

ASSEMBLY, No. 797

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning the distribution of certain maps and amending
2 R.S.19:4-16.

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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. R.S.19:4-16 is amended to read as follows:
8 19:4-16. The county board shall cause to have prepared and shall
9 maintain an up-to-date suitable map of the county and of each
10 constituent municipality clearly delineating the geographical
11 boundaries of each election district contained therein and of the ward,
12 legislative, freeholder, Congressional or other district or part thereof,
13 in which each election district is contained. A word description of
14 such geographical boundaries shall be attached to each such map.

15 The county board shall file copies of such maps and descriptions in
16 the following manner: three copies to the Secretary of State, one copy
17 to the county clerk, one copy to the secretary of the local or regional
18 school board in each affected municipality, one copy to the secretary
19 of each fire district in each affected municipality, if the municipality
20 has such a district, and one copy to the clerk of each affected
21 municipality. Within 30 days of any changes in the boundaries of any
22 of the aforementioned districts, the county board shall file revised
23 maps and accompanying revised descriptions in the same manner.

24 Said maps and descriptions shall be public records and shall be
25 available for inspection by the public in the offices of the Secretary of
26 State, county clerks, local and regional school boards, fire districts and
27 municipal clerks during normal office hours. Copies shall be made
28 available to the public for a fee necessary to cover the cost of
29 reproduction.

30 In order to effectuate the purposes of this act, the Secretary of
31 State shall establish such rules and regulations governing the

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 preparation, maintenance, distribution and filing of said maps and
2 descriptions as he deems necessary or desirable.

3 (cf: P.L.1976,c.83,s.7)

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 The purpose of this bill is require that whenever political districts
11 are drawn or changed, the county board of elections in the county in
12 which the redistricting occurs shall file copies of the maps delineating
13 the district lines with each local or regional school district in a
14 municipality affected by the redistricting and with each fire district in
15 a municipality similarly affected.

16 Under current law, copies of maps delineating political districts or
17 changes to those districts must be filed only with the Secretary of
18 State, the county clerk and the municipal clerk of each affected
19 municipality.

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24 Requires copies of all political district maps, and changes thereto, be
25 filed with school boards and fire districts in affected municipalities.