

SENATE, No. 2974

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

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District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Permits State and county boards of election to purchase or lease decommissioned letter collection boxes for use as ballot drop boxes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/8/2020)

1 **AN ACT** concerning ballot drop boxes and supplementing Title 19
2 of the 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 any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
8 the Department of State or a county board of elections shall be
9 permitted to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire any
10 decommissioned letter collection boxes from the United States
11 Postal Service for use as ballot drop boxes during the conduct of an
12 election, provided that the decommissioned letter collection boxes
13 meet, or can be altered to meet, the guidelines for ballot drop boxes
14 established by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 1 of
15 P.L.2020, c.72 (C.19:63-16.1).

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17 2. This act shall take effect on February 1, 2021.

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STATEMENT

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