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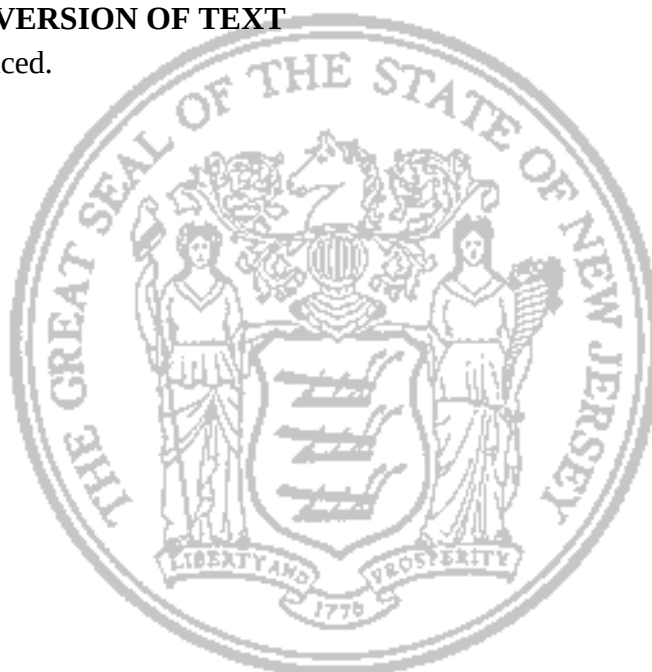
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Cardinale and Holzapfel**

SYNOPSIS

Provides for agreement between Secretary of State and AOC to match information in Statewide voter registration system with certain jury records in order to identify and remove ineligible non-citizen voter registrants from system.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/19/2021)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the maintenance and integrity of the Statewide
2 voter registration system, and amending P.L.2005, c.145.

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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 2 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-32) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. The Statewide voter registration system shall replace all
10 other computer or electronic-based registry files of voters and other
11 voter registration files established and maintained by each county
12 commissioner of registration for voter registration and election
13 administration purposes established pursuant to the provisions of
14 Title 19 and Title 40 of the Revised Statutes, and shall be the single
15 system for storing and managing the official file of registered voters
16 throughout the State. A commissioner may, however, continue to
17 use and maintain as a supplement to the system the original and
18 duplicate permanent registration binders and voting records and
19 shall continue to use and maintain the signature copy registers or
20 polling records provided for in Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

21 b. Each county commissioner of registration shall be
22 responsible for adding to, deleting from, amending and otherwise
23 conducting on a regular basis maintenance for the files of every
24 legally registered voter in that commissioner's county as contained
25 in the Statewide voter registration system, pursuant to the
26 provisions of **section 303 of Pub.L.107-252 (42 U.S.C. s. 15301 et**
27 **seq.)** 52 U.S.C. s.21083 and Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. Each
28 commissioner shall be responsible for verifying the accuracy of the
29 name, address and other data of registered voters in the
30 commissioner's respective county as contained in the system. The
31 commissioner who receives the voter registration forms of
32 individuals who have registered to vote in the county or who are re-
33 registering for any reason shall be responsible for entering the
34 information on those forms into the system on an expedited basis,
35 and electronically transferring into the system the information from
36 online voter registration forms completed pursuant to section 1 of
37 P.L.2019, c.382 (C.19:31-6.4c), including but not limited to forms
38 and information received pursuant to chapter 31 of Title 19 of the
39 Revised Statutes. The information the commissioner shall use to
40 update and maintain the system shall be that required by subsection
41 c. of section 1 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31).

42 c. The Secretary of State and each county commissioner of
43 registration shall be responsible for developing and providing the
44 technological security measures needed to prevent unauthorized
45 access to the Statewide voter registration system established

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.

1 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2005, c.145 (C.19:31-31) and to the
2 information for any individual on the system required by subsection
3 c. of section 1 of that act.

4 d. The Secretary of State, in consultation with each county
5 commissioner of registration, shall develop minimum standards to
6 safeguard the accuracy of the files contained in the Statewide voter
7 registration system. Such standards shall include procedures to
8 ensure that reasonable effort is made to remove registrants who are
9 ineligible to vote pursuant to federal or State law and to ensure that
10 eligible voters are not removed in error from the system.

11 e. (1) The Secretary of State and the Chief Administrator of
12 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in the Department of
13 Transportation shall enter into an agreement to match information
14 in the database of the Statewide voter registration system with
15 information in the database of the commission, including social
16 security numbers, to the extent required to enable verification of the
17 accuracy of the information provided on applications for voter
18 registration, and to locate and utilize for voter registration purposes
19 the digitized signatures of licensed drivers or holders of non-driver
20 identification cards who register to vote using an online voter
21 registration form, as provided pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019,
22 c.382 (C.19:31-6.4c).

23 (2) The Secretary of State shall enter into an agreement with the
24 Commissioner of the Department of Health **[and Senior Services]**
25 to match information in the database of the Statewide voter
26 registration system with State agency information on death records.

27 (3) The Secretary of State shall enter into an agreement with the
28 Commissioner of the Department of Corrections to match
29 information in the database of the Statewide voter registration
30 system with State agency information on individuals who are
31 incarcerated, on probation, or on parole as the result of a conviction
32 for an indictable offense.

33 (4) (a) The Secretary of State shall enter into an agreement with
34 the Administrative Office of the Courts to match information in the
35 database of the Statewide voter registration system with State
36 agency information on individuals who are incarcerated, on
37 probation, or on parole as the result of a conviction for an indictable
38 offense.

39 (b) Pursuant to the Secretary of State assuming the designation
40 and responsibilities of the chief State election official from the
41 Attorney General in accordance with section 25 of P.L.1994, c.182
42 (C.19:31-6a) and section 1 of P.L.2007, c.254 (C.52:16A-98), the
43 Secretary of State shall enter into an agreement with the
44 Administrative Office of the Courts to match information in the
45 database of the Statewide voter registration system with the juror
46 records kept, as required by N.J.S.2B:20-9, of all requests for
47 excuses and deferrals of jury duty and grants thereof, so that those
48 persons summoned for jury service who indicate non-citizenship as

1 the basis for being excused may be identified and removed from the
2 database of the Statewide voter registration system as an ineligible
3 registrant in accordance with applicable law. The agreement shall
4 apply retroactively to all available juror records maintained since
5 the enactment of sections 23 and 24 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.39:3-
6 10m and 39:2-3.2), permitting a person to register to vote while
7 applying for a motor vehicle driver's license.

8 (5) The Secretary of State shall enter into an agreement with the
9 State Parole Board to match information in the database of the
10 Statewide voter registration system with State agency information
11 on individuals who are on parole.

12 (cf: P.L.2019, c.382, s.5)

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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17 STATEMENT

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19 This bill would require the Secretary of State, as the chief State
20 election official, to enter into an agreement with the Judiciary's
21 Administrative Office of the Courts to match information in the
22 database of the Statewide voter registration system with the juror
23 records kept pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-9 concerning all requests for
24 excuses and deferrals of jury duty. The purpose of matching up
25 such information would be to identify those persons summoned for
26 jury service who indicate non-citizenship as the basis for being
27 excused and remove them from the voter database as ineligible
28 registrants in accordance with applicable law.

29 The agreement would apply retroactively to all available juror
30 records maintained since the 1994 "motor-voter" enactment
31 permitting a person to register to vote while applying for a motor
32 vehicle driver's license. See sections 23 and 24 of P.L.1994, c.182
33 (C.39:3-10m and 39:2-3.2).