

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1882

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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1   **AN ACT** concerning certain voter registration information and  
2   supplementing chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. No later than October 15 of each year, the Secretary of State  
8   shall provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature that  
9   includes, but is not limited to:

10      (1) the total number of registered voters Statewide, including the  
11   number of registrants removed from the registry list of each county for  
12   not voting in two consecutive general elections for federal office, at  
13   the time of the federal general election two years prior to the most  
14   recent federal general election;

15      (2) the total number of registered voters Statewide, including the  
16   number of registrants removed from the registry list of each county for  
17   not voting in two consecutive general elections for federal office, at  
18   the time of the most recent federal election;

19      (3) the total number of new valid registrations filed Statewide  
20   between the two most recent federal general elections, including all  
21   such registrations that are new within a county or filed by a registrant  
22   who moved from one county to another but exclusive of all voter  
23   registration applications that are deemed duplicates, rejected for any  
24   reason or that report only a change of name, change of address within  
25   the county by a person who registered previously in that county or  
26   change of party affiliation;

27      (4) the total number of registered voters Statewide removed from  
28   the registry list of each county for not voting in two consecutive  
29   general elections for federal office as of the most recent federal  
30   general election;

31      (5) the total number of registered voters Statewide removed from  
32   the registry list of each county for any reason between the two most  
33   recent federal general elections;

34      (6) the total number of voter registration applications filed in each  
35   county and Statewide in the aggregate, regardless of whether such  
36   applications have been deemed duplicates, rejected for any reason or  
37   report a change of name, change of address within the county by a

- 1 person who registered previously in that county or change of party
- 2 affiliation, that were received from or generated through:

3 (a) each of the offices of the Division of Motor Vehicles;

4       (b) each of the offices of each voter registration agency, as defined  
5 pursuant to section 26 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.19:31-6.11); and

6 (c) all other means, including, but not limited to, voter registration  
7 drives that deliver completed voter registration applications to the  
8 commissioner of registration of a county;

9       (7) the total number of voter registration applications deemed  
10 duplicates in each county and Statewide in the aggregate between the  
11 two most recent federal general elections that were received by the  
12 commissioner of registration of each county and were received from  
13 or generated through each of the categories described in  
14 subparagraphs (a) through (c) of paragraph (6) of this subsection; and

15       (8) the total number of confirmation notices mailed out Statewide  
16 between the two most recent federal general elections and the number  
17 of responses received Statewide to those notices during the same  
18 period.

19       b. The Secretary of State shall promulgate, pursuant to the  
20 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
21 seq.), such rules and regulations as necessary to effectuate the  
22 purposes of this act, and shall have the authority to make such  
23 arrangements with voter registration agencies and other relevant public  
24 entities as may be necessary to gather and tally the information  
25 required by this act.

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27        2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the Secretary of State to report to the Governor  
33 and Legislature no later than October 15 of each year on voter  
34 registration activities that have occurred within the State and each  
35 county during the previous year.

36 Specifically, the bill gives the Secretary of State authority to make  
37 such arrangements with voter registration agencies and other relevant  
38 public entities as may be necessary to gather and tally information on:

39       1) the total number of registered voters Statewide, including the  
40 number of registrants removed from the registry list of each county for  
41 not voting in two consecutive general elections, at the time of the most  
42 recent federal election and next most recent federal general election;

43       2) the total number of new valid registrations filed Statewide  
44 between the two most recent federal general elections, exclusive of  
45 such applications deemed duplicates, rejected or which report only a  
46 change in name, address or party affiliation;

1       3) the total number of registered voters removed from the registry  
2 list of each county for not voting in two consecutive general elections  
3 for federal office and the total number of registered voters removed  
4 from the registry list of each county for any reason;

5       4) the total number of voter registration applications filed in each  
6 county and Statewide in the aggregate that were received from or  
7 generated through each of the offices of the Division of Motor  
8 Vehicles and each voter registration agency and by all other means;  
9 and

10      5) the total number voter registration applications deemed  
11 duplicates in each county and Statewide in the aggregate and the total  
12 number of confirmation notices mailed out Statewide between the two  
13 most recent federal general elections.

14      This bill is modeled after federal regulations designed to implement  
15 the "National Voter Registration Act of 1993," (Pub.L.103-31),  
16 popularly known at the "motor-voter" act, which require each state to  
17 provide certain voter registration information biennially.

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23 no later than October 15 of each year on certain voter registration  
24 activities.

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