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SYNOPSIS

Requires State and local law enforcement agencies to assist officers receiving nomination petitions to investigate validity of any objection thereto when requested.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning petitions of nomination and amending
2 R.S.19:13-11.

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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.19:13-11 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:13-11. The officer with whom the original petition was filed
9 shall in the first instance pass upon the validity of such objection in
10 a summary way unless an order shall be made in the matter by a
11 court of competent jurisdiction and for this purpose such officer
12 shall have power to subpoena witnesses and take testimony or
13 depositions. **[He]** The officer shall request the assistance of State,
14 county, and local law enforcement agencies, and county
15 superintendents of elections in counties with such an official, to
16 investigate the validity of any objection to a petition. The law
17 enforcement agencies shall provide the results of the investigation
18 within the time required for the officer to pass upon the validity of
19 the objection. The officer shall file his or her determination in
20 writing **[in his office]** on or before the ninth day after the last day
21 for the filing of petitions, which determination shall be open for
22 public inspection.

23 In the case of petitions nominating electors of candidates for
24 President and Vice President of the United States, which candidates
25 have not been nominated at a convention of a political party as
26 defined by this Title, the Secretary of State shall file his or her
27 determination in writing in his or her office on or before the 93rd
28 day before the general election, which determination shall be open
29 for public inspection.

30 (cf: P.L.2011, c.37, s.1)

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32 2. This act shall take effect on January 1st next following
33 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires the officer authorized to receive petitions of
39 nomination prior to an election to request the assistance of State and
40 local law enforcement authorities to investigate the validity of any
41 objection to a petition of nomination. Under the bill, law
42 enforcement agencies must provide the results of the investigation
43 to the officer within the time required for that individual to pass
44 upon the validity of the objection.

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.