

**SENATE, No. 4088**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT W. SINGER**

**District 30 (Monmouth and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits municipalities having population in excess of 100,000 to appoint up to five alternate deputy registrars.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT permitting certain municipalities to appoint additional  
2 alternate deputy registrars and amending R.S.26:8-17.

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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. R.S.26:8-17 is amended to read as follows:

8 26:8-17. a. (1) The local registrar, immediately upon  
9 acceptance of the appointment, shall appoint a deputy to assist in  
10 the normal, day-to-day operation of the office and whose duty shall  
11 be to act in the registrar's stead in case of absence, disability or  
12 death of the registrar. In case of death of the local registrar the  
13 deputy shall act as local registrar until a new local registrar has  
14 been appointed and qualified.

15 (2) In addition to a deputy registrar, the local registrar may  
16 appoint one or two alternate deputy registrars if the local registrar  
17 deems such an appointment to be necessary for the office to  
18 function efficiently and to provide quality service to the public.  
19 The deputy registrar and alternate deputy registrar shall have the  
20 authority to receive birth certificates and death certificates; to issue  
21 burial permits, and copies of birth, death, marriage, civil union and  
22 domestic partnership certificates; to take the oath on marriage and  
23 civil union license applications; and to issue marriage and civil  
24 union licenses and register domestic partnerships. The deputy  
25 registrar and alternate deputy registrar shall receive instructions  
26 from and perform their duties under the direct supervision of the  
27 registrar, who shall be the final authority with the responsibility of  
28 fulfilling the duties of the local registrar outlined in R.S.26:8-25.  
29 The deputy registrar and any alternate deputy registrar shall serve at  
30 the pleasure of the local registrar.

31 b. In the case of a municipality having a population in excess  
32 of 100,000 persons, according to the most recent federal decennial  
33 census, the local registrar may appoint up to five alternate deputy  
34 registrars for the purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection a.  
35 of this section.

36 (cf: P.L.2006, c.103, s.39)

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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43 This bill would permit the local registrar of vital statistics of a  
44 municipality having a population in excess of 100,000 persons,  
45 according to the most recent federal decennial census, to appoint up  
46 to five alternate deputy registrars. Current law permits the

**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.

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1 appointment of only one or two alternate deputy registrars. The  
2 duties of an alternate deputy registrar include receiving birth  
3 certificates and death certificates; issuing burial permits, and copies  
4 of birth, death, marriage, civil union and domestic partnership  
5 certificates; taking the oath on marriage and civil union license  
6 applications; and issuing marriage and civil union licenses and  
7 register domestic partnerships.

8 The purpose of this bill is to provide additional staff to process  
9 vital statistics documents in the State's largest municipalities.