

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1916**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 3, 2010

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1916.

Under current law, a mail-in ballot for any primary, general, special, school, or non-partisan election must be counted if it is received by the time designated by statute for the closing of the polls.

This bill provides that a ballot postmarked before the day of the election, but received by mail by the election officials within seven consecutive days following the election, will be considered valid and counted. The bill does not change the existing timeframe for the certification of election results immediately after an election, except to provide that upon the expiration of the seven-day period following the election, the election results will be updated to account for any ballots received, if any, within the seven-day period as provided by the bill.