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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected offices.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended on January 10, 2022 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

1 AN ACT establishing a database with certain information concerning  
 2 certain appointed positions and elected offices, and  
 3 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Revised 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. The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State  
 9 University, shall establish and maintain two databases that contain  
 10 for every person appointed to a State board, commission, authority,  
 11 or other multi-member entity, and for every elected public official  
 12 in this State, excluding school boards, the name of the individual,  
 13 the title of the office held, the term of office, the race and the  
 14 gender identity or expression of that individual, and the appointing  
 15 authority.

16 b. <sup>1</sup>**[(1)]**<sup>1</sup> To establish the database of appointed officials, the  
 17 Institute may transmit to any person appointed to a State board,  
 18 commission, authority, or other multi-member entity on or before  
 19 the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the  
 20 Legislature as this bill), a form, developed by the Institute, for  
 21 completion that records the: (a) individual's full name; (b) the title  
 22 of the office held and the mailing address for that office; (c) the  
 23 race of the individual, using the same racial categories as required  
 24 on the federal decennial census of the United States by the federal  
 25 Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity or expression of the  
 26 individual; (e) the name and title of the appointing authority; and (f)  
 27 the term of the office held.

28 The <sup>1</sup>transmission by the<sup>1</sup> Governor or other appointing authority  
 29 <sup>1</sup>**[(shall provide)]**<sup>1</sup> to the Institute <sup>1</sup>of<sup>1</sup> contact information for <sup>1</sup>**[(all**  
 30 **currently serving)]**<sup>1</sup> appointees <sup>1</sup>**[(in)]** shall not be deemed a violation  
 31 of any law, rule, or regulation concerning the confidentiality or privacy  
 32 of such information. **[(order to survey all current appointees. The**  
 33 Governor or other appointing authority shall sign the request to  
 34 complete the form.

35 (2) To maintain the database of appointed officials, no later than  
 36 30 days after an individual has been appointed to a State board,  
 37 commission, authority, or other multi-member entity in this State,  
 38 including an individual selected to fill a vacancy for the remainder  
 39 of a term, the Governor or other appointing authority, as  
 40 appropriate, shall transmit to the individual a form, developed by  
 41 the Institute, for completion that records the: (a) individual's full  
 42 name; (b) the title of the office held and the mailing address for that  
 43 office; (c) the race of the individual, using the same racial  
 44 categories as required on the federal decennial census of the United

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's  
 recommendations January 10, 2022.

1 States by the federal Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity  
2 or expression of the individual; (e) the name and title of the  
3 appointing authority; and (f) the term of the office held.

4 The Governor shall notify the Institute of any new vacancies  
5 caused by resignations or term expiration within 30 days of the  
6 occurrence of the vacancy.】<sup>1</sup>

7 c. (1) To establish the database of elected officials, the Institute  
8 may transmit to any individual elected to public office in this State  
9 on or before the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending  
10 before the Legislature as this bill), a form, developed by the  
11 Institute, for completion that records: (a) the individual's full name;  
12 (b) the title of the public office held and the mailing address for that  
13 public office; (c) the race of the individual, using the same racial  
14 categories as required on the federal decennial census of the United  
15 States by the federal Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity  
16 or expression of the individual; and (e) the term of the office held.

17 The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Institute '【for】  
18 regarding<sup>1</sup> the survey '【and shall sign the request to complete the  
19 form】<sup>1</sup>.

20 (2) To maintain the database of elected officials, no later than 30  
21 days after '【an individual has been certified as elected to an  
22 elective public office】 certification of an election<sup>1</sup> in this State,  
23 including an 'election for an<sup>1</sup> individual selected to fill a vacancy in  
24 an elective public office for the remainder of a term, the Secretary  
25 of State shall transmit to the 'individual a form, developed by  
26 the】<sup>1</sup> Institute '【, for completion that records: (a) the individual's  
27 full】 the election results. The transmission by the Secretary of  
28 State to the Institute of any contact information shall not be deemed  
29 a violation of any law, rule, or regulation concerning the  
30 confidentiality or privacy of such information. 【name; (b) the title  
31 of the public office held and the mailing address for that public  
32 office; (c) the race of the individual, using the same racial  
33 categories as required on the federal decennial census of the United  
34 States by the federal Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity  
35 or expression of the individual; and (e) the term of the office  
36 held.】<sup>1</sup>

37 d. (1) The Institute shall use the information from the forms  
38 received pursuant to subsections b. and c. of this section, to  
39 establish and maintain separate databases for appointed public  
40 officials and for elected public officials. The databases shall be  
41 searchable by the public official's name, title of the office held, the  
42 term of the office held, the public official's race, the public  
43 official's gender identity or expression, and the appointing  
44 authority.

45 Each database shall be available to the public in a prominent  
46 location on the website of the Institute, of Rutgers, The State  
47 University, and of the Secretary of State.

1       (2) The information in each database shall be reviewed and  
2 updated in a timely manner, but no less than once each calendar  
3 year. Information on completed forms received by the Institute  
4 shall be added to the database within 21 business days of receipt.

5       <sup>1</sup>**【e. The Eagleton Institute of Politics' Center for American**  
6 **Women and Politics and Center for Public Interest Polling shall**  
7 **work with the Secretary of State and the Office of the Governor to**  
8 **effectuate the purposes of this section.】<sup>1</sup>**

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10       <sup>1</sup>2. P.L.2019, c.377 is repealed.<sup>1</sup>

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12       <sup>1</sup>**【2.】** 3.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.