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SYNOPSIS

Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on January 6, 2020, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning online voter registration and amending various
 2 parts of the statutory law and supplementing chapter 31 of Title
 3 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. (New section) Notwithstanding any other provision of law
 9 to the contrary, a person who is qualified to register to vote ²**[and**
 10 who has a valid New Jersey driver's license or non-driver
 11 identification card issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
 12 Commission]² may submit a voter registration form electronically
 13 on ²**[the] a secure²** Internet website ²**[of] maintained by²** the
 14 Secretary of State, ²**[which] if the applicant has an email address**
 15 and provides a valid New Jersey driver's license number, a valid
 16 New Jersey nondriver identification card number, or the last four
 17 digits of the applicant's Social Security number. The voter
 18 registration² form shall contain substantively the same information
 19 required to be contained on a paper voter registration form pursuant
 20 to section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.4).

21 a. The Secretary of State shall ¹**[promulgate deadlines for**
 22 **when] apply the same voter registration deadline applicable under**
 23 current law for paper voter registration forms to¹ an online voter
 24 registration form submitted by an applicant pursuant to this section
 25 ¹**[shall be effective ahead of an election to be held in the election**
 26 **district of the applicant submitting the form]¹.**

27 b. The applicant completing the form shall affirmatively attest
 28 to the truth of the information provided in the form.

29 c. For voter registration purposes, the applicant shall
 30 affirmatively assent to the use of his or her signature from his or her
 31 driver's license or non-driver identification card ²or the applicant's
 32 digitized or electronic signature².

33 d. For each online voter registration form, the Secretary of
 34 State shall obtain ²either² an electronic copy of the applicant's
 35 signature from his or her driver's license or non-driver
 36 identification card directly from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
 37 Commission ², or the applicant's digitized or electronic signature².

38 e. ²**[The Secretary of State shall require an applicant who**
 39 **submits an online voter registration form pursuant to this section to**
 40 **submit all of the following:**

41 (1) the number from his or her New Jersey driver's license or
 42 non-driver identification card;

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 SBA committee amendments adopted June 11, 2018.

²Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted January 6, 2020.

1 (2) his or her date of birth; ¹and¹

2 (3)]² ¹[the last four digits of his or her social security number;
3 and

4 (4)]¹ ²[any other information the Secretary of State deems
5 necessary to establish the identity of the applicant completing the
6 form.

7 f. Upon submission of an online voter registration form
8 pursuant to this section, the electronic voter registration system
9 shall provide for immediate verification of both of the following:

10 (1) that the applicant has a New Jersey driver's license or non-
11 driver identification card and that the number for that driver's
12 license or non-driver identification card provided by the applicant
13 matches the number for that person's driver's license or non-driver
14 identification card that is on file with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
15 Commission; and

16 (2) that the date of birth provided by the applicant matches the
17 date of birth for that person that is on file with the New Jersey
18 Motor Vehicle Commission.

19 g.]² Upon submission of an online voter registration form
20 pursuant to this section, the electronic voter registration system
21 shall automatically acknowledge that the online voter registration
22 form has been submitted successfully, and provide instructions on
23 how the person completing the voter registration form may follow-
24 up on the status of the submission either online or by contacting the
25 appropriate county commissioner of registration.

26 ²[h.] f.² The Secretary of State shall employ security measures
27 to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter registration forms
28 submitted electronically pursuant to this section.

29 ²[i.] g.² The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the
30 Secretary of State shall jointly develop a process and the
31 infrastructure to allow the electronic copy of the applicant's
32 signature and other information required under this section that is in
33 the possession of the commission to be transferred to the Secretary
34 of State and to the appropriate county election officials to allow a
35 person who is qualified to register to vote in New Jersey to register
36 to vote under this section.

37 ²[j.] h.² If an applicant cannot electronically submit the
38 information required pursuant to ²[subsection e. of]² this section,
39 the applicant shall nevertheless be able to complete the online voter
40 registration form electronically on the Secretary of State's Internet
41 website, print a paper copy of the completed form, and mail or
42 deliver the paper copy of the completed form to the Secretary of
43 State or the appropriate county election official. For the purposes
44 of this subsection, the applicant shall be required to provide the
45 same documents required to be provided with a paper voter
46 registration form pursuant to R.S.19:31-5.

