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SYNOPSIS

Requires county clerks to send confirmation notice to vote-by-mail applicant that requests mail-in ballot at separate mailing address than address at which applicant is registered to vote.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning applications for vote-by-mail ballots to county
2 clerks and amending P.L.2009, c.79.

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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. Section 5 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-5) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 5. In the case of any election, the application for a mail-in
10 ballot shall be made to the county clerk. The county clerk shall
11 stamp thereon the date on which the application was received in the
12 clerk's office. If the applicant requested on the application that the
13 mail-in ballot be sent to a different mailing address than the address
14 at which the applicant is registered to vote, the county clerk shall
15 send a confirmation notice to the applicant at the address at which
16 the applicant is registered to vote. The confirmation notice shall
17 inform the applicant that a mail-in ballot has been requested at a
18 separate mailing address than the address at which the applicant is
19 registered to vote and provide instructions on how to contact the
20 appropriate officials to remedy a false request or correct any other
21 inaccurate information contained in the confirmation notice.

22 In the case of applications for overseas federal election voter
23 ballots, as provided for in P.L.1976, c.23 (C.19:59-1 et seq.), no
24 application shall be refused on the grounds that it was submitted too
25 early.

26 In the case of voter registration forms that include a selected vote
27 by mail option, a copy of each such form shall be transmitted to and
28 received by the appropriate county clerk, who shall be responsible
29 for providing mail-in ballots to each qualified voter requesting such
30 ballots for future elections, until the voter requests otherwise in
31 writing.

32 (cf: P.L.2018, c.72, s.5)

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires county clerks to send a confirmation notice to
40 vote-by-mail applicants that requests a mail-in ballot at a separate
41 mailing address than the address at which the applicant is registered
42 to vote.

43 Under current law, an applicant to vote-by-mail can request that
44 a mail-in ballot be sent to a separate mailing address than the
45 address at which the applicant is registered to vote. However, a

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.

1 notice to the applicant at the registration address confirming the
2 address where an applicant's mail-in ballot will be sent is not
3 required.

4 Under the bill, county clerks will be required to send a
5 confirmation notice to inform vote-by-mail applicants that a mail-in
6 ballot has been requested at a separate mailing address than the
7 applicant's voting residence. The confirmation notice will be
8 required to contain instructions on how to contact the appropriate
9 officials to remedy a false request or correct any other inaccurate
10 information contained in the confirmation notice.