

R.S. 19:14-12

October 20, 1971

LEGISLATIVE NOTES ON R.S.19:14-12  
(Drawing for ballot position)

(1968 amendment)

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No similar bills introduced, 1965-1968.

L.1968 - chap.226 - S 308.

Jan.22 - Introduced by Forsythe.

No statement.

Not amended during passage.

Apr.8 - Passed Senate.

June 3 - Passed Assembly.

July 31 - Approved.

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A bitter pill for incumbents  
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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 22, 1968

By Senator FORSYTHE

Referred to Committee on Revision and Amendment of Laws

AN ACT concerning elections and amending section 19:14-12 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 19:14-12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 19:14-12. The county clerk shall draw lots in his county to  
4 determine which columns the political parties which made nomina-  
5 tions at the next preceding primary election shall occupy on the  
6 ballot in the county. The name of the party first drawn shall  
7 occupy the first column at the left of the ballot, and the name of  
8 the party next drawn shall occupy the second column, and so forth.

9 The position which the names of candidates, and bracketed  
10 groups of names of candidates nominated by petitions for all offices,  
11 shall have upon the general election ballot, shall be determined by  
12 the county clerks in their respective counties.

13 The manner of drawing the lots shall be as follows: paper **[cards,**  
14 of the same size, substance and thickness,] *slips* with the names  
15 of each political party written thereon, shall be *placed in capsules*  
16 *of the same size, shape, color and substance and then placed in a*  
17 covered box with an aperture in the top large enough to admit a  
18 man's hand and to allow the **[cards]** *capsules* to be drawn there-  
19 from. The box shall be well shaken and turned over to thoroughly  
20 intermingle the **[cards]** *capsules*. The county clerk or his deputy  
21 shall at his office, draw from the box each **[card]** *capsule* separately  
22 without knowledge on his part as to which **[card]** *capsule* he is  
23 drawing.

24 The person making the drawing *shall open the capsule and shall*  
25 *make public announcement at the drawing of each name, the order*  
26 *in which name is drawn and the office for which the drawing is made.*

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

27 Where there is but one person to be elected to an office, the  
28 names of the several candidates who have filed petitions for such  
29 office shall be written upon [cards of the same size, substance and  
30 thickness] *paper slips and placed in separate capsules of the same*  
31 *size, shape, color and substance.* The [cards] capsules shall be  
32 placed in a covered box with an aperture in the top large enough  
33 to admit a man's hand and to allow the [cards] capsules to be  
34 drawn therefrom. The box shall be turned and shaken thoroughly  
35 to mix the [cards] capsules and the [cards] capsules shall be with-  
36 drawn one at a time.

37 When there is more than one person to be elected to an office  
38 where petitions have designated that certain candidates shall be  
39 bracketed, the position of such bracketed names on the ballot (each  
40 bracketed group to be treated as a single name), together with in-  
41 dividuals who have filed petitions for such office, shall be determined  
42 as above described.

43 Any legal voter of the county or municipality, as the case may  
44 be, shall have the privilege of witnessing the drawing.

45 The name or names of the candidate or bracketed group of  
46 candidates first drawn from the box shall be printed directly below  
47 the proper title of the office for which they were nominated, and  
48 the name or names of the candidate or bracketed group of candi-  
49 dates next drawn shall be printed next in order, and so on, until  
50 the last name or bracketed group of names shall be drawn from  
51 the box.

52 The arrangement of names of any bracketed group of candidates  
53 for any office for which more than one are to be elected shall be  
54 printed in the same order on the ballot as they were arranged on  
55 the petition of nomination.

56 The drawing for the positions which the names of candidates  
57 and bracketed groups of names of candidates, nominated by petition  
58 for office, and for the columns which the political parties which  
59 made nominations at the next preceding primary election shall  
60 occupy upon the general election ballot, shall be held at 3 o'clock  
61 in the afternoon of the fiftieth day prior to the day of the general  
62 election.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.