## ASSEMBLY, No. 1919

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 218th LEGISLATURE

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#### **SYNOPSIS**

Permits voter to take photograph of own voted ballot and share it on Internet-based social media.

### CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1	AN ACT concerning the secrecy of the voted ballot and amending
2	R.S.19:34-7.
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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. R.S.19:34-7 is amended to read as follows:
8	19:34-7. No person shall within the polling room mark his ballot
9	in a place other than in the polling booth or show his ballot, nor
10	shall anyone request such person to show his ballot during the
11	preparation thereof, nor shall any other person inspect such ballot
12	during the preparation thereof or after it is prepared for voting in
13	such a way as to reveal the contents, nor shall any person within the
14	polling place or within a hundred feet thereof, loiter, electioneer, or
15	solicit any voter.
16	No voter, at any election where official ballots are used, shall
17	knowingly vote or offer to vote any ballot except an official ballot
18	as by this Title required.
19	No person shall on any pretext carry any official ballot from the
20	polling room on any election day except such persons as may by
21	this Title be authorized to do so.
22	The provisions of this section shall not be interpreted to prohibit
23	a voter from voluntarily taking a photograph of the voter's own
24	voted ballot and sharing that photograph on Internet-based social
25	media.
26	Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall
27	be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.
28	(cf: P.L.2005, c.154, s.27)
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30	2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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33	STATEMENT
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35	This bill allows voters to photograph their own voted ballots
36	while in the voting booth and to share those photographs on
37	Internet-based social media.
38	Under current law, a voter is prohibited from showing his or her
39	voted ballot. The law also prohibits other persons from requesting
40	that a voter show his or her voted ballot, or from inspecting such
41	ballot during or after voting as to reveal its contents. This bill does
42	not remove these prohibitions. This bill provides that these
43	provisions of current law would not be interpreted to prohibit a
44	voter from voluntarily taking a photograph of the voter's own voted
45	ballot and sharing it on Internet-based social media.