1 2. R.S.19:31-6 is amended to read as follows:

2 19:31-6. Any person qualified to vote in an election shall be
3 entitled to vote in the election if the person shall have registered to
4 vote on or before the 21st day preceding the election by:

5 a. registering in person at any offices designated by the
6 commissioner of registration for providing and receiving
7 registration forms;

8 b. completing a voter registration form while applying for a
9 motor vehicle driver's license from an agent of the New Jersey
10 Motor Vehicle Commission, as provided for in section 24 of
11 P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:2-3.2);

12 c. completing and returning to the Secretary of State or having
13 returned thereto a voter registration form received from a voter
14 registration agency, as defined in subsection a. of section 26 of
15 P.L.1994, c.182 (C.19:31-6.11), while applying for services or
16 assistance or seeking a recertification, renewal or change of address
17 at an office of that agency;

18 d. completing and returning to the Secretary of State a voter
19 registration form obtained from a public agency, as defined in
20 subsection a. of section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3);

21 e. completing and returning to the Secretary of State or having
22 returned thereto a voter registration form received from a door-to-
23 door canvass or mobile registration drive, as provided for in section
24 19 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.7);

25 f. completing and returning to the Secretary of State a federal
26 mail voter registration form, as prescribed in subsection (b) of
27 section 9 of the "National Voter Registration Act of 1993," (42
28 U.S.C. s. 1973gg et seq.);

29 g. completing and returning to the Secretary of State or the
30 appropriate county clerk an application for a federal postcard
31 application form to register to vote, as permitted pursuant to the
32 "Overseas Absentee Voting Act" (42 U.S.C. s. 1973ff-1 et seq.) and
33 section 4 of P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-4);**[or]**

34 h. completing a provisional ballot affirmation statement and
35 voting the provisional ballot in the previous election, if the person
36 who submitted the provisional ballot in that election is determined
37 not to be a registered voter; or

38 i. completing and submitting an online voter registration form
39 available on the Secretary of State's Internet website, as provided
40 under section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
41 as this bill).

42 When the commissioner has designated a place or places other
43 than his office for receiving registrations, the commissioner shall
44 cause to be published a notice in a newspaper circulated in the
45 municipality wherein such place or places of registration shall be
46 located. Such notice shall be published pursuant to R.S.19:12-7.

47 Any office designated by the commissioner of registration for
48 receiving registration forms shall have displayed, in a conspicuous

1 location, registration and voting instructions. These instructions
2 shall be the same as those provided for polling places under
3 R.S.19:9-2 and shall be provided by the commissioner.
4 (cf: P.L.2017, c.39, s.10)

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6 3. Section 17 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.5) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 17. a. Upon receipt of any completed registration form, the
9 commissioner of registration shall review it, and if it is found to be
10 in order, shall:

11 (1) Send to the registrant written notification that such registrant
12 is duly registered to vote. No registrant shall be considered a
13 registered voter until the commissioner of registration reviews the
14 application submitted by the registrant and deems it acceptable. On
15 the face of such notification in the upper left-hand corner shall be
16 printed the words: "Do Not Forward. Return Postage Guaranteed.
17 If not delivered in 2 days, return to the Commissioner of
18 Registration."

19 (2) In as timely a manner as possible, enter the information
20 provided for the registrant on the completed registration form, or
21 electronically transfer the information from an online voter
22 registration form completed pursuant to section 1 of P.L. ,
23 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), into the
24 Statewide voter registration system established pursuant to section 1
25 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31).

26 (3) Paste, tape, or photocopy the completed registration form
27 onto an original registration form, and shall paste or tape a copy of
28 such completed registration form onto a duplicate registration form,
29 both of which shall be filed as provided in R.S.19:31-10. Nothing
30 in this paragraph shall preclude any commissioner of registration
31 from keeping the original mail registration form on file.

32 (4) In the case of a registrant currently registered in another
33 county of this State, notify the commissioner of registration of such
34 other county to remove the individual's name from the registry list
35 of voters of the county and place into an appropriate retention file
36 all registration documents or material relating to that voter. The
37 commissioner of registration of the current county of the registrant
38 shall secure and maintain the entire voting history of that registrant.

