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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes municipality to deliver property tax bills, construction permits, and receipts for payment via e-mail.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning electronic delivery of certain municipal
2 correspondence and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised
3 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. The Director of the Division of Local Government
9 Services in the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation
10 with the Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information
11 Technology and the State Treasurer, shall establish a procedure by
12 which a municipality may offer the option of issuing property tax
13 bills, construction permits, and receipts of payment for any
14 municipal fee or charge via e-mail. The director shall make this
15 electronic delivery procedure available to municipalities, but shall
16 not require a municipality to utilize electronic communication for
17 the purposes of delivering property tax bills, construction permits,
18 and receipts to taxpayers, mortgage loan servicers, or permit
19 applicants.

20 b. A municipality that wishes to utilize the electronic delivery
21 procedure shall adopt an ordinance designating e-mail as an
22 authorized means of delivery. The ordinance adopted by the
23 municipal governing body shall ensure that taxpayers, including a
24 mortgage loan servicer, and permit applicants are not required to
25 participate in the electronic delivery program and that they may
26 continue to receive all correspondences from the municipality via
27 regular mail without additional charge.

28 c. For the purposes of this section:

29 “property tax bill” means a notification of assessment issued
30 pursuant to R.S.54:4-38 or a tax bill issued pursuant to section 7 of
31 P.L.1941, c.397 (C.54:4-63.7), section 8 of P.L.1947, c.413
32 (C.54:4-63.19), or R.S.54:4-64.

33 “construction permit” means a permit issued pursuant to the
34 “State Uniform Construction Code Act,” P.L.1975, c.217
35 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.).

36 d. The director, in consultation with the Chief Technology
37 Officer of the Office of Information Technology and the State
38 Treasurer, shall promulgate rules, regulations, procedures, and
39 forms necessary to implement this section.

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41 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
42 next following enactment but the director may take such
43 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be
44 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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46 **STATEMENT**

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48 This bill requires the Director of the Division of Local Government
49 Services in the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with

1 the Office of Information Technology and the State Treasurer, to
2 establish a mechanism by which a municipality may transmit property
3 tax bills, construction permits, and receipts for payment of municipal
4 fees and charges via e-mail.

5 The bill permits a municipality to adopt an ordinance designating
6 the use of e-mail as an authorized means of delivery, but does not
7 permit a municipality to designate it as the sole means of delivery.
8 The bill specifies that a municipality would have to continue providing
9 hard copies though regular mail, at no extra charge, to any taxpayer,
10 applicant, or fee payer who does not request electronic delivery