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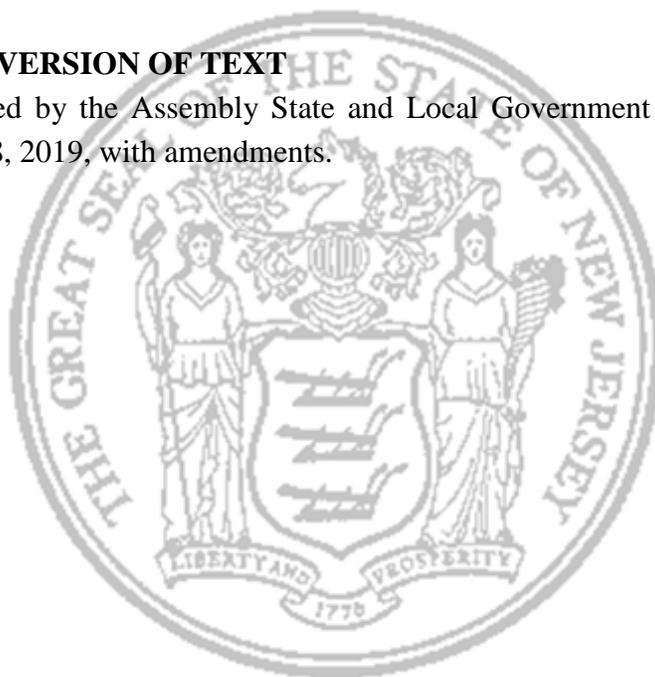
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly State and Local Government Committee on November 18, 2019, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing a database with certain information about
 2 individuals elected to public office in this State 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. There shall be established in the Division of Elections in
 9 the Department of State a database containing the contact information
 10 for every elected public official in this State, including the gender
 11 ²identity or expression² and race of the elected public official.

12 b. No later than the ²~~seventh~~ 21st² day after an individual has
 13 been certified as elected to an elective public office in this State,
 14 including an individual selected to fill a vacancy in an elective public
 15 office for the remainder of a term, the ²~~division~~ officer responsible
 16 for issuing the certificate to each successful candidate as provided by
 17 R.S.19:20-5, R.S.19:20-9, and R.S.19:22-6² shall transmit to the
 18 individual a form, developed by the Secretary of State, for completion
 19 that records: 1) the individual's contact information, including full
 20 name, and the mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address
 21 of the individual's elective public office, if any; 2) gender ²identity or
 22 expression²; and 3) race, using the same racial categories as required
 23 on the federal decennial census of the United States by the federal
 24 Bureau of the Census.

25 The division shall coordinate with the clerks of each county ¹~~],~~ the
 26 secretary of each Type II regional and municipal school district, and
 27 the secretary of each special district in which elections are held] and
 28 municipality¹ to ¹~~insure~~ ensure¹ that the form is transmitted to
 29 individuals elected to public offices in those ¹~~instrumentalities~~
 30 counties and municipalities, respectively¹.

31 Each completed form shall be transmitted to the ²~~division~~
 32 officer responsible for issuing the certificate to each successful
 33 candidate as provided by R.S.19:20-5, R.S.19:20-9, and R.S.19:22-6²
 34 by the elected individual by mail or electronic means no later than the
 35 10th day following the receipt thereof.

36 c. The division shall use the information from the forms received
 37 pursuant to subsection b. of this section, to establish separate databases
 38 of information on elected individuals, with at least one database sorted
 39 by gender ²identity or expression² and at least one sorted by race.

40 The information in each database shall be: 1) reviewed and
 41 updated by the ²~~division~~ officer responsible for issuing the
 42 certificate to each successful candidate as provided by the provisions

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:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted April 12, 2018.

²Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted November 18, 2019.

1 in R.S.19:20-5, R.S.19:20-9, and R.S.19:22-6² on a regular basis, but
2 not less than annually ²**],** with the assistance and cooperation of the
3 county ¹and municipal¹ clerks² ¹**],** school board secretaries in Type II
4 districts, and the secretaries of special districts in which elections are
5 held¹; and 2) available to the public at a convenient location on the
6 website of the division.

7 ¹d. The provisions of this section shall not apply to an individual
8 elected to a position in a special district, on a board of education, or on
9 a board of fire commissioners.¹

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11 2. This act shall take effect ²**[90]** 180² days following the date of
12 enactment, but the Secretary of State and the Division of Elections
13 shall take such action in advance of that date as may be appropriate.