39 b. The commissioner shall notify a registrant of the reasons for
40 any refusal to approve his registration.

41 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1994, c.182.)

42 (cf: P.L.2005, c.145, s.10)

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44 ²[4. Section 1 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31) is amended to
45 read as follows:

46 1. a. There shall be established in the Department of State a
47 single Statewide voter registration system, as required pursuant to
48 section 303 of the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002,"

1 Pub.L.107-252 (42 U.S.C. s.15483). The principal computer
2 components of the system shall be under the direct control of the
3 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for
4 creating the network necessary to maintain the system and
5 providing the computer software, hardware and security necessary
6 to ensure that the system is accessible only to those executive
7 departments and State agencies so designated by the Secretary of
8 State, each county commissioner of registration, each county and
9 municipal clerk, and individuals under certain circumstances, as
10 provided for by this section. The system shall be the official State
11 repository for voter registration information for every legally
12 registered voter in this State, and shall serve as the official voter
13 registration system for the conduct of all elections in the State.

14 b. The Statewide voter registration system shall include, but
15 not be limited to, the following features:

16 (1) the name and registration information of every legally
17 registered voter in the State;

18 (2) the ability to assign a unique identifier to each legally
19 registered voter in the State;

20 (3) interactivity among appropriate State agencies so designated
21 by the Secretary of State, each county commissioner of registration,
22 each county board of elections, and each county clerk such that
23 these entities shall have immediate electronic access to all or
24 selected records in the system, as determined by the Secretary of
25 State, to receive or transmit all or selected files in the system and to
26 print or review all or selected files in the system;

27 (4) the ability to permit any county commissioner of registration
28 to enter voter registration information on an expedited basis, and to
29 transfer electronically voter registration information from an online
30 voter registration form completed pursuant to section 1 of
31 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), at the
32 time the information is provided thereto and to permit the Secretary
33 of State to provide technical support to do so whenever needed;

34 (5) the ability to permit each municipal clerk to view or print
35 information in the system;

36 (6) the ability to permit an individual, by July 1, 2006, to verify
37 via the Internet whether that individual, and only that individual, is
38 included in the system as a legally registered voter, whether the
39 information pertaining to that individual required by subsection c.
40 of this section is correct, and if not, a means to notify the pertinent
41 county commissioner of registration of the corrections that must be
42 made and to so verify in a way that does not give one individual
43 access to the information required by subsection c. of this section
44 for any other individual;

45 (7) a Statewide street address index and map in electronic form
46 that can accurately identify the location of every legally registered
47 voter in this State;

1 (8) the ability to record and monitor all requests for mail-in
2 ballots; to enable the county clerk to verify the identity and
3 signature of each person requesting a mail-in ballot; to record the
4 name and address of each voter determined to be eligible to receive
5 a mail-in ballot for a particular election and to note when a mail-in
6 ballot has been transmitted to that voter by mail or hand delivery;
7 and to make such information available to the Secretary of State so
8 that a voter can be notified whether the application for such a ballot
9 was accepted or rejected, and the reason for the rejection, using the
10 free-access system established by section 5 of P.L.2004, c.88
11 (C.19:61-5); and

12 (9) any other functions required pursuant to Pub.L.107-252 (42
13 U.S.C. s.15301 et seq.), or Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or that
14 may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.

15 c. The Statewide voter registration system shall include, but
16 not be limited to, the following information for every legally
17 registered voter in this State:

18 (1) last, first and middle name;

19 (2) street address at time of registration or rural route, box
20 number or apartment number, if any;

21 (3) city or municipality, and zip code;

22 (4) date of birth;

23 (5) telephone number and e-mail address, if provided on voter
24 registration form;

25 (6) previous name or address if individual re-registered due to
26 change of name or address;

27 (7) ward and election district number, if either is available;

28 (8) (a) current and valid New Jersey driver's license number; or

29 (b) if the registrant has not been issued a New Jersey driver's
30 license number, the last four digits of the registrant's social security
31 number; or

32 (c) unique identifying number for any individual who has not
33 been issued the information sought in subparagraph (a) or (b) of this
34 paragraph;

