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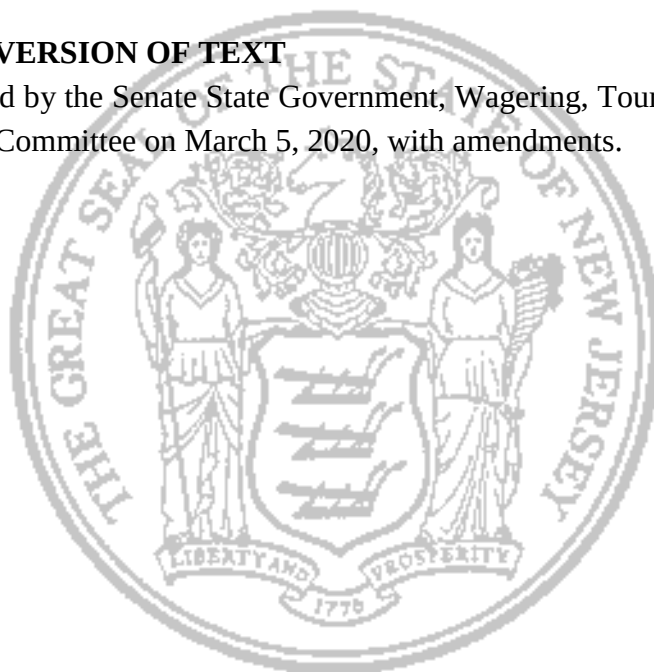
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and O'Scanlon**

SYNOPSIS

Provides county clerks with additional week to mail ballots for 2020 primary election; requires ballot position draw to occur one day early if statutory date falls on holiday.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee on March 5, 2020, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/19/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning the delivery of mail-in ballots for the 2020
2 primary election ¹and the day for conducting the ballot position
3 draw¹.
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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. ¹a.¹ Notwithstanding section 9 of P.L.2009, c.79 (C.19:63-
9 9), starting on or before the 45th day before the day the 2020
10 primary election is held, each county clerk shall forward mail-in
11 ballots by first-class postage, hand delivery, or electronically to
12 each uniformed and overseas mail-in voter, as defined by the
13 federal “Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act”
14 (52 U.S.C. s.20310 et seq.), whose request therefor has been
15 approved. Any additional mail-in ballots that have been approved
16 before the 45th day before the election shall be forwarded or
17 delivered at least 38 days before the day of the election. Hand
18 delivery of a mail-in ballot shall be made by the county clerk or the
19 clerk's designee only to the voter, or the voter's authorized
20 messenger, who must appear in person. No person shall serve as an
21 authorized messenger for more than three qualified voters in an
22 election. Ballots that have not been hand delivered shall be
23 addressed to the voter at the forwarding address given in the
24 application.

25 ¹b. Notwithstanding R.S.19:23-24, or any other law, rule, or
26 regulation to the contrary, if the 53rd day prior to the primary
27 election for the general election falls on a holiday, the county clerk
28 or the clerk's deputy, or the municipal clerk or the clerk's deputy,
29 as the case may be, shall at their office on the 54th day prior to the
30 primary election for the general election at three o'clock in the
31 afternoon conduct the drawing from the box to determine ballot
32 positions. A clerk's office that conducts the drawing from the box
33 on the 54th day prior to the primary election for the general election
34 as required under this subsection shall post notice of the change of
35 date and time in the clerk's office and on the clerk's official website
36 at least by three o'clock 60 days prior to the primary election for the
37 general election.¹
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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the
40 date of the 2020 primary election.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** 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 SSG committee amendments adopted March 5, 2020.