

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3838

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 18, 2023

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3838.

This bill prohibits county clerks, sheriffs, and surrogates from serving as a chairperson, co-chairperson, or vice-chairperson, or its functional equivalent, of a county committee of a political party. Based on this new prohibition, any county clerk, sheriff, or surrogate serving in such a political leadership position on the effective date of this bill (which takes effect immediately) would be required to resign within 120 days after it took effect, unless the expiration of the term for that position, as specified when the county clerk, sheriff, or surrogate commenced serving in that political leadership position, is sooner.