

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:14-2.1 (School elections-1983 - change date to April 12)

LAWS OF: 1983 CHAPTER: 63

Bill No.: S1799

Sponsor(s): Gagliano and Feldman

Date Introduced: Oct. 18, 1982

Committee: Assembly: Education

Senate: Education

Amended during passage Yes // Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

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Senate: Dec. 6, 1982

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes // (Below)

Committee statement: Assembly /// No

Senate Yes //

Fiscal Note: /// No

Veto Message /// No

Message on Signing: /// No

Following were printed:

Reports: /// No

Hearings: /// No

**Sponsors' statement:**

**This bill changes the date of the annual school election to March 22, 1983 to avoid conflicting with religious observances.**

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SENATE, No. 1799

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 1982

By Senators GAGLIANO and FELDMAN

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning *annual* school elections **[for 1983]** and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1 1. Notwithstanding the provision of any law to the contrary,  
2 for the 1982-1983 school year, the annual school election shall be  
3 held on **[March 22]** *April 12*, 1983.

1 2. The Commissioner of Education is authorized to make any  
2 necessary adjustments to the school budget and election calendar  
3 affected by section 1 of this act.

1 *\*3. In any school year after the 1982-83 school year the Com-*  
2 *missioner of Education shall make any adjustments to the school*  
3 *budget and election calendar which may be necessary to change*  
4 *the annual school election date provided pursuant to law if that*  
5 *date coincides with a period of religious observance. The commis-*  
6 *sioner shall inform local school boards of these adjustments no later*  
7 *than the first working day in January of the year in which the ad-*  
8 *justments are to occur.\**

1 **[3.]** *\*4.\** This act shall take effect immediately.

**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 printed in italics thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:**

**\*—Senate committee amendments adopted November 29, 1982.**

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1799**

with Senate committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 29, 1982

PROVISIONS:

This bill as amended changes the date of the annual school election to April 12 and authorizes the Commissioner of Education to make what other adjustments are necessary in the school budget and election calendar to accommodate this change.

BACKGROUND:

This change is necessary since the school election now scheduled for April 5th is in conflict with the observance of Passover.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Since the annual school election periodically conflicts with the observance of Passover and Easter, the committee has added a new section to Senate Bill No. 1799 authorizing the Commissioner of Education to make the necessary adjustments whenever this occurs, thus eliminating the need for special authorization each time this occurs.

Also, the committee felt that April 12 was preferable to March 22 as the date for the 1982-83 election.