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ASSEMBLY, No. 3153

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen SHELTON and MacINNES

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and Interstate Relations

AN ACT concerning elections and amending R. S. 19:12-7.

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

1 1. R. S. 19:12-7 is amended to read as follows:

2 19:12-7. [I. Counties of the first class.

3 A. General notice for county at large.

4 Publication. 1. The county board in counties of the first class
5 shall cause a general notice to be published in a newspaper or
6 newspapers published in the county as the county board shall select,
7 twice during the 30 days next preceding the day fixed for the closing
8 of the registration books for the primary election, twice during the
9 calendar week next preceding the week in which the primary elec-
10 tion is held, twice during the 30 days next preceding the day fixed
11 for the closing of the registration books for the general election,
12 twice during the calendar week next preceding the week in which
13 the general election is held and once during the first 3 days of the
14 week in which the general election is held.

15 Contents. 2. The general notice required by the preceding para-
16 graph shall set forth the place or places at which a person may
17 register and the procedure for transfer of registration, the hours
18 during which voters may register, the date on which the books
19 are closed for registering or transferring, for the primary election,
20 and that a primary election for making nominations for the general
21 election, and in each presidential year for the selection of delegates
22 and alternates to national conventions of political parties, will be
23 held on the day and between the hours and at the places provided
24 for in this Title, the place or places at which a person may register
25 and the procedure for transfer of registration, the hours during
26 which voters may register, the date on which the books are closed

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

27 for registering or transferring, for the general election, and also
28 making known the time, place and purpose of holding the general
29 election thereafter, and the State and county officers or officers to
30 be nominated or to be filled at such primary election, and the State
31 and county office or offices to be filled and, except as provided in
32 section 19:14-33 of this Title as to publication of notice of any
33 Statewide proposition directed by the Legislature to be submitted
34 to the people, the State and county public questions to be voted
35 upon at such general election; but in such general notice herein-
36 above required it shall not be necessary to include municipal officers
37 to be nominated or elected or public questions to be voted upon,
38 except those to be nominated or elected or voted upon in the
39 municipality in which such newspaper or newspapers are published.

40 B. Notice for municipalities.

41 Publication. 1. The county board in counties of the first class
42 shall cause a notice to be published in each municipality in its
43 county, in a newspaper or newspapers published in such munici-
44 pality as the county board shall select, excepting the municipalities
45 wherein are located the newspaper or newspapers which have been
46 selected by the county board to publish the general notice herein-
47 above referred to in paragraph (a) of this section; except that in
48 all municipalities in which no newspaper is published, such notice
49 shall be published for such municipality in a newspaper or news-
50 papers circulating therein. The notice so to be published in each
51 municipality shall be published twice during the 30 days next
52 preceding the day fixed for the closing of the registration books for
53 the primary election, once during each of the 2 calendar weeks next
54 preceding the week in which the primary election is held, twice
55 during the 30 days next preceding the day fixed for the closing of
56 the registration books for the general election, and once during
57 each of the 2 calendar weeks next preceding the week in which
58 the general election is held.

59 Contents. 2. The notice required to be published by the preceding
60 paragraph shall set forth the place or places at which a person may
61 register and the procedure for transfer of registration, the hours
62 during which voters may register, the date on which the books are
63 closed for registering or transferring, for the primary election,
64 and that a primary election for making nominations for the general
65 election, and in each presidential year for the selection of dele-
66 gates and alternates to national conventions of political parties,
67 will be held on the day and between the hours and at the places
68 provided for in this Title, the place or places at which a person

69 may register and the procedure for transfer of registration, the
70 hours during which voters may register, the date on which the
71 books are closed for registering or transferring, for the general
72 election, and also making known the time, place and purpose of
73 holding the general election thereafter, and the State and county
74 officers or offices to be nominated or to be filled at such primary
75 election, and the State and county office or offices to be filled and,
76 except as provided in said section 19:14-33 as to publication of
77 notice as a Statewide proposition directed by the Legislature to be
78 submitted to the people, the State and county public questions to be
79 voted upon at such general election; except that in such notice it
80 shall be necessary to include only the municipal officers to be
81 nominated or elected and the public questions to be voted upon in
82 the municipality in which such newspaper or newspapers are
83 published; and except that in all municipalities in which no news-
84 paper is published, such notice required to be published in a news-
85 paper or newspapers circulating in such municipality, shall include
86 only the municipal officers to be nominated or elected and the public
87 questions to be voted upon in such municipality in which such
88 newspaper or newspapers circulate.

