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SYNOPSIS

Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing a database with certain information about
2 individuals elected to public office in this State and
3 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. There shall be established in the Division of Elections in
9 the Department of State a database containing the contact
10 information for every elected public official in this State, including
11 the gender and race of the elected public official.

12 b. No later than the seventh day after an individual has been
13 certified as elected to an elective public office in this State,
14 including an individual selected to fill a vacancy in an elective
15 public office for the remainder of a term, the division shall transmit
16 to the individual a form, developed by the Secretary of State, for
17 completion that records: 1) the individual's contact information,
18 including full name, and the mailing address, telephone number,
19 and e-mail address of the individual's elective public office, if any;
20 2) gender; and 3) race, using the same racial categories as required
21 on the federal decennial census of the United States by the federal
22 Bureau of the Census.

23 The division shall coordinate with the clerks of each county, the
24 secretary of each Type II regional and municipal school district, and
25 the secretary of each special district in which elections are held to
26 insure that the form is transmitted to individuals elected to public
27 offices in those instrumentalities.

28 Each completed form shall be transmitted to the division by the
29 elected individual by mail or electronic means no later than the 10th
30 day following the receipt thereof.

31 c. The division shall use the information from the forms
32 received pursuant to subsection b. of this section, to establish
33 separate databases of information on elected individuals, with at
34 least one database sorted by gender and at least one sorted by race.

35 The information in each database shall be: 1) reviewed and
36 updated by the division on a regular basis, but not less than
37 annually, with the assistance and cooperation of the county clerks,
38 school board secretaries in Type II districts, and the secretaries of
39 special districts in which elections are held; and 2) available to the
40 public at a convenient location on the website of the division.

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42 2. This act shall take effect 90 days following the date of
43 enactment, but the Secretary of State and the Division of Elections
44 shall take such action in advance of that date as may be appropriate.

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STATEMENT

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49 This bill establishes in the Division of Elections in the

1 Department of State a database containing the contact information
2 for every elected public official in this State, including the gender
3 and race of the elected public official.

4 The bill provides that no later than the seventh day after an
5 individual has been certified as elected to any elective public office
6 in this State, the division is to transmit to the individual a form for
7 completion that records: 1) the individual's contact information,
8 including full name, and the mailing address, telephone number,
9 and e-mail address of the individual's public office, if any; 2)
10 gender; and 3) race, using the same racial categories as required on
11 the federal decennial census of the United States by the federal
12 Bureau of the Census.

13 The division is to use the information from the forms to establish
14 separate databases of information on elected individuals, with at
15 least one database sorted by gender and at least one sorted by race.

16 The information in each database would be reviewed and
17 updated by the division on a regular basis, and available to the
18 public at a convenient location on the website of the division.