

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4208

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 218th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “New Jersey Complete Count Commission.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey Complete Count  
2 Commission.”

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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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “New Jersey  
8 Complete Count Commission Act.”

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10 2. a. There is created in, but not of, the Department of State,  
11 the “New Jersey Complete Count Commission.”

12 b. The commission shall consist of 21 members as follows:

13 (1) the President of the Senate, or a designee;

14 (2) the Speaker of the General Assembly, or a designee;

15 (3) the Minority Leader of the Senate, or a designee;

16 (4) the Minority Leader of the General Assembly, or a designee;

17 (5) the Governor, or a designee;

18 (6) the Secretary of State, or a designee;

19 (7) the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and  
20 Workforce Development, or a designee;

21 (8) three individuals representing municipalities in this State,  
22 reflecting the geographic diversity of the State, appointed by the  
23 Secretary of State;

24 (9) four individuals representing counties in this State,  
25 reflecting the geographic diversity of the State, appointed by the  
26 Governor;

27 (10) one representative each from four different organizations  
28 representing the interests of minorities in the State, appointed by the  
29 Secretary of State; and

30 (11) one representative each from three different organizations  
31 representing the interests of business in the State, including one  
32 organization representing minority business interests, appointed by  
33 the Governor.

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35 3. All appointments to the commission shall be made within 30  
36 days after the date of enactment of this act, P.L. , c. (pending  
37 before the Legislature as this bill). Vacancies in the membership of  
38 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
39 appointments were made. Members of the commission shall serve  
40 without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for  
41 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
42 their duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise  
43 made available to the commission for its purposes.

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45 4. The commission shall organize within 30 days after the  
46 appointment of its members. The Secretary of State shall serve as  
47 chairperson of the commission. The commission shall select a vice  
48 chairperson from among its members. The commission may also

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1 appoint a secretary, a director, and an assistant director, who need  
2 not be a member of the commission. The director and assistant  
3 director may be compensated from funds made available to the  
4 commission for this purpose. The commission shall meet at the call  
5 of the chairperson, or upon the request of any 10 members of the  
6 commission, who shall constitute a quorum.

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8 5. The Department of State shall provide the staff services  
9 necessary to support the functions of the commission. The  
10 commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself  
11 of the services of the employees of any other State department,  
12 board, bureau, commission or agency, as it may require and as may  
13 be available to it for its purposes.

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15 6. It shall be the duty of the commission to develop,  
16 recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach  
17 strategy to encourage full participation in the 2020 federal  
18 decennial census of population required by Section 141 of Title 13  
19 of the United States Code. The census outreach strategy shall  
20 include, but not be limited to, State agency initiatives to encourage  
21 participation in the 2020 Census, the establishment and support of  
22 school-based outreach programs, partnerships with non-profit  
23 community-based organizations, and a multi-lingual, multi-media  
24 campaign designed to ensure an accurate and complete count of  
25 New Jersey's population. To assist in carrying out its duties, the  
26 commission may create and appoint subcommittees as it deems  
27 appropriate and shall solicit participation from relevant experts and  
28 practitioners involved in census issues.

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30 7. The outreach strategy of the New Jersey Complete Count  
31 Commission shall be coordinated through the Office of the  
32 Secretary of State, which shall provide administrative support to the  
33 commission and coordinate with all State agencies and  
34 constitutional officers, as well as units of local government, to  
35 identify effective methods of outreach to New Jersey's population  
36 and to provide resources to ensure the outreach program is  
37 successful and that all New Jersey residents are counted. All State  
38 agencies shall inform the Office of the Secretary of State of their  
39 designated census coordinator and cooperate with the commission  
40 and provide support to the commission. For the purposes of this  
41 section, "State agencies" means any executive agency or  
42 department directly responsible to the Governor. Other entities of  
43 government, including other constitutional officers, the offices of  
44 the legislative and judicial branches, and units of local government  
45 shall cooperate and provide all reasonable assistance to the  
46 commission.



1       The bill requires the outreach strategy to be coordinated through  
2 the Office of the Secretary of State, which would provide  
3 administrative support to the commission and coordinate with all  
4 State agencies, constitutional officers, and units of local  
5 government, to identify effective methods of outreach to New  
6 Jersey's population and to provide resources to ensure the outreach  
7 program is successful and that all New Jersey residents are counted.  
8 Under the bill, all State agencies are required to inform the Office  
9 of the Secretary of State of their designated census coordinator and  
10 cooperate with the commission and provide support to the  
11 commission. Other entities of government, including other  
12 constitutional officers, the offices of the legislative and judicial  
13 branches, and units of local government, are directed to cooperate  
14 and provide all reasonable assistance to the commission.

15       The commission is required to submit an interim report to the  
16 Governor and the Legislature within six months of its  
17 organizational meeting, containing its recommended outreach  
18 strategy to encourage full participation and to avoid an undercount  
19 in the 2020 Census. Thereafter, the commission would submit its  
20 final report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than June  
21 30, 2019, specifying its recommended outreach strategy for  
22 implementation for the 2020 Census.

23       The commission would expire on January 1, 2020.