35 (9) notation that a copy of one of the following documents has
36 been submitted with the voter registration application, if required:
37 current and valid photo identification card; a current utility bill,
38 bank statement, government check, pay check or any other
39 government document showing the registrant's name and current
40 address;

41 (10) the method by which the individual registered and whether
42 that person needs to provide additional identification information to
43 vote using a voting machine instead of a provisional ballot;

44 (11) political party affiliation, if designated;

45 (12) **digitalized** digitized signature;

46 (13) date of registration or re-registration;

1 (14) name and street address of the individual assisting in the
2 completion of the form, if the applicant for registration is unable to
3 do so;

4 (15) voting participation record for ten-year period; and

5 (16) any other information required pursuant to Pub.L.107-252
6 (42 U.S.C. s.15301 et seq.), or Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or
7 that the Secretary of State determines is necessary to assess the
8 eligibility of an individual to be registered to vote and to vote in
9 this State.

10 (cf: P.L.2009, c.287, s.2)]²

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12 ²4. Section 1 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31) is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 1. a. There shall be established in the Department of State a
15 single Statewide voter registration system, as required pursuant to
16 section 303 of the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002,"
17 Pub.L.107-252 (42 U.S.C. s.15483). The principal computer
18 components of the system shall be under the direct control of the
19 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall be responsible for
20 creating the network necessary to maintain the system and
21 providing the computer software, hardware and security necessary
22 to ensure that the system is accessible only to those executive
23 departments and State agencies so designated by the Secretary of
24 State, each county commissioner of registration, each county and
25 municipal clerk, and individuals under certain circumstances, as
26 provided for by this section. The system shall be the official State
27 repository for voter registration information for every legally
28 registered voter in this State, and shall serve as the official voter
29 registration system for the conduct of all elections in the State.

30 b. The Statewide voter registration system shall include, but
31 not be limited to, the following features:

32 (1) the name and registration information of every legally
33 registered voter in the State;

34 (2) the ability to assign a unique identifier to each legally
35 registered voter in the State;

36 (3) interactivity among appropriate State agencies so designated
37 by the Secretary of State, each county commissioner of registration,
38 each county board of elections, and each county clerk such that
39 these entities shall have immediate electronic access to all or
40 selected records in the system, as determined by the Secretary of
41 State, to receive or transmit all or selected files in the system and to
42 print or review all or selected files in the system;

43 (4) the ability to permit any county commissioner of registration
44 to enter voter registration information on an expedited basis, and to
45 transfer electronically voter registration information from an online
46 voter registration form completed pursuant to section 1 of
47 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), at the

1 time the information is provided thereto and to permit the Secretary
2 of State to provide technical support to do so whenever needed;

3 (5) the ability to permit each municipal clerk to view or print
4 information in the system;

5 (6) the ability to permit an individual, by July 1, 2006, to verify
6 via the Internet whether that individual, and only that individual, is
7 included in the system as a legally registered voter, whether the
8 information pertaining to that individual required by subsection c.
9 of this section is correct, and if not, a means to notify the pertinent
10 county commissioner of registration of the corrections that must be
11 made and to so verify in a way that does not give one individual
12 access to the information required by subsection c. of this section
13 for any other individual;

14 (7) a Statewide street address index and map in electronic form
15 that can accurately identify the location of every legally registered
16 voter in this State;

17 (8) the ability to record and monitor all requests for mail-in
18 ballots; to enable the county clerk to verify the identity and
19 signature of each person requesting a mail-in ballot; to record the
20 name and address of each voter determined to be eligible to receive
21 a mail-in ballot for a particular election and to note when a mail-in
22 ballot has been transmitted to that voter by mail or hand delivery; to
23 update the system to allow the postal tracking of mail-in ballots
24 using Intelligent Mail barcodes, or a similar successor tracking
25 system, upon the finding by the Secretary of State that such
26 technology is viable; and to make such information available to the
27 Secretary of State so that a voter can be notified whether the
28 application for such a ballot was accepted or rejected, and the
29 reason for the rejection, using the free-access system established by
30 section 5 of P.L.2004, c.88 (C.19:61-5); and

31 (9) any other functions required pursuant to Pub.L.107-252 (42
32 U.S.C. s.15301 et seq.), or Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or that
33 may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.

