

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 137

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman ERIK PETERSON**

**District 23 (Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Encourages municipalities to accept electronically submitted documents from licensed architects and landscape architects.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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49 This Assembly resolution encourages municipalities to promote

1 and adopt the practice of accepting electronically submitted  
2 documents from licensed architects and landscape architects as  
3 permitted by new and amended rules adopted by the New Jersey  
4 State Board of Architects. The new and amended rules, effective  
5 May 1, 2017, provide for the electronic submission of digitally  
6 signed and sealed documents by licensed architects and landscape  
7 architects to their clients. The new and amended rules permit  
8 licensees to compete for construction jobs or contracts where the  
9 electronic submission of digitally signed and sealed documents is  
10 the preferred or required method of submission.

11 Government entities, including municipalities, are increasingly  
12 stating a preference for, or requiring, electronically submitted  
13 documents. These new and amended rules allow licensed architects  
14 and landscape architects to quickly and easily transmit construction  
15 documents and other papers to municipalities, as well as other  
16 clients.

17 Municipalities across the State will benefit from the electronic  
18 submission of digitally signed and sealed documents because they  
19 will receive the documents immediately, they will reduce the use of  
20 paper and other resources, and they will reduce their need for  
21 physical storage space. Municipalities have a strong interest in the  
22 new and amended rules adopted by the board, and they are  
23 encouraged to promote the practice of accepting electronically  
24 submitted documents from licensed architects and landscape  
25 architects whenever possible.