

SENATE, No. 519

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SYNOPSIS

Requires replacement of the terms “mother” and “father” with “parent or guardian” on all State blanks, forms, documents, and applications.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary,
8 on or after the effective date of this act, all blanks, forms,
9 documents, and applications furnished to the public for official
10 business by every State department, commission, committee,
11 council, or agency using the terms “mother” and “father” shall be
12 replaced with blanks, forms, documents, and applications using the
13 term “parent or guardian.”

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15 2. Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
16 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Secretary of State shall
17 adopt rules
18 and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act

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20 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
21 next following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires all blanks, forms, documents, and applications
27 furnished to the public for official business by every State
28 department, commission, committee, council, or agency using the
29 terms “mother” and “father” be replaced with blanks, forms,
30 documents, and applications using the term “parent or guardian.”