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SYNOPSIS

Requires each State agency make State forms, applications, and other documents available in certain languages, including Gujarati, Korean, and Punjabi.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/19/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning State forms and supplementing Title 52 of the
2 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. a. As used in this act, P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill):

9 “State agency” means any principal department in the Executive
10 Branch of State government, and any division, board, bureau,
11 office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by
12 such department, and any independent State authority, commission,
13 instrumentality or agency.

14 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or regulation
15 to the contrary, on or after the effective date of this act, P.L. , c.
16 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), all forms,
17 applications, or any other written or electronic documents furnished
18 to the public for official business by a State agency shall be made
19 available in at least the five most commonly spoken languages in
20 this State, based on the most recent federal decennial census data.
21 A State agency shall also furnish forms, applications, or any other
22 written or electronic documents in Gujarati, Korean, and Punjabi,
23 upon request.

24 c. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules and regulations,
25 pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410
26 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to implement the
27 provisions of this section.

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29 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
30 next following enactment, except the Secretary of State may take
31 any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be
32 necessary for the implementation this act.

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34 STATEMENT

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36 This bill requires all forms, applications, or any other written or
37 electronic documents furnished to the public for official business by
38 a State agency to be made available in at least the five most
39 commonly spoken languages in this State, based on the most recent
40 federal decennial census data. A State agency is also required to
41 furnish forms, applications, or any other written or electronic
42 documents in Gujarati, Korean, and Punjabi, upon request.

43 As used in bill,

44 “State agency” means any principal department in the Executive
45 Branch of State government, and any division, board, bureau,
46 office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by
47 such department, and any independent State authority, commission,
48 instrumentality or agency.