

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 85, *approved May 5, 1997*  
Senate, No. 181

1 **AN ACT** authorizing municipalities to require address registration by  
2 certain property owners and supplementing chapter 48 of Title 40  
3 of the New Jersey 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. A municipality is hereby authorized and empowered to enact  
9 an ordinance requiring an owner of real property situated within the  
10 municipality to register with the clerk of the municipality the street  
11 address of his residence whenever that owner does not reside at his  
12 property, in the case of residential premises, or does not operate a  
13 business at the property, in the case of commercial property. An  
14 ordinance so enacted shall provide for the assessment of reasonable  
15 penalties in the case of noncompliance.

16 b. The clerk of the municipality may forward a copy of any address  
17 registration made pursuant to subsection a. of this section to the clerk  
18 of the county in which the municipality is situated. The county  
19 registrar shall maintain a file and index any address registrations  
20 received pursuant to this subsection.

21 c. For the purposes of this act, "real property" shall mean any type  
22 of real estate including commercial or residential, improved or  
23 unimproved lots, single family homes, multiple dwellings, and property  
24 held in any manner, including fee simple, condominium or cooperative  
25 forms of ownership. "Street address" shall mean the address at which  
26 the person actually resides, and shall include a street name or rural  
27 delivery route in addition to any postal office box number which may  
28 be included.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 Permits municipal ordinance requiring address registration of certain  
property owners.