

Title 19.
Subtitle 1.
Chapter 3.
Article 5. (New)
Information
About
Elected and
Appointed
Public Officers
§1
C.19:3-30 and
Note to C.19:3-4.1
§2
Repealer

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 414, *approved January 18, 2022*
Senate, No. 4004 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** establishing a database with certain information concerning
2 certain appointed positions and elected offices, and
3 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 19 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. The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State
9 University, shall establish and maintain two databases that contain
10 for every person appointed to a State board, commission, authority,
11 or other multi-member entity, and for every elected public official
12 in this State, excluding school boards, the name of the individual,
13 the title of the office held, the term of office, the race and the
14 gender identity or expression of that individual, and the appointing
15 authority.
16 b. ¹**[(1)]**¹ To establish the database of appointed officials, the
17 Institute may transmit to any person appointed to a State board,
18 commission, authority, or other multi-member entity on or before
19 the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the
20 Legislature as this bill), a form, developed by the Institute, for
21 completion that records the: (a) individual’s full name; (b) the title
22 of the office held and the mailing address for that office; (c) the
23 race of the individual, using the same racial categories as required
24 on the federal decennial census of the United States by the federal
25 Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity or expression of the
26 individual; (e) the name and title of the appointing authority; and (f)
27 the term of the office held.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[(1)]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations January 10, 2022.

1 The 'transmission by the' Governor or other appointing authority
2 '[shall provide]' to the Institute 'of' contact information for '[all
3 currently serving]' appointees '[in] shall not be deemed a violation
4 of any law, rule, or regulation concerning the confidentiality or privacy
5 of such information. [order to survey all current appointees. The
6 Governor or other appointing authority shall sign the request to
7 complete the form.

8 (2) To maintain the database of appointed officials, no later than
9 30 days after an individual has been appointed to a State board,
10 commission, authority, or other multi-member entity in this State,
11 including an individual selected to fill a vacancy for the remainder
12 of a term, the Governor or other appointing authority, as
13 appropriate, shall transmit to the individual a form, developed by
14 the Institute, for completion that records the: (a) individual's full
15 name; (b) the title of the office held and the mailing address for that
16 office; (c) the race of the individual, using the same racial
17 categories as required on the federal decennial census of the United
18 States by the federal Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity
19 or expression of the individual; (e) the name and title of the
20 appointing authority; and (f) the term of the office held.

21 The Governor shall notify the Institute of any new vacancies
22 caused by resignations or term expiration within 30 days of the
23 occurrence of the vacancy. ']'

24 c. (1) To establish the database of elected officials, the Institute
25 may transmit to any individual elected to public office in this State
26 on or before the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending
27 before the Legislature as this bill), a form, developed by the
28 Institute, for completion that records: (a) the individual's full name;
29 (b) the title of the public office held and the mailing address for that
30 public office; (c) the race of the individual, using the same racial
31 categories as required on the federal decennial census of the United
32 States by the federal Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity
33 or expression of the individual; and (e) the term of the office held.

34 The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Institute '[for]
35 regarding' the survey '[and shall sign the request to complete the
36 form]'.

37 (2) To maintain the database of elected officials, no later than 30
38 days after '[an individual has been certified as elected to an
39 elective public office] certification of an election' in this State,
40 including an 'election for an' individual selected to fill a vacancy in
41 an elective public office for the remainder of a term, the Secretary
42 of State shall transmit to the '[individual a form, developed by
43 the]' Institute '[, for completion that records: (a) the individual's
44 full] the election results. The transmission by the Secretary of
45 State to the Institute of any contact information shall not be deemed
46 a violation of any law, rule, or regulation concerning the

1 confidentiality or privacy of such information. **1**name; (b) the title
2 of the public office held and the mailing address for that public
3 office; (c) the race of the individual, using the same racial
4 categories as required on the federal decennial census of the United
5 States by the federal Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity
6 or expression of the individual; and (e) the term of the office
7 held.**1**

8 d. (1) The Institute shall use the information from the forms
9 received pursuant to subsections b. and c. of this section, to
10 establish and maintain separate databases for appointed public
11 officials and for elected public officials. The databases shall be
12 searchable by the public official's name, title of the office held, the
13 term of the office held, the public official's race, the public
14 official's gender identity or expression, and the appointing
15 authority.

16 Each database shall be available to the public in a prominent
17 location on the website of the Institute, of Rutgers, The State
18 University, and of the Secretary of State.

19 (2) The information in each database shall be reviewed and
20 updated in a timely manner, but no less than once each calendar
21 year. Information on completed forms received by the Institute
22 shall be added to the database within 21 business days of receipt.

23 **1****1**e. The Eagleton Institute of Politics' Center for American
24 Women and Politics and Center for Public Interest Polling shall
25 work with the Secretary of State and the Office of the Governor to
26 effectuate the purposes of this section.**1**

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28 **1**2. P.L.2019, c.377 is repealed.**1**

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30 **1****2.****1** **3.****1** This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected
36 offices.