

SENATE, No. 1410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes mandatory Voting Accessibility Advisory Committees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing mandatory Voting Accessibility Advisory
2 Committees and amending P.L.1991, c.429

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

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7 1. Section 11 of P.L.1991, c.429 (C.19:8-3.7) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 11. a. In order to assist and advise county election officers in
10 implementing the provisions of this 1991 amendatory and
11 supplementary act, the county executive in each county in which that
12 office is established, or the governing body of the county in any other
13 county, shall establish a Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee,
14 which shall **[be]** consist of at least seven and not more than 11
15 members as follows:

16 (1) The four members of the county board of elections; and

17 (2) Three or more public members, to be appointed by the county
18 executive or county governing body as follows:

19 (a) A representative of the county executive or a member of the
20 county governing body, as appropriate;

21 (b) At least one elderly **[and handicapped]** or physically disabled
22 individual representing one or more organizations of such individuals;

23 (c) At least one person trained in the provisions of the barrier free
24 sub-code; and

25 (d) If the county executive or governing body so elects, any other
26 person deemed able by the executive or governing body to be of
27 assistance in the implementation of the act.

28 b. In order to accurately evaluate the accessibility of all polling
29 locations, the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee shall
30 undertake a "walking tour" of each polling location in the county. Any
31 elderly **[and handicapped]** or physically disabled committee member
32 should participate in any such tour.

33 c. **[On and after January 1, 1994, the]** The establishment and
34 continuance in **[any]** each county of a Voting Accessibility Advisory
35 Committee for that county shall be **[optional]** mandatory .
36 (cf: P.L.1991, c.429, s.11)

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but if a regularly
39 scheduled election shall occur within 90 days after this effective date,
40 the act shall be inoperative until the day following that election.

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.

