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(Voter
registration lists--
-computer tape--
\$300 limit)

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Sponsor(s): Bubba and Girgenti

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SENATE, No. 3168

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 10, 1990

By Senators BUBBA and GIRGENTI

1 AN ACT concerning county voter registration lists and amending
2 P.L.1947, c.347.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. Section 2 of P.L.1947, c.347 (C.19-31-18.1) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 2. a. The county clerk in all counties shall cause copies of the
9 registry lists, certified and transmitted under R.S.19:31-18, to be
10 printed in handbill form, and shall furnish to any voter applying
11 for the same such copies, charging therefor \$0.25 per copy of the
12 list of voters of each election district. He shall also furnish five
13 printed copies thereof to each district board, which shall within
14 two days post two such registry lists, one in the polling place and
15 one in another conspicuous place within the election district. The
16 county clerk shall also forthwith deliver to the superintendent of
17 elections of the county, if any there be, and to the chairmen of
18 the county committees of each of the several political parties in
19 the county, five copies of the lists of voters of each election
20 district in the county; and to the municipal clerk of each of the
21 municipalities in the county five copies of the lists of voters of
22 each election district in such municipality; and to the county
23 board 10 copies of the lists of voters of each election district in
24 each of such municipalities. The county clerk shall also, upon the
25 request of the chairman of the State committee of any of the
26 several political parties, but not more than once in each calendar
27 year, forthwith deliver a copy of the lists of voters of each
28 election district in each of the municipalities in his county. In
29 any county where the voter registration lists are recorded on
30 magnetic tape, the county clerk shall satisfy the request by
31 delivery of a copy of the magnetically recorded lists, including
32 with the tape, where available, a statement of the number of
33 records on the tape and the length, layout and block size of those
34 records.

35 b. In any county where the voter registration lists are recorded
36 on magnetic tape or electronic data processing cards, the
37 commissioner of registration shall furnish a copy of such tape or
38 cards to any voter requesting such tape or cards, for which copy

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 SCM committee amendments adopted January 10, 1991.

1 such commissioner shall make a charge which shall be uniform in
2 any calendar year and which shall reflect only the cost of
3 reproducing such tape or cards, but which in any case shall not
4 exceed ¹[\$300] \$375¹.

5 c. No person shall use voter registration lists or copies thereof
6 prepared pursuant to this section as a basis for commercial
7 solicitation of the voters listed thereon. Any person making such
8 use of such lists or copies thereof shall be a disorderly person,
9 and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00.

10 (cf: P.L.1990, c.60, s.1)

11 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATEMENT

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14 The purpose of this bill is to limit the amount that can be
15 charged by the county board of elections to provide a computer
16 tape containing a list of registered voters requested by a voter.
17 This bill would place a maximum limit of \$300 on the amount
18 charged per list request.

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ASSEMBLY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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SENATE, No. 3168

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 13, 1991

The Assembly County Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3168 (1R).

Senate Bill No. 3168 (1R) limits to \$375 the amount that can be charged by the commissioner of a county board of elections for providing a copy of a computer tape or copies of electronic data processing cards containing a list of registered voters when such a computer tape or such electronic data processing cards are requested by a voter. Current law does not provide a maximum cost to be charged by the county board of elections when providing such copies, but requires that the cost shall reflect only the cost of reproducing the tape or computer cards, as the case may be. The lack of a statutory maximum allowable charge has resulted in charges in some counties for this information in excess of \$1,000.

As introduced by the sponsor, the bill required that the maximum cost for reproduction of the information not exceed \$300. The Senate County and Municipal Government Committee amended the bill on January 10, 1991 to increase the maximum allowable charge for such information to \$375, which more accurately reflects the average cost to counties for the reproduction of this information.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3168

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 10, 1991

The Senate County and Municipal Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3168 with Senate committee amendments.

Senate Bill No. 3168, as amended by the committee, limits the amount that can be charged by the county board of elections for providing a computer tape containing a list of registered voters requested by a voter.

The committee amended the bill to increase the maximum limit that the county board of elections can charge for such a computer tape from \$300 to \$375.