34 c. The Statewide voter registration system shall include, but
35 not be limited to, the following information for every legally
36 registered voter in this State:

37 (1) last, first and middle name;

38 (2) street address at time of registration or rural route, box
39 number or apartment number, if any;

40 (3) city or municipality, and zip code;

41 (4) date of birth;

42 (5) telephone number and e-mail address, if provided on voter
43 registration form;

44 (6) previous name or address if individual re-registered due to
45 change of name or address;

46 (7) ward and election district number, if either is available;

47 (8) (a) current and valid New Jersey driver's license number; or

1 (b) if the registrant has not been issued a New Jersey driver's
2 license number, the last four digits of the registrant's social security
3 number; or

4 (c) unique identifying number for any individual who has not
5 been issued the information sought in subparagraph (a) or (b) of this
6 paragraph;

7 (9) notation that a copy of one of the following documents has
8 been submitted with the voter registration application, if required:
9 current and valid photo identification card; a current utility bill,
10 bank statement, government check, pay check or any other
11 government document showing the registrant's name and current
12 address;

13 (10) the method by which the individual registered and whether
14 that person needs to provide additional identification information to
15 vote using a voting machine instead of a provisional ballot;

16 (11) political party affiliation, if designated;

17 (12) **digitalized** digitized signature;

18 (13) date of registration or re-registration;

19 (14) name and street address of the individual assisting in the
20 completion of the form, if the applicant for registration is unable to
21 do so;

22 (15) voting participation record for ten-year period; and

23 (16) any other information required pursuant to Pub.L.107-252
24 (42 U.S.C. s.15301 et seq.), or Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or
25 that the Secretary of State determines is necessary to assess the
26 eligibility of an individual to be registered to vote and to vote in
27 this State.²

28 (cf: P.L.2018, c.72, s.4)

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30 5. Section 2 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-32) is amended to
31 read as follows:

32 2. a. The Statewide voter registration system shall replace all
33 other computer or electronic-based registry files of voters and other
34 voter registration files established and maintained by each county
35 commissioner of registration for voter registration and election
36 administration purposes established pursuant to the provisions of
37 Title 19 and Title 40 of the Revised Statutes, and shall be the single
38 system for storing and managing the official file of registered voters
39 throughout the State. A commissioner may, however, continue to
40 use and maintain as a supplement to the system the original and
41 duplicate permanent registration binders and voting records and
42 shall continue to use and maintain the signature copy registers or
43 polling records provided for in Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

44 b. Each county commissioner of registration shall be
45 responsible for adding to, deleting from, amending and otherwise
46 conducting on a regular basis maintenance for the files of every
47 legally registered voter in that commissioner's county as contained
48 in the Statewide voter registration system, pursuant to the

1 provisions of section 303 of Pub.L.107-252
2 (42 U.S.C. s. 15301 et seq.) and Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.
3 Each commissioner shall be responsible for verifying the accuracy
4 of the name, address and other data of registered voters in the
5 commissioner's respective county as contained in the system. The
6 commissioner who receives the voter registration forms of
7 individuals who have registered to vote in the county or who are re-
8 registering for any reason shall be responsible for entering the
9 information on those forms into the system on an expedited basis,
10 and electronically transferring into the system the information from
11 online voter registration forms completed pursuant to section 1 of
12 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
13 including but not limited to forms and information received
14 pursuant to chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. The
15 information the commissioner shall use to update and maintain the
16 system shall be that required by subsection c. of section 1 of
17 P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31).

18 c. The **【Attorney General】** Secretary of State and each county
19 commissioner of registration shall be responsible for developing
20 and providing the technological security measures needed to
21 prevent unauthorized access to the Statewide voter registration
22 system established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.145
23 (C.19:31-31) and to the information for any individual on the
24 system required by subsection c. of section 1 of that act.

25 d. The **【Attorney General】** Secretary of State, in consultation
26 with each county commissioner of registration, shall develop
27 minimum standards to safeguard the accuracy of the files contained
28 in the Statewide voter registration system. Such standards shall
29 include procedures to ensure that reasonable effort is made to
30 remove registrants who are ineligible to vote pursuant to federal or
31 State law and to ensure that eligible voters are not removed in error
32 from the system.

