

# SENATE, No. 3125

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Governor's resignation from office if Governor becomes candidate for President of the United States.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring the Governor's resignation from office if the  
2 Governor becomes a candidate for President of the United States  
3 and supplementing 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. If the Governor of this State files FEC Form 2, Statement of  
9 Candidacy Form, or any successor form, or a letter containing the  
10 same information as required by that form, with the Federal  
11 Elections Commission, pursuant to regulations of the commission,  
12 indicating thereon that the Governor seeks the office of President of  
13 the United States, the Governor shall resign as Governor not later  
14 than the date on which the form or letter is filed with the  
15 commission.

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17 2. If, on the effective date of this act, the Governor of this State  
18 has already filed FEC Form 2, Statement of Candidacy, or any  
19 successor form, or a letter containing the same information as  
20 required by that form, with the Federal Elections Commission,  
21 pursuant to regulations of the commission, indicating thereon that  
22 the Governor seeks the office of President of the United States, the  
23 Governor shall resign as Governor within 10 calendar days of that  
24 effective date, except that the Governor shall not be required to  
25 resign if, during that 10-day period, the Governor withdraws as a  
26 candidate for President of the United States and informs the  
27 commission in writing that the candidacy has ceased.

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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill provides that if the Governor of this State files FEC  
35 Form 2, Statement of Candidacy, or any successor form, or a letter  
36 containing the same information as required by that form, with the  
37 Federal Elections Commission, pursuant to regulations of the  
38 commission, indicating thereon that the Governor seeks the office  
39 of President of the United States, the Governor will resign as  
40 Governor within 10 calendar days of the date on which the form or  
41 letter is filed with the commission.

42 The bill also provides that if on the bill's effective date the  
43 Governor has already filed that form or letter with the FEC, the  
44 Governor will resign as Governor within 10 calendar days of that  
45 effective date. However, the Governor will not be required to  
46 resign as Governor if, during that 10 day period, the Governor  
47 withdraws as a candidate for President of the United States and  
48 informs the FEC in writing that the candidacy has ceased.

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1       FEC regulations require a candidate for federal elective office to  
2 file Form 2 with the commission within 15 days of becoming a  
3 candidate.

4       The bill prevents this State from having to endure a Governor  
5 whose frequent absences from the State in pursuit of higher office  
6 makes the Governor inattentive to State issues and causes the State  
7 to bear the cost of security for out-of-State travel.