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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 108, *approved June 11, 2021*  
Assembly, No. 5725 (*First Reprint*)

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3 annual meetings and transferring certain responsibilities to  
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37 caused, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining  
38 members of the committee in the municipality in which the vacancy  
39 occurs.

40 (cf: P.L.2009, c.135, s.1)

**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:

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 5725

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 12, 2021

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman JOANN DOWNEY**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill amends existing law to change the date on which  
17 members of the municipal committee of a political party take office  
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21 held on the second Monday following the primary election for the  
22 general election rather than on the first Monday after that election.

23 Similarly, the members of the county committee of a political  
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# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 5725**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 18, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5725, with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill amends existing law to change the date on which members of the municipal committee of a political party take office from the first Saturday to by the third Saturday following their election as members of the county committee. The bill also provides that the annual meeting of a municipal committee will be held by the third Saturday following the primary election for the general election rather than on the first Monday after that election.

Similarly, the members of the county committee of a political party will take office by the third Saturday, rather than on the first Saturday, following the primary election. The bill also provides that the annual meeting of a county committee will be held by the third Saturday, rather than on the first Tuesday, following the primary election.

As amended, the bill allows municipal or county committee members to take office by the date specified, instead of on the specific date.

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#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to allow municipal and county committee members to take office and hold their reorganization meeting by the date specified, instead of on the specific date.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

# SENATE, No. 1246

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 3, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator VIN GOPAL**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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24 ballots received from the county clerk or board of elections, as  
25 appropriate, shall issue a certificate of election to each person  
26 shown by the returns **【filed in the office of such municipal clerk】** to  
27 have been so elected.

28 No person whose name was printed on a primary ballot as a  
29 candidate for the county committee shall receive a certificate of  
30 election as a member of any other county committee.

31 When a person whose name was not printed on a primary ballot  
32 as a candidate for member of the county committee has been elected  
33 as a member of the county committee of more than one political  
34 party, he shall file with the municipal clerk within three days a  
35 statement certifying to which political party he belongs, and a  
36 certificate of election shall be issued to such person as a member of  
37 the county committee of the political party so certified.

38 Any person elected as a member of the county committee of any  
39 political party whose name was not printed upon the primary ballot  
40 and to whom a certificate of election has been issued, shall before  
41 the organization of the county committee file with the secretary  
42 thereof a written statement certifying that he is a member of such  
43 political party.

44 The **【municipal】** county clerk shall within eight days after the  
45 primary election certify **【to the county clerk and also】** to the county  
46 board two copies of the names and post-office addresses of the  
47 persons elected as members of the county committee of the several



1 political parties, together with the ward, district or unit which they  
2 respectively represent.

3 (cf: R.S.19:23-54)

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5 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill amends existing law to change the date on which  
11 members of the municipal committee of a political party take office  
12 from the first Saturday to the second Saturday following their  
13 election as members of the county committee. The bill also  
14 provides that the annual meeting of a municipal committee will be  
15 held on the second Monday following the primary election for the  
16 general election rather than on the first Monday after that election.

17 Similarly, the members of the county committee of a political  
18 party will take office on the second Saturday, rather than the first  
19 Saturday, following the primary election. The bill also provides  
20 that the annual meeting of a county committee will be held on the  
21 second Tuesday, rather than the first Tuesday, following the  
22 primary election.

23 In addition, the bill amends existing law to transfer responsibility  
24 for the issuance of certificates of election to county boards and  
25 successful candidates for county committee member from municipal  
26 clerks to county clerks. This will help to ensure that write-in votes,  
27 vote by mail ballots, and provisional ballots will be included in the  
28 vote count before such certificates are issued.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 1246**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1246.

As amended by the committee, this bill changes the date on which members of the municipal committee of a political party take office from the first Saturday to the third Saturday following the certification of the results of their election as members of the county committee. The bill also provides that the annual meeting of a municipal committee will be held on the third Saturday following the certification of the results of the primary election for the general election rather than on the first Monday after that election.

Similarly, under the bill as amended, the members of the county committee of a political party will take office on the third Saturday, rather than the first Saturday, following the certification of the results of the primary election. The bill also provides that the annual meeting of a county committee will be held on the third Saturday, rather than the first Tuesday, following the certification of the results of the primary election.

In addition, the bill requires the county clerk to certify to the county boards the names and addresses of the persons elected as members of the county political party committees. Under the bill, the municipal clerk continues to be responsible for canvassing the statements of the district boards and for issuing a certificate of election to each person who is elected. The bill clarifies that such statements will be issued after counting write-in votes, vote by mail ballots, and provisional ballots.

The bill, as amended, also makes language changes for gender neutrality by, for example, replacing the use of the term “chairman” with the term “chairperson.”

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) provide that municipal and county committee members will take office and hold their annual meetings on the third Saturday following the certification of the election results;

(2) provide that the annual meeting of the county committee will be held no later than the third Tuesday following the certification of the election results in the event the scheduled date coincides with a period of religious observance; and

(3) make the provisions of the bill gender neutral.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 1246**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator GOPAL)

ADOPTED: JUNE 3, 2021

These Senate amendments allow municipal and county committee members to take office and hold their reorganization meeting by the date specified, instead of on the specific date.

These amendments also update section 3 of the bill to the current law statute.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

06/11/2021

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**A-4680/S-2932 (Sweeney/Burzichelli)** – Concerns subcontracting agreements entered into by four-year public institutions of higher education

**A-5344/S-3197 (Scutari, Smith/Mukherji)** – Clarifies eligibility for deferred retirement for certain judges in JRS

**A-5696/S-3690 (Quijano, Carter, Kennedy/Scutari, Cryan)** – Revises modified basic training program for certain county correctional police officers to be certified as county prosecutor's detectives or investigators or county or municipal police officers

**A-5725/S-1246 (Downey, Houghtaling/Gopal, Turner)** – Changes dates on which members of municipal and county committees of political party take office and hold annual meetings; transfers certain election responsibilities to county clerks