (D-Mercer, Monmouth), Greenstein (D-Mercer, Middlesex), and Van Drew (D-Cape May, Atlantic, Cumberland): Authorizes courts to assess extra fines in corruption cases that involve any aspect of award or payment of local, county or State contracts. Penalties could be as high as \$500,000, or three times the value of the property stolen.

- S-1662/A-3252, sponsored in the Senate by Senators Martin (R-Morris/Passaic) and Weinberg (D-Bergen) and in the Assembly by Assemblymembers Vainieri Huttle (D-Bergen), Conners (D-Burlington, Camden), Hackett (D-Essex), and Gordon (D-Bergen): Requires the Office of Legislative Services to make available online the complete voting records of state legislators. The data must be updated daily and remain posted on the site for two legislative sessions.

Governor Corzine also signed the following joint resolution today:

**SJR-16/AJR-76** (Martin, Weinberg/ Bodine, Chatzidakis, Manzo) – Designates third full week of September in each year as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week."