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ASSEMBLY, No. 3214

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
213th LEGISLATURE

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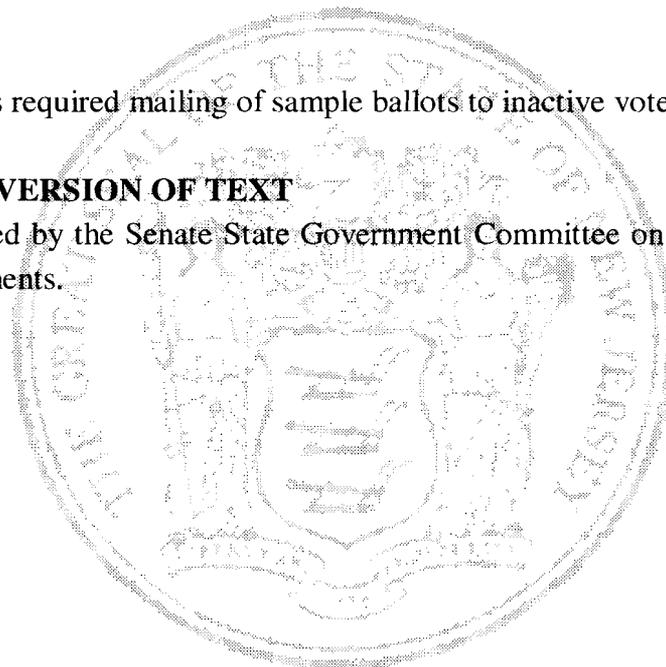
Assemblymen Connors, Diegnan, Thompson, Senators Sacco and Turner

SYNOPSIS

Eliminates required mailing of sample ballots to inactive voters.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate State Government Committee on June 11, 2009,
with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2009)

1 AN ACT concerning the mailing of sample ballots and amending
2 R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:23-30, and R.S.19:23-33.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
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29 sample ballots and stamped envelopes delivered by the county clerk
30 and the date and hour of their delivery.

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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SSG committee amendments adopted June 11, 2009.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3214

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

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42 *Sponsor's* STATEMENT

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3 approximately four years.

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5 to be mailed out after a confirmation notice is sent if the voter does
6 not respond to the confirmation notice. Voters who do not continue
7 to receive sample ballots pursuant to this bill would remain
8 registered voters until at least the day after the second general
9 election for federal office following the date on which the
10 confirmation notice is sent, which is approximately four years.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3214

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 12, 2009

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly No. 3214.

Under current law, all sample ballots that are unable to be delivered are returned to the County Superintendent of Elections or the Commissioner of Elections, postage paid. Once a ballot is returned, a confirmation notice is sent to the address the voter has on record to determine the voter's current place of residence. If there is no response from the voter, sample ballots continue to be mailed to the same address on record and returned for approximately four years.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3214

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 11, 2009

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly No. 3214.

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Assembly Bill No. 3214 (1R) of 2008 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2794 (1R) of 2009.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to provide that it is to take effect immediately, instead of on January 1 following enactment.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 3214
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
213th LEGISLATURE

DATED: APRIL 29, 2009

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Eliminates required mailing of sample ballots to inactive voters

Type of Impact: Expenditure reduction. Local government funds.

Agencies Affected: Local Government entities.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Local Savings	\$1,205, 820	\$1,205, 820	\$1,205, 820

Assumes postage costs of \$ 0.42. Effective January 1, next following enactment.

- This bill will eliminate the requirement that sample ballots continue to be mailed out after a confirmation notice is sent if the voter does not respond to the confirmation notice.
- According to the Division of Elections, there are approximately 319,000 inactive voters in the State of New Jersey. If the counties are not required to pay for three separate mailings per election, savings to the counties would be \$1,205,820 each year, for four years, assuming three elections per year.
- The Office of Legislative Services notes that in each election, a certain number of new inactive voters will be identified which will be offset by new active voters. To the extent that the additional mailings do not have to be sent to inactive voters, counties will experience savings in mailing costs.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 3214 of 2008 eliminates the requirement that sample ballots continue to be mailed out after a confirmation notice is sent if the voter does not respond to the confirmation notice. Voters who do not continue to receive sample ballots pursuant to this bill would remain registered voters until at least the day after the second general election for federal office following the date on which the confirmation notice is sent, that is, for approximately four years.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None Received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Section: State Government
Analyst: Kimberly Anne McCord
Associate Fiscal Analyst
Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-1 et seq.).

SENATE, No. 2794

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 7, 2009

Sponsored by:
Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO
District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

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23 under the provisions of subsection b of section 19:23-30 of this
24 Title, the municipal clerk in each municipality shall furnish to the
25 commissioner of registration of his county not later than thirty days
26 preceding the primary election of each year, sufficient stamped
27 envelopes to enable the commissioner of registration to mail
28 sample ballots to each voter who is registered in the county, less
29 the number of voters who have been sent a confirmation notice
30 pursuant to subsection d. of R.S.19:31-15 and have not responded,
31 and shall, not later than noon of the twelfth day preceding the
32 primary election furnish sufficient sample ballots to the
33 commissioner of registration of his county for that purpose. The
34 commissioner of registration shall give the municipal clerk a
35 receipt for such sample ballots and envelopes.

36 (cf: P.L.1947, c.168, s.10)

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38 4. This act shall take effect on January 1 next following
39 enactment.

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Sponsor's STATEMENT

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2794

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 11, 2009

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate, No. 2794.

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This bill eliminates the requirement that sample ballots continue to be mailed out after a confirmation notice is sent if the voter does not respond to the confirmation notice. Voters who do not continue to receive sample ballots pursuant to this bill would remain registered voters until at least the day after the second general election for federal office following the date on which the confirmation notice is sent, which is approximately four years.

Senate Bill No. 2794 (1R) of 2009 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3214 (1R) of 2008.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to provide that it is to take effect immediately, instead of on January 1 following enactment.