89 II. Counties other than counties of the first class.

90 Publication of notice. a. The municipal clerks in counties other
91 than counties of the first class shall cause a notice to be published
92 in their respective municipalities in a newspaper or newspapers
93 published in such municipality as the municipal clerk thereof shall
94 select; except that in all municipalities in which no newspaper is
95 published such notice shall be published for such municipality in
96 a newspaper or newspapers circulating therein. The notice to be
97 so published shall be published twice during the 30 days preceding
98 the day fixed for the closing of the registration books for the
99 primary election, once during each of the 2 calendar weeks next
100 preceding the week in which the primary election is held, twice
101 during the 30 days next preceding the day fixed for the closing of
102 the registration books for the general election, and once during
103 each of the 2 calendar weeks next preceding the week in which the
104 general election is held.

105 Contents of notice. b. The notice required to be published by the
106 preceding paragraph shall set forth the place or places at which a
107 person may register and the procedure for transfer of registration,
108 the hours during which voters may register, the date on which the
109 books are closed for registering or transferring, for the primary
110 election, and that a primary election for making nominations for
111 the general election, and in each presidential year for the selection

112 of delegates and alternates to national conventions of political
113 parties, will be held on the day and between the hours and at the
114 places provided for in this Title, the place or places at which a
115 person may register and the procedure for transfer of registration,
116 the hours during which voters may register, the date on which the
117 books are closed for registering or transferring, for the general
118 election, and also making known the time, place and purpose of
119 holding the general election thereafter, and the State and county
120 officers or offices to be nominated or to be filled at such primary
121 election, and the State and county office or offices to be filled and,
122 except as provided in said section 19:14-33 as to publication of
123 notice of any Statewide proposition directed by the Legislature to
124 be submitted to the people, the State and county public questions
125 to be voted upon at such general election; except that in such notice
126 it shall be necessary to include only the municipal officers to be
127 nominated or elected and the public questions to be voted upon
128 in the municipality in which such newspaper or newspapers are
129 published; and except that in all municipalities in which no news-
130 paper is published such notice, required to be published in a news-
131 paper or newspapers circulating in such municipality, shall include
132 only the municipal officers to be nominated or elected and the public
133 questions to be voted upon in such municipality in which such
134 newspaper or newspapers circulate.

135 III. Omissions from notices after first publication.

136 Such part or parts of the original notices as published, either by
137 county boards or municipal clerks, which pertain to day of registra-
138 tion or primary election which has occurred, shall be eliminated
139 from such notice in succeeding insertions.

140 IV. Cost of publication.

141 Counties of the first class. a. The cost of the publishing of the
142 notices required by this section to be published by the county boards
143 in counties of the first class shall be paid by the respective counties.

144 Other counties. b. The cost of the publishing of the notices
145 required to be published by this section by the municipal clerks in
146 counties other than counties of the first class shall be paid by the
147 respective municipalities.

148 V. Definition of first class counties.

149 For the purposes of this section the term "counties of the first
150 class" shall mean counties of the first class according to the census
151 of 1950.】

152 a. *The county board in each county shall cause to be published*
153 *in a newspaper or newspapers which, singly or in combination, are*

154 of general circulation throughout the county, a notice containing
 155 the information specified in subsection b. hereof, except for such of
 156 the contents as may be omitted pursuant to subsection c. or d.
 157 hereof. Such notice shall be published ~~*[twice]*~~ ~~*once*~~ during the
 158 30 days next preceding the day fixed for the closing of the registra-
 159 tion books for the primary election, once during ~~*[each of]*~~ the
 160 ~~*[2]*~~ calendar ~~*[weeks]*~~ ~~*week*~~ next preceding the week in
 161 which the primary election is held, ~~*[twice]*~~ ~~*once*~~ during the 30
 162 days next preceding the day fixed for the closing of the registration
 163 books for the general election, and once during ~~*[each of]*~~ the
 164 ~~*[2]*~~ calendar ~~*[weeks]*~~ ~~*week*~~ next preceding the week in
 164A which the general election is held.

165 b. Such notice shall set forth:

166 (1) For the primary election:

167 (a) That a primary election for making nominations for the
 168 general election, for the selection of members of the county
 169 committees of each political party, and in each presidential
 170 year for the selection of delegates and alternates to national
 171 conventions of political parties, will be held on the day and
 172 between the hours and at the places provided for by or pursuant
 173 to this Title.

174 (b) The place or places at which and hours during which a
 175 person may register; the procedure for the transfer of regis-
 176 tration, and the date on which the books are closed for regis-
 177 tration or transfer of registration.

178 (c) The several State, county, municipal and party offices
 179 or positions to be filled, or for which nominations are to be
 180 made, at such primary election.

