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SYNOPSIS

Updates notice of elections requirements to include information for voter to obtain polling place location.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on May 30, 2019.



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1 AN ACT concerning reference to polling places in notice of
2 elections requirements and amending R.S.19:12-7 and
3 R.S.19:12-8.

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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. R.S.19:12-7 is amended to read as follows:

9 19:12-7. a. The county board in each county shall cause to be
10 published in a newspaper or newspapers which, singly or in
11 combination, are of general circulation throughout the county, a
12 notice containing the information specified in subsection b. hereof,
13 except for such of the contents as may be omitted pursuant to
14 subsection c. or d. hereof. Such notice shall be published once
15 during the 30 days next preceding the day fixed for the closing of
16 the registration books for the primary election, once during the
17 calendar week next preceding the week in which the primary
18 election for the general election is held, once during the 30 days
19 next preceding the day fixed for the closing of the registration
20 books for the general election, and once during the calendar week
21 next preceding the week in which the general election is held.

22 b. Such notice shall set forth:

23 (1) For the primary election for the general election:

24 (a) That a primary election for making nominations for the
25 general election, for the selection of members of the county
26 committees of each political party, and in each presidential year for
27 the selection of delegates and alternates to national conventions of
28 political parties, will be held on the day and between the hours **and**
29 **at the places** ²**and at the places**¹² provided for by or pursuant to
30 this Title.

31 (b) The place or places at which and hours during which a
32 person may register, the procedure for the transfer of registration,
33 and the date on which the books are closed for registration or
34 transfer of registration.

35 (c) The several State, county, municipal and party offices or
36 positions to be filled, or for which nominations are to be made, at
37 such primary election.

38 (d) The existence of registration and voting aids, including: (i)
39 the availability of registration and voting instructions at places of
40 registration as provided under R.S.19:31-6; and (ii), if available, the
41 accessibility of voter information to the deaf by means of a
42 telecommunications device.

43 (e) The availability of assistance to a person unable to vote due

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹**Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted January 24, 2019.**

²**Senate floor amendments adopted May 30, 2019.**

1 to blindness, disability or inability to read or write.

2 (f) In the case of the notice published during the calendar week
3 next preceding the week in which the primary election is held, that
4 a voter who, prior to the election, shall have moved within the same
5 county without (i) filing, on or before the 21st day preceding the
6 election, a notice of change of residence with the commissioner of
7 registration of the county or the municipal clerk of the municipality
8 in which the voter resides on the day of the election, (ii) returning
9 the confirmation notice sent to the voter by the commissioner of
10 registration of the county, if such a notice has been sent to the voter,
11 or (iii) otherwise notifying the commissioner of registration of the
12 voter's change of address within the county shall be permitted to
13 correct the voter's registration and to vote in the primary election by
14 provisional ballot at the polling place of the district in which the
15 voter resides on the day of the election. The notice shall further
16 provide that the voter may contact the county commissioner of
17 registration or municipal clerk or may view polling place location
18 information on the Division of Elections website to determine the
19 proper polling place location for the voter.

20 (2) For the general election:

21 (a) That a general election will be held on the day and between
22 the hours **[and at the places]** ²**['and at the places']**² provided for
23 by or pursuant to this Title and, where applicable, shall include
24 annual school elections and annual fire district elections held on
25 that date.

26 (b) The place or places at which and hours during which a
27 person may register, the procedure for transfer of registration, and
28 the date on which the books are closed for registration or transfer of
29 registration.

30 (c) The several State, county and municipal offices, and where
31 applicable, school board offices and fire district offices to be filled,
32 notice of any school district propositions to be submitted to the
33 people and, except as provided in R.S.19:14-33 of this Title as to
34 publication of notice of any Statewide proposition directed by the
35 Legislature to be submitted to the people, the State, county **[and]**,
36 municipal and fire district public questions to be voted upon at such
37 general election.

38 (d) The existence of registration and voting aids, including: (i)
39 the availability of registration and voting instructions at places of
40 registration as provided under R.S.19:31-6; and (ii) the accessibility
41 of voter information to the deaf by means of a telecommunications
42 device.

43 (e) The availability of assistance to a person unable to vote due
44 to blindness, disability or inability to read or write.

