

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 112

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman ALLEN, Assemblymen KRAMER, DeSopo, Bucco, Garrett, Bodine, Assemblywoman Bark, Assemblymen Geist, Wolfe, Blee, Gregg, Assemblywomen Crecco, Heck, Assemblymen Malone and LeFevre

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** respectfully petitioning the United States District
2 Court of the District of New Jersey to expedite a decision on the
3 constitutionality of P.L.1994, c.128 (C.2C:7-6 et seq.), popularly known
4 as "Megan's Law."
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6 **WHEREAS**, The United States District Court of the District of New Jersey
7 has issued a blanket freeze prohibiting the State of New Jersey from
8 exercising its statutory responsibility under the provisions of P.L.1994,
9 c.128 (C.2C:7-6 et seq.), or as it is popularly known, "Megan's Law," to
10 publicly notify local residents of sex criminals living in their neighborhoods
11 and communities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, While this court decision does not affect the State's authority to
13 require sex offenders to register with the office of the of the prosecutor of
14 the county in which they reside, it does frustrate the Legislature's intent to
15 protect the citizens of this State, especially the children, from becoming
16 innocent victims of crime by publicly alerting organizations, institutions and
17 individuals in neighborhoods whenever the most violent and potentially
18 threatening of sex criminals establish residence in those communities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, In light of the fact that this ruling prohibiting public notification is
20 scheduled to expire July 3, 1996, it is essential that the court act in a
21 timely manner to resolve all uncertainty concerning the State's
22 constitutional authority to provide such public notice and information
23 concerning the residencies of certain sex offenders; and

24 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper, and within the public interest, for
25 this House to respectfully petition the United States District Court for the
26 District of New Jersey to expedite the rendering of its decision on the
27 constitutionality of P.L.1994, c.128 (C.2C:7-6 et seq.), popularly known
28 as "Megan's Law," to remove all doubt and uncertainty concerning the
29 State's authority to provide public notice and information concerning the
30 residencies of certain sex offenders; now, therefore,

31 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:
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