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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits expenditure of State funds in state that requires Legislature to elect chair of state election board.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** prohibiting the expenditure of State funds in any state that
2 requires the Legislature to appoint the chair of the state election
3 board, and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
9 regulation to the contrary, no department, division, office, board,
10 bureau, commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the State
11 of New Jersey, including any public institution of higher education
12 that receives State funds, shall expend State funds to:

13 make a purchase from any public entity or business entity having
14 its principal place of business in any state that requires by law the
15 Legislature of that state to elect the chair of the state election
16 board; or

17 pay or reimburse the cost of travel by any State officer or
18 employee to be paid, in whole or in part, with or out of State funds,
19 or to be otherwise sponsored by the State, to any state that requires
20 by law the Legislature of that state to elect the chair of the state
21 election board, including, but not limited to, the cost of attending any
22 conference held in that state.

23 b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not apply
24 to any sporting event involving public institutions of higher
25 education that receive State funds, or to an expenditure of State funds
26 that is necessary due to an emergency, for law enforcement purposes,
27 or to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare.

28 c. The provisions of this section shall be effective until the law
29 that requires the Legislature of that state to elect the chair of the state
30 election board is deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of
31 the United States or repealed by that state.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 The bill prohibits any department, division, office, board, bureau,
39 commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the State of New
40 Jersey, including any public institution of higher education that
41 receives State funds, from expending State funds to do the following:

42 1) making a purchase from any public entity or business entity
43 having its principal place of business in any state that requires by law
44 the Legislature of that state to elect the chair of the state election
45 board; or

46 2) paying or reimbursing for travel by any public officer or
47 employee to be paid, in whole or in part, with or out of State funds
48 or to be otherwise sponsored by the State, to any state that requires

1 by law the Legislature of that state to elect the chair of the state
2 election board, including, but not limited to, any conference held in
3 that state.

4 The bill provides that this prohibition will not apply to any
5 sporting event involving public institutions of higher education that
6 receive State funds, or to an expenditure of State funds that is
7 necessary due to an emergency, for law enforcement purposes, or to
8 protect the public's health, safety, or welfare.