181 (2) For the general election:

182 (a) That a general election will be held on the day and
 183 between the hours and at the places provided for by or pur-
 184 suant to this Title.

185 (b) The place or places at which and hours during which a
 186 person may register; the procedure for transfer of registra-
 187 tion, and the date on which the books are closed for registration
 188 or transfer of registration.

189 (c) The several State, county and municipal offices to be
 190 filled and, except as provided in section 19:14-33 of this Title as
 191 to publication of notice of any Statewide proposition directed
 192 by the Legislature to be submitted to the people, the State,
 193 county and municipal public questions to be voted upon at such
 194 general election.

195 c. *If such publication is made in more than one newspaper, it*
196 *shall not be necessary to duplicate in the notice published in each*
197 *such newspaper all the information required under this section,*
198 *so long as:*

199 (1) *The municipal offices or party positions to be filled, or nomi-*
200 *nations made, or municipal public questions to be voted upon by*
201 *the voters of any municipality, shall be set forth in at least one*
202 *newspaper having general circulation in such municipality;*

203 (2) *All offices to be filled, or nominations made therefor, or public*
204 *questions to be voted upon, by the voters of the entire State or of*
205 *the entire county shall be set forth in a newspaper or newspapers*
206 *which, singly or in combination, have general circulation through-*
207 *out the county;*

208 (3) *Information relating to nominations and elections in each*
209 *Legislative District comprised in whole or part in the county shall*
210 *be published in at least a newspaper or newspapers which singly*
211 *or in combination, have general circulation in every municipality*
212 *of the county which is comprised in such legislative district.*

213 d. *Such part or parts of the original notices as published which*
214 *pertain to day of registration or primary election which has*
215 *occurred shall be eliminated from such notice in succeeding*
216 *insertions.*

217 e. *The cost of publishing the notices required by this section shall*
218 *be paid by the respective counties.*

1 2. This act shall take effect upon the sixtieth day next preceding
2 the date of the next primary election occurring not sooner than
3 60 days from the date of its enactment.

195 c. If such publication is made in more than one newspaper, it
 196 shall not be necessary to duplicate in the notice published in each
 197 such newspaper all the information required under this section,
 198 so long as:

199 (1) The municipal offices or party positions to be filled, or nomi-
 200 nations made, or municipal public questions to be voted upon by
 201 the voters of any municipality, shall be set forth in at least one
 202 newspaper having general circulation in such municipality;

203 (2) All offices to be filled, or nominations made therefor, or public
 204 questions to be voted upon, by the voters of the entire State or of
 205 the entire county shall be set forth in a newspaper or newspapers
 206 which, singly or in combination, have general circulation through-
 207 out the county;

208 (3) Information relating to nominations and elections in each
 209 Legislative District comprised in whole or part in the county shall
 210 be published in at least a newspaper or newspapers which singly
 211 or in combination, have general circulation in every municipality
 212 of the county which is comprised in such legislative district.

213 d. Such part or parts of the original notices as published which
 214 pertain to day of registration or primary election which has
 215 occurred shall be eliminated from such notice in succeeding
 216 insertions.

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 218 be paid by the respective counties.

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 2 the date of the next primary election occurring not sooner than
 3 60 days from the date of its enactment.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to end wasteful duplication and useless overlapping in the publication of election notices. It provides that all primary and general election notices, covering State, county and municipal candidacies and public questions, be handled by the county boards of election. Each county board would be given discretion to vary the content of the published notices in such way that (1) the Statewide and county-wide candidacies and public questions would be adequately publicized throughout the county, without duplication in separate municipal notices, and (2) sufficient publicity would be accorded within each municipality for the candidacies and public questions relevant to the municipality itself, without the necessary attachment of information relative to Statewide or county-wide contests or to other municipalities. Full publicity would be required, as hitherto, for information relating to the times, places and methods of registration.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL
AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3153

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 17, 1975

This bill contains several provisions designed to eliminate, as far as possible, unwarranted duplication and overlapping in the publication of election notices. It provides that all primary and general election notices, covering State, county and municipal candidacies and public questions, be handled by the county boards of election. Each county board would be given discretion to vary the content of the published notices in such way that (1) the Statewide and countywide candidacies and public questions would be adequately publicized throughout the county, without duplication in separate municipal notices, and (2) sufficient publicity would be accorded within each municipality for the candidacies and public questions relevant to the municipality itself, without the necessary attachment of information relative to Statewide or countywide contests or to other municipalities. Full publicity would be required, as hitherto, for information relating to the times, places and methods of registration. The committee amended the bill to reduce, from eight to four, the number of required publications of election notices.