

18A:14-29

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(School elections-
-sample ballot)

LAWS OF: 1991

CHAPTER: 52

Bill No: S879

Sponsor(s): Rice

Date Introduced: Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly: Education

Senate: Revenue, Finance & Appropriations

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage
denoted by asterisks.

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Senate: December 13, 1990

Date of Approval: March 8, 1991

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Committee Statement: Assembly: Yes

Senate: Yes

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Veto Message: No

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Senators RICE and LASKIN

1 AN ACT concerning school elections and amending
2 N.J.S.18A:14-29.

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9 election shall be posted and mailed to the voters, the] The
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11 education ¹of a type II special needs school district, as defined
12 pursuant to P.L. 1990, c. 52 (C.18A:7D-1 et seq.)^{1 2}, located in a
13 city of the first class having a population in excess of 300,000
14 according to the 1980 federal decennial census,² shall prepare
15 sample ballots [which] for each school election and shall mail
16 those sample ballots to the registered voters of the
17 ²[municipalities] municipality² comprising the school district in
18 which the election is to be held. ¹The board of education of all
19 other school districts may, by resolution, direct the secretary of
20 the board to prepare sample ballots and mail those ballots to the
21 voters of the municipalities comprising the school district in
22 which the election is to be held.¹ Those sample ballots, as nearly
23 as possible, shall be facsimiles of the official ballots to be used at
24 such election or, in districts in which voting machines are used,
25 shall be facsimiles in reduced size of the face of the machine so
26 to be used, but shall be printed on paper different in color from
27 the official ballot and shall have the following words printed in
28 large type at the top: "This ballot cannot be voted. It is a
29 sample copy of the official school election ballot to be used on
30 election day."

31 (cf: N.J.S.18A:14-29)

32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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EDUCATION

Requires the mailing of sample ballots for school elections in a certain special needs school district.

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:

¹ Senate SED committee amendments adopted October 15, 1990.

² Senate SRF committee amendments adopted December 6, 1990.

SENATE, No. 879

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill would require each board of education to send sample
30 ballots to all the registered voters of the municipalities
31 comprising the school district in which the election is to be held.
32 These ballots would have to be mailed by the Wednesday
33 preceeding the date fixed for the annual or special school
34 election (N.J.S.18A:14-31). Under current law, the mailing of
35 sample ballots in school board elections is optional.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[SECOND REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 879

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 21, 1991

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 879 [2R].

This bill would require the board of education of a type II special needs school district located in a city of the first class with a population in excess of 300,000 according to the 1980 federal decennial census to send sample ballots to all the registered voters of the municipality comprising the school district in which the election is to be held. The sample ballots would have to be mailed to the registered voters by the Wednesday preceding the date fixed for the annual or special school election pursuant to N.J.S.18A:14-31.

Only the board of education of the city of Newark would be affected by the provisions of the bill. For all other school districts, the mailing of sample ballots in school board elections would remain optional as in current law.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 879

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 1990

The Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 879 (1R), with committee amendments.

Senate Bill No. 879 (1R), as amended, requires the board of education in a type II special needs school district, as defined under the "Quality Education Act of 1990," P.L.1990, c.52 (C.18A:7D-1 et seq.), located in a city of the first class having a population in excess of 300,000 according to the 1980 federal decennial census, to mail school election sample ballots to the registered voters of the municipality comprising the school district. For all other school districts, the mailing of sample ballots in school board elections would remain optional as in current law.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill will have no fiscal impact upon the State. Reimbursement of the costs of sample ballot printing and mailing through State aid is not provided for in the "Quality Education Act of 1990." Based upon an estimated cost per voter of \$.22 per ballot and \$.10 for a bulk mailing rate, for the approximately 107,500 registered voters in the City of Newark, the cost of the required mailings for the board of education would be approximately \$35,500 per election.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments restrict the required sample ballot mailings to only those type II special needs school districts that are located in a city of the first class having a population in excess of 300,000 according to the 1980 federal decennial census. This additional provision limits the required mailings to the City of Newark board of education.



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A D V I S O R Y

Governor Jim Florio signed the following bills:

S-879; Sponsored by Senator Rice

The bill requires Newark to send out sample ballots to all registered voters in the school district for every school board election.

A-1561; Sponsored by Assemblyman Girgenti

The bill clarifies and systematizes the manner in which municipalities may acquire, construct, finance and operate sewerage facilities.

A-3309; Sponsored by Assemblyman Salmon

This bill authorizes all municipalities to create solid waste districts.

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