

ASSEMBLY, No. 3121

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Changes signature requirement for recall petition.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT changing the signature requirement for a recall petition and
2 amending P.L.1995, c.105.

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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.1995, c.105 (C.19:27A-5) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 5. A recall petition demanding that an election be held for the
10 purpose of deciding whether an elected official shall be recalled
11 from office shall be signed by a number of registered voters of the
12 jurisdiction of the official sought to be recalled equal to at least
13 25% of the **persons registered to vote** number of voters who
14 voted in that jurisdiction on the date of the general election
15 preceding the date on which the sponsors of the petition file a notice
16 of intention pursuant to section 6 of this act. A recall petition shall
17 be filed with the appropriate recall election official. No recall
18 petition shall demand the holding of an election to recall more than
19 one elected official.

20 (cf: P.L.1995, c.105, s.5)

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22 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment but
23 remain inoperative until an amendment permitting the change in the
24 type of signatures required on a recall petition becomes part of the
25 New Jersey Constitution.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill amends the Uniform Recall Election Law. It reduces
31 the petition signature threshold for recalling an elected official from
32 25% of the registered voters to 25% of the number of voters who
33 voted at the last general election.

34 This change would apply only if an amendment to the New
35 Jersey Constitution is approved by the voters to permit the same
36 change in the recall petition signature requirement.

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.