

19:6-16

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Senate: State Government

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Senate: Yes

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[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 2080

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Assemblymen CHARLES, Spadaro and Mecca

1 AN ACT concerning elections, amending R.S.19:6-16, and
2 supplementing chapter 34 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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

6 1. R.S.19:6-16 is amended to read as follows:

7 19:6-16. The commission, committee, board or official having
8 charge of the police department in any municipality may assign
9 one or more [policemen] police officers to any district board in
10 such municipality whenever the said commission, committee,
11 board or official deems it necessary to do so. Any [policemen]
12 police officers so assigned shall, under the direction of the board,
13 enforce the election laws, maintain order, peace and quiet during
14 the hours of registry and election, and assist the members of the
15 board in carrying the ballot box or boxes to the office of the
16 municipal clerk after the ballots are counted. The police officers
17 so assigned shall not assist the board by performing the duties of
18 a board member, nor shall those police officers serve at the
19 polling place of that district board as challengers for a party or
20 candidate or on a public question.

21 (cf: P.L.1967, c.126, s.1)

22 2. (New section) No person who is employed as a police
23 officer, either full-time or part-time, by the State or an
24 instrumentality thereof, or by a political subdivision of the State
25 or an instrumentality thereof, and who is a member of a district
26 board of elections or serves as a duly authorized challenger for a
27 political party or a candidate or on a public question, shall wear a
28 police officer's uniform or carry ¹[a] an exposed¹ weapon while
29 serving as a board member or a challenger, as the case may be, at
30 a polling place on an election day. Any person who violates this
31 section is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

32 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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ELECTIONS

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37 Prohibits certain activities by police officers at polling places.

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 SSG committee amendments adopted January 31, 1991.

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel
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STATEMENT

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37 This bill prohibits a police officer who is assigned to provide
38 law enforcement at polling places from performing the duties of
39 a member of the district board of elections or acting as a

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1 challenger for a party or candidate or on a public question. The
2 bill also prohibits a district board member or authorized
3 challenger who holds employment as a full- or part-time police
4 officer from wearing a police officer's uniform or carrying a
5 weapon while serving in the capacity of a board member or
6 challenger; any violation of this prohibition is to be a crime of
7 the fourth degree.

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2080

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 1990

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2080.

This bill prohibits a police officer who is assigned to provide law enforcement at polling places from performing the duties of a member of the district board of elections or acting as a challenger for a party or candidate or on a public question. The bill also prohibits a district board member or authorized challenger who holds employment as a full- or part-time police officer from wearing a police officer's uniform or carrying a weapon while serving in the capacity of a board member or challenger; any violation of this prohibition is to be a crime of the fourth degree.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1990 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL
AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2080

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 31, 1991

The Senate State Government and Federal and Interstate Relations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 2080.

This bill prohibits a police officer who is assigned to provide law enforcement at polling places from performing the duties of a member of the district board of elections or acting as a challenger for a party or candidate or on a public question.

The bill also prohibits a district board member or authorized challenger who holds employment as a full-time or part-time police officer from wearing a police officer's uniform or carrying an exposed weapon while serving in the capacity of a board member or challenger. Any violation of this prohibition shall be a crime of the fourth degree.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to provide that a police officer cannot carry an exposed weapon, rather than a weapon, while serving as a district board member or an authorized challenger at a polling place on an election day.