45 (f) In the case of the notice published during the calendar week
46 next preceding the week in which the general election is held, that a
47 voter who, prior to the election, shall have moved within the same
48 county without (i) filing, on or before the 21st day preceding the

1 election, a notice of change of residence with the commissioner of
2 registration of the county or the municipal clerk of the municipality
3 in which the voter resides on the day of the election, (ii) returning
4 the confirmation notice sent to the voter by the commissioner of
5 registration of the county, if such a notice has been sent to the voter,
6 or (iii) otherwise notifying the commissioner of registration of the
7 voter's change of address within the county shall be permitted to
8 correct the voter's registration and to vote in the general election by
9 provisional ballot at the polling place of the district in which the
10 voter resides on the day of the election. The notice shall further
11 provide that the voter may contact the county commissioner of
12 registration or municipal clerk or may view polling place location
13 information on the Division of Elections website to determine the
14 proper polling place location for the voter.

15 (3) For a school election:

16 (a) The day ~~[,]~~ ¹~~[and]~~ ²~~[,]~~ ¹ and ² time ~~[and place]~~ ²~~[and~~
17 ~~place]~~ ¹² thereof,

18 (b) The offices, if any, to be filled at the election,

19 (c) The substance of any public question to be submitted to the
20 voters thereat,

21 (d) That a voter who, prior to the election, shall have moved
22 within the same county without (i) filing, on or before the 21st day
23 preceding the election, a notice of change of residence with the
24 commissioner of registration of the county or the municipal clerk of
25 the municipality in which the voter resides on the day of the
26 election, (ii) returning the confirmation notice sent to the voter by
27 the commissioner of registration of the county, if such a notice has
28 been sent to the voter, or (iii) otherwise notifying the commissioner
29 of registration of the voter's change of address within the county
30 shall be permitted to correct the voter's registration and to vote in
31 the school election by provisional ballot at the polling place of the
32 district in which the voter resides on the day of the election,

33 (e) That if the voter has any questions as to where to vote on the
34 day of the election, the voter may contact the county commissioner
35 of registration or municipal clerk or may view polling place
36 location information on the Division of Elections website to
37 determine the proper polling place location for the voter; and

38 (f) Such other information as may be required by law.

39 c. If such publication is made in more than one newspaper, it
40 shall not be necessary to duplicate in the notice published in each
41 such newspaper all the information required under this section, so
42 long as:

43 (1) The municipal officers or party positions to be filled, or
44 nominations made, or municipal public questions to be voted upon
45 by the voters of any municipality, shall be set forth in at least one
46 newspaper having general circulation in such municipality;

47 (2) All offices to be filled, or nominations made therefor, or
48 public questions to be voted upon, by the voters of the entire State

1 or of the entire county shall be set forth in a newspaper or
 2 newspapers which, singly or in combination, have general
 3 circulation throughout the county;

4 (3) Information relating to nominations and elections in each
 5 Legislative District comprised in whole or part in the county, shall
 6 be published in at least a newspaper or newspapers which singly or
 7 in combination, have general circulation in every municipality of
 8 the county which is comprised in such legislative district.

9 d. Such part or parts of the original notices as published which
 10 pertain to day of registration or primary election which has occurred
 11 shall be eliminated from such notice in succeeding insertions.

12 e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.232.)

13 f. The cost of publishing the notices required by this section
 14 shall be paid by the respective counties, unless otherwise provided
 15 for by law.

16 g. Notices required to be published or posted pursuant to this
 17 section shall set forth a general description of the contents of the
 18 voter information notice provided for in section 1 of P.L.2005,
 19 c.149 (C.19:12-7.1), how the notice may be viewed or obtained
 20 prior to the day of an election, and that the notice will be posted in
 21 each polling place on the day of an election.

22 (cf: P.L.2017, c.206, s.2)

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24 ¹[2. R.S.19:12-8 is amended to read as follows:

25 19:12-8. The notice required by section 19:12-7 of this Title
 26 shall include **【the address of each polling place and】** the **【place**
 27 **and】** telephone number and times at which a voter may make
 28 inquiry as to the location of the polling place in the district in which
 29 he resides, and shall advise that the voter may obtain polling place
 30 location information by electronic means from the Division of
 31 Elections Internet site.

32 (cf: P.L.1969, c.162, s.1)¹

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35 19:12-8. The notice required by section 19:12-7 of this Title shall
 36 include the address of each polling place **【and】** , the place and
 37 telephone number of the county commissioner of registration and
 38 municipal clerk, as applicable, and the times at which a voter may
 39 make inquiry as to the location of the polling place in the district in
 40 which **【he】** the voter resides. The notice shall advise that the voter
 41 may obtain polling place location information by electronic means
 42 from the Division of Elections Internet site.¹

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8 3. This act shall take effect immediately.