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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires poll workers to have certain training in the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990".

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring poll workers to have certain training in the
2 federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" and amending
3 R.S.19:50-1.

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

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8 1. R.S.19:50-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 19:50-1. a. Within 30 days before each election, the county board
10 of elections shall cause new members of the district boards who are
11 to serve in election districts to be instructed in the conduct of
12 elections, and the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of
13 1990", 42 U.S.C. § 12102, as it pertains to voting rights and polling
14 places, and in their duties in connection therewith. All district
15 board members shall be required to attend said instructional
16 sessions for each election at least once every two years. The county
17 board of elections shall cause to be given to each member of each
18 district board who has received such instruction and is fully
19 qualified to properly conduct the election, a certificate to that effect.
20 For the purpose of giving such instruction the county board of
21 elections shall call such meeting or meetings of the district boards
22 as shall be necessary. The content of said meeting or meetings shall
23 be limited solely to the instruction of district board members;
24 lobbying or the advancement of political ends shall be prohibited.
25 The members of the district board of each election district shall
26 attend such meeting or meetings as shall be called for the purpose
27 of receiving such instruction concerning their duties as shall be
28 necessary for the proper conduct of the election. No member of any
29 district board shall serve in any election unless he shall have
30 received such instruction as herein provided and is fully qualified to
31 perform the duties in connection with the election, and has received
32 a certificate to that effect from the county board of elections; but
33 this shall not prevent the appointment of a person as a member of
34 the district board to fill a vacancy in an emergency, as now
35 provided by law. In addition to the foregoing, the county board of
36 elections shall design, prepare and distribute training manuals for
37 district board members, pursuant to guidelines established by the
38 **[Attorney General]** Secretary of State. The county board of
39 elections shall also make the training manual available on its
40 Internet site and on the Internet site of the Division of Elections in
41 the Department of **[Law and Public Safety]** State.

42 b. The **[Attorney General]** Secretary of State shall establish
43 guidelines for the design of training manuals for members of district
44 boards of election, and shall design, prepare and distribute training
45 manuals for members of county boards of election, and county

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.

1 clerks. The **【Attorney General】** shall also make training manuals
2 available on the Internet site of the Division of Elections.
3 (cf: P.L.2005, c.151, s.2)

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5 2. This act shall take effect at the next general election.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill requires that persons working at polling places have
11 training in the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990,"
12 42 U.S.C. § 12102 ("ADA"), as it relates to the rights of voters and
13 obligations of polling places under the act. Current law requires
14 training but does not specifically require training in ADA.

15 This training is necessary to ensure that poll workers are aware
16 of ADA's requirements and that all persons receive the same,
17 appropriate and equitable opportunity to vote.