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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Requires State agency to redact a person's handwritten signature prior to publishing documents on agency's Internet website.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning State agencies and redaction of certain
2 signatures and supplementing P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
3 seq.).

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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. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or order to the
9 contrary, a State agency shall redact a person's handwritten
10 signature on any document published on the State agency's Internet
11 website, pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative
12 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), on or after
13 the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
14 Legislature as this bill).

15 b. A State agency shall archive any document published on a
16 State agency's Internet website prior to the effective date of P.L. ,
17 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) that
18 displays a person's handwritten signature and the document may be
19 republished on the State agency's Internet website if the State
20 agency redacts the person's handwritten signature.

21 c. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit public
22 access, pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), commonly
23 known as the open public records act, to any document archived
24 pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires a State agency to redact a person's handwritten
32 signature prior to publishing documents displaying the person's
33 handwritten signature on the State agency's Internet website,
34 pursuant to any publication requirements of the "Administrative
35 Procedure Act." The bill requires a State agency to archive any
36 document that displays a person's handwritten signature published
37 on the State agency's website prior to the effective date of the bill.
38 A State agency may republish the archived document if the State
39 agency redacts the person's handwritten signature. Any document
40 archived pursuant to the provisions of the bill is to be made
41 available to the public through the open public records act.