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District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Places restrictions on unsolicited school budget communications sent by a board of education to school district residents 90 days prior to annual school election.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain board of education communications and
2 supplementing chapter 60 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. Any unsolicited communication concerning the proposed
8 school budget sent by a board of education to residents of the
9 school district within 90 days of the date of the annual school
10 election, whether the communication is transmitted by mail, phone,
11 e-mail, text, or in any other manner, shall meet the following
12 requirements:

- 13 a. be sent to all the registered voters of the school district;
14 b. contain no school budget information other than the total
15 budget amount, general fund tax levy amount, and line items of
16 appropriation of the proposed school budget and the current school
17 year budget;
18 c. in the case of printed materials, be no more than one page
19 and not more than letter size, 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches; and
20 d. not include the name or photo of any member of the board of
21 education.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill places restrictions on certain unsolicited
29 communications sent by a board of education to the residents of the
30 school district. Under the bill, any unsolicited communication
31 concerning the proposed school budget sent by a board of education
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