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Legislative Notes on R.S. 19:6-16.1 to 19:6-16.5  
(Special Hospital Election Boards - Repeals)

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ASSEMBLY, No. 276

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 5, 1968

By Assemblyman A. S. SMITH

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT providing for special hospital election boards and supplementing chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes and the "Absentee Voting Law (1953)," approved July 1, 1953 (P. L. 1953, c. 211).

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

1 1. The county election board shall, on or before March 20 in each year,  
2 appoint a special hospital election board for each hospital in the county, with  
3 the exception of mental hospitals, consisting of 2 members, one from each of  
4 the 2 political parties which, at the last preceding general election held for  
5 the election of all of the members of the General Assembly, cast the largest  
6 and next largest number of votes, respectively, in this State for members of  
7 the General Assembly. Each such member so appointed shall be subject to  
8 the requirements of law pertaining to, and have all the powers of, members  
9 of district boards of election.

1 2. Any person entitled to vote in this State, who enters and is confined  
2 in a hospital otherwise than as a mental patient, after the last date for other-  
3 wise obtaining a civilian absentee ballot for an ensuing election and who will  
4 be unable to cast his ballot at the polling place in his election district on the  
5 day of the election because of being so confined, shall be entitled to vote by  
6 absentee ballot in such election in the manner hereinafter provided.

1 3. Two days prior to each election to be held in this State, the special  
2 hospital election board herein provided for shall determine which of the per-  
3 sons confined in the hospital, for which it is appointed, are eligible to vote  
4 by absentee ballot pursuant to the provisions of this act. Said board shall  
5 thereupon obtain, from the appropriate county boards of election, a sufficient  
6 number of absentee ballots, serially numbered, to enable each such person,  
7 so confined, to vote in the ensuing election. Said absentee ballots shall con-  
8 form generally to the ballot to be used at said election in each such person's

9 election district. All such ballots shall be accounted for by the special hos-  
10 pital election board to the particular county election boards from which they  
11 were received.

12 Said absentee ballots shall be marked by the voters for which they were  
13 obtained on the day preceding the election and thereupon returned to the  
14 appropriate county election boards, with an accompanying certification, by the  
15 members of the special hospital election board, that said voter entered and  
16 was confined in the hospital after the last day for otherwise obtaining a  
17 civilian absentee ballot and is unable to cast his ballot at the polling place  
18 in his election district on the day of said election because of being so confined.

1 4. Marking and handling of ballots, certification thereof, duties of the  
2 commissioners of registration and county boards of election with regard  
3 thereto, hereunder, shall comply as nearly as may be with the appropriate  
4 provisions of the Absentee Voting Law (1953).

1 5. The Secretary of State shall prepare instructions to implement the  
2 provisions of this act which, upon the approval of the Attorney General, shall  
3 become effective and shall be filed in his office and published and distributed as  
4 part of the pamphlets of the election laws and instructions, required to be  
5 prepared and distributed by him, pursuant to section 19:9-2 of the Revised  
6 Statutes.

1 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 1969.