33 e. (1) The **【Attorney General】** Secretary of State and the Chief
34 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in the
35 Department of Transportation shall enter into an agreement to
36 match information in the database of the Statewide voter
37 registration system with information in the database of the
38 commission, including social security numbers, to the extent
39 required to enable verification of the accuracy of the information
40 provided on applications for voter registration, and to locate and
41 utilize for voter registration purposes the digitized signatures of
42 licensed drivers or holders of non-driver identification cards who
43 register to vote using an online voter registration form, as provided
44 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
45 Legislature as this bill).

46 (2) The **【Attorney General】** Secretary of State shall enter into
47 an agreement with the Commissioner of the Department of Health
48 and Senior Services to match information in the database of the

1 Statewide voter registration system with State agency information
2 on death records.

3 (3) The **【Attorney General】** Secretary of State shall enter into
4 an agreement with the Commissioner of the Department of
5 Corrections to match information in the database of the Statewide
6 voter registration system with State agency information on
7 individuals who are incarcerated, on probation, or on parole as the
8 result of a conviction for an indictable offense.

9 (4) The **【Attorney General】** Secretary of State shall enter into
10 an agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts to match
11 information in the database of the Statewide voter registration
12 system with State agency information on individuals who are
13 incarcerated, on probation, or on parole as the result of a conviction
14 for an indictable offense.

15 (5) The **【Attorney General】** Secretary of State shall enter into
16 an agreement with the State Parole Board to match information in
17 the database of the Statewide voter registration system with State
18 agency information on individuals who are on parole.

19 (cf: P.L.2005, c.145, s.2)

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21 ²6. (New section) a. For the purpose of facilitating online voter
22 registration as quickly and efficiently as possible, the State shall
23 procure a qualified vendor to develop and implement a voter
24 registration Internet website and all necessary supporting software
25 systems to implement online voter registration ahead of the 2020
26 general election.

27 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
28 regulation to the contrary, a contract for the implementation of the
29 online voter registration Internet website and necessary supporting
30 software systems shall be procured in an expedited process and in
31 the manner provided by this section.

32 c. The Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of
33 the Treasury shall procure, without the need for formal
34 advertisement, but through the solicitation of proposals from
35 professional services vendors, a qualified vendor with experience
36 implementing such websites and systems in other states.

37 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
38 regulation to the contrary, for the purpose of expediting the
39 procurement of a vendor capable and experienced in implementing
40 an online voter registration website and systems, the following
41 provisions shall apply as modifications to any law or regulation that
42 may interfere with the expedited procurement:

43 (1) the timeframes for challenging the specifications shall be
44 modified as determined by the Division of Purchase and Property;

45 (2) in lieu of advertising in accordance with section 7 of
46 P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-12), the division shall advertise the request
47 for proposals for the procurement under this section and any
48 addenda thereto on the division's website;

1 (3) the period of time that the State Comptroller, if applicable,
2 has to review the request for proposals for the procurement under
3 this section for compliance with applicable public contracting laws,
4 rules, and regulations, pursuant to section 10 of P.L.2007, c.52
5 (C.52:15C-10), shall be 10 business days or less, if practicable, as
6 determined by the State Comptroller;

7 (4) the timeframes for submission under section 4 of P.L.2012,
8 c.25 (C.52:32-58) and section 1 of P.L.1977, c.33 (C.52:25-24.2)
9 shall be extended to prior to the issuance of a Notice of Intent to
10 Award;

11 (5) the provisions of section 1 of P.L.2005, c.92 (C.52:34-13.2)
12 shall not apply to technical and support services under this section
13 provided by a vendor using a “24/7 follow-the-sun model” as long
14 as the contractor is able to provide such services in the United
15 States during the business day; and

16 (6) the term “bids” in subparagraph (f) of subsection a. of
17 section 7 of P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-12) shall not include pricing
18 which will be revealed to all responsive bidders during the
19 negotiation process.

20 e. The division may, to the extent necessary, waive or modify
21 any requirement under any other law or regulation that may
22 interfere with the expeditious procurement required under this
23 section.²

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25 ²**[6.] 7.²** This act shall take effect 180 days following
26 enactment.