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SYNOPSIS
Changes date when a recall election may be initiated from 50th to 90th day preceding completion of first year of term of office.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT changing the date when a recall election may be initiated

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

1. Section 4 of P.L.1995, c.105 (C.19:27A-4) is amended to
read as follows:

4. a. An elected official shall be recalled from office upon the
affirmative vote of a majority of those voting on the question of
recall at a recall election which shall have been held after the
officeholder shall have served one year of the term of office from
which the person is sought to be recalled. A person serving to fill a
vacancy in the term of an elective office shall be subject to recall at
such an election after one year of such service. No election to
recall an elected official shall be held after the date occurring six
months prior to the general election or regular election for that
office, as appropriate, in the final year of the official's term.

No statement of reasons or grounds for the holding of a recall
election or for the recall at such an election of an elected official
shall be required in connection with the preparation or circulation of
a recall petition, with the transmittal of any notice required under
the provisions of this act, with the submission to the voters of the
question of the recall of an elected official, or with any other action
or procedure relating to such a recall, and to the extent that any
such statement of reasons or grounds is offered by the sponsors of a
recall petition or by any other person, the sufficiency of that
statement shall be a political rather than a judicial question.

b. The procedures established in this act to initiate the calling
of a recall election may be commenced not earlier than the [50th]
90th day preceding the completion of the first year of the term of
office by the official sought to be recalled. In the case of an official
serving to fill a vacancy in the term of an elective office, the
procedures established in this act to initiate the calling of a recall
election may be commenced not earlier than the [50th] 90th day
preceding the completion of the first year of such service.
However, the recall election itself shall not be held until after the
official has completed one year of such term or service, as
appropriate.
(cf: P.L.1995, c.105, s.4)

2. 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 underlined thus is new matter.
This bill amends the Uniform Recall Election Law. It allows the initiation procedures of a recall election to begin sooner, changing the date that recall election procedures may be initiated from the 50th day preceding the completion of the first year of the term of office to the 90th day preceding the completion of the first year of the term of office.