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SYNOPSIS

Permits voters to sign backup paper polling record in counties opting to use e-poll books.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the paper polling record or signature copy
2 register of registered voters and amending P.L.2019, c.80.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.2019, c.80 (C.19:31-37) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. A county commissioner of registration and county board of
10 elections opting to use electronic poll books shall submit to the
11 Secretary of State a request for approval in the form, content, and
12 timeframe specified by the Secretary of State. Within 10 days of
13 receiving the request, the Secretary of State shall review the request
14 for compliance with the Secretary of State's standards and
15 regulations and all of the capabilities and standards required under
16 this act, P.L.2019, c.80 (C.19:31-35 et seq.). A county commissioner
17 of registration and county board of elections approved to use
18 electronic poll books shall furnish at least two electronic poll books
19 for each polling place and a backup paper polling record or signature
20 copy register for each election district in the polling place. Each
21 voter in a county approved to use electronic poll books shall be
22 offered the option to sign either the backup paper polling record or
23 electronic poll book. Electronic poll books for each election shall be
24 prepared by the commissioner of registration no later than the 10th
25 day preceding the election. At each election, the delivery of the
26 electronic poll books to the municipal clerk and to the district boards
27 or other officials charged with the same duties as the district boards
28 in connection with the conduct of an election, and the return of those
29 electronic poll books by the district boards or such other election
30 officials to the commissioner of registration, shall be made in the
31 manner prescribed by the commissioner of registration and shall
32 comply with Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. The commissioner of
33 registration shall retain the electronic poll books records for any
34 election for a period of not less than six years following that election.
35 (cf: P.L.2019, c.80, s.3)

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires a county commissioner of registration and
43 county board of elections approved to use electronic poll books to
44 offer each voter the option to sign either the backup paper record or
45 electronic poll book.

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.