

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 72

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman ERIK PETERSON**

**District 23 (Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Encourages municipalities to accept electronically submitted documents from licensed architects and landscape architects.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** encouraging municipalities to promote  
2 and adopt the practice of accepting electronically submitted  
3 documents from licensed architects and landscape architects.  
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5 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey State Board of Architects adopted new  
6 rules and amendments to existing rules, effective May 1, 2017, to  
7 provide for the electronic submission of digitally signed and sealed  
8 documents by licensed architects and landscape architects; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The new and amended rules adopted by the board permit  
10 licensees to compete for construction jobs or contracts where the  
11 electronic submission of digitally signed and sealed documents is  
12 the preferred or required method of submission; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Government entities are increasingly stating a preference  
14 for electronically submitted documents; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The new and amended rules adopted by the board enable  
16 licensed architects and landscape architects to quickly and easily  
17 transmit construction documents and other papers to their clients,  
18 including municipalities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Municipalities across the State will benefit from the  
20 electronic submission of digitally signed and sealed documents  
21 because they will receive the documents immediately, they will  
22 reduce the use of paper and other resources, and they will reduce  
23 their need for physical storage space; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Municipalities have a strong interest in the new and  
25 amended rules adopted by the board, and they should promote the  
26 practice of accepting electronically submitted documents from  
27 licensed architects and landscape architects whenever possible;  
28 now, therefore,  
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30 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*  
31 *Jersey:*  
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33 1. This House encourages municipalities to promote and adopt  
34 the practice of accepting electronically submitted documents from  
35 licensed architects and landscape architects as permitted by new and  
36 amended rules adopted by the New Jersey State Board of  
37 Architects.  
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39 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
40 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the  
41 New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey  
42 Conference of Mayors, the Municipal Construction Officials of  
43 New Jersey, and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association of  
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STATEMENT

This Assembly resolution encourages municipalities to promote and adopt the practice of accepting electronically submitted documents from licensed architects and landscape architects as permitted by new and amended rules adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Architects. The new and amended rules, effective May 1, 2017, provide for the electronic submission of digitally signed and sealed documents by licensed architects and landscape architects to their clients. The new and amended rules permit licensees to compete for construction jobs or contracts where the electronic submission of digitally signed and sealed documents is the preferred or required method of submission.

Government entities, including municipalities, are increasingly stating a preference for, or requiring, electronically submitted documents. These new and amended rules allow licensed architects and landscape architects to quickly and easily transmit construction documents and other papers to municipalities, as well as other clients.

Municipalities across the State will benefit from the electronic submission of digitally signed and sealed documents because they will receive the documents immediately, they will reduce the use of paper and other resources, and they will reduce their need for physical storage space. Municipalities have a strong interest in the new and amended rules adopted by the board, and they are encouraged to promote the practice of accepting electronically submitted documents from licensed architects and landscape architects whenever possible.