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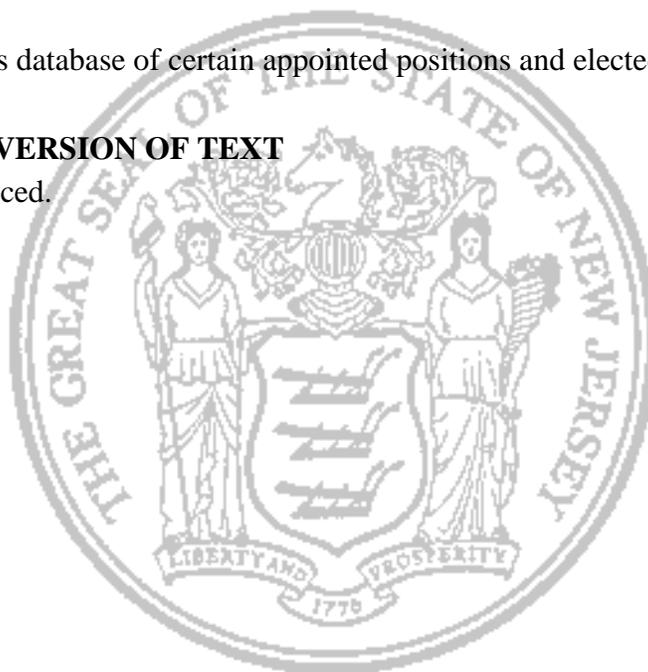
**Senator Ruiz, Assemblyman Johnson, Assemblywoman Lopez,
Assemblymen Calabrese and Moen**

SYNOPSIS

Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected offices.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing a database with certain information concerning
2 certain appointed positions and elected offices, and supplementing
3 chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State
9 University, shall establish and maintain two databases that contain
10 for every person appointed to a State board, commission, authority,
11 or other multi-member entity, and for every elected public official in
12 this State, excluding school boards, the name of the individual, the
13 title of the office held, the term of office, the race and the gender
14 identity or expression of that individual, and the appointing authority.

15 b. (1) To establish the database of appointed officials, the
16 Institute may transmit to any person appointed to a State board,
17 commission, authority, or other multi-member entity on or before the
18 effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature
19 as this bill), a form, developed by the Institute, for completion that
20 records the: (a) individual's full name; (b) the title of the office held
21 and the mailing address for that office; (c) the race of the individual,
22 using the same racial categories as required on the federal decennial
23 census of the United States by the federal Bureau of the Census; (d)
24 the gender identity or expression of the individual; (e) the name and
25 title of the appointing authority; and (f) the term of the office held.

26 The Governor or other appointing authority shall provide to the
27 Institute contact information for all currently serving appointees in
28 order to survey all current appointees. The Governor or other
29 appointing authority shall sign the request to complete the form.

30 (2) To maintain the database of appointed officials, no later than
31 30 days after an individual has been appointed to a State board,
32 commission, authority, or other multi-member entity in this State,
33 including an individual selected to fill a vacancy for the remainder of
34 a term, the Governor or other appointing authority, as appropriate,
35 shall transmit to the individual a form, developed by the Institute, for
36 completion that records the: (a) individual's full name; (b) the title
37 of the office held and the mailing address for that office; (c) the race
38 of the individual, using the same racial categories as required on the
39 federal decennial census of the United States by the federal Bureau
40 of the Census; (d) the gender identity or expression of the individual;
41 (e) the name and title of the appointing authority; and (f) the term of
42 the office held.

43 The Governor shall notify the Institute of any new vacancies
44 caused by resignations or term expiration within 30 days of the
45 occurrence of the vacancy.

46 c. (1) To establish the database of elected officials, the Institute
47 may transmit to any individual elected to public office in this State
48 on or before the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before

1 the Legislature as this bill), a form, developed by the Institute, for
2 completion that records: (a) the individual's full name; (b) the title
3 of the public office held and the mailing address for that public
4 office; (c) the race of the individual, using the same racial categories
5 as required on the federal decennial census of the United States by
6 the federal Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender identity or
7 expression of the individual; and (e) the term of the office held.

8 The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Institute for the
9 survey and shall sign the request to complete the form.

10 (2) To maintain the database of elected officials, no later than 30
11 days after an individual has been certified as elected to an elective
12 public office in this State, including an individual selected to fill a
13 vacancy in an elective public office for the remainder of a term, the
14 Secretary of State shall transmit to the individual a form, developed
15 by the Institute, for completion that records: (a) the individual's full
16 name; (b) the title of the public office held and the mailing address
17 for that public office; (c) the race of the individual, using the same
18 racial categories as required on the federal decennial census of the
19 United States by the federal Bureau of the Census; (d) the gender
20 identity or expression of the individual; and (e) the term of the office
21 held.

22 d. (1) The Institute shall use the information from the forms
23 received pursuant to subsections b. and c. of this section, to establish
24 and maintain separate databases for appointed public officials and for
25 elected public officials. The databases shall be searchable by the
26 public official's name, title of the office held, the term of the office
27 held, the public official's race, the public official's gender identity or
28 expression, and the appointing authority.

29 Each database shall be available to the public in a prominent
30 location on the website of the Institute, of Rutgers, The State
31 University, and of the Secretary of State.

32 (2) The information in each database shall be reviewed and
33 updated in a timely manner, but no less than once each calendar year.
34 Information on completed forms received by the Institute shall be
35 added to the database within 21 business days of receipt.

36 e. The Eagleton Institute of Politics' Center for American
37 Women and Politics and Center for Public Interest Polling shall work
38 with the Secretary of State and the Office of the Governor to
39 effectuate the purposes of this section.

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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44 STATEMENT
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46 The Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, with its
47 Center for American Women and Politics and Center for Public
48 Interest Polling, will establish and maintain two databases that

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1 contain for every person appointed to a State board, commission,
2 authority, or other multi-member entity, and for every person elected
3 to a public office in this State, the name of the individual, the title of
4 the office held, the term of office, the race and the gender identity or
5 expression of that individual, and the appointing authority. The bill
6 will not apply to school boards.

7 The bill also permits the Institute to survey individuals currently
8 serving in an appointed position or elected office for addition to its
9 database.