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## CHAPTER 71

**AN ACT** concerning voting by mail and certain procedures in an election and amending various parts of the statutory law.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. R.S.19:8-6 is amended to read as follows:

Proper equipment and voting instructions.

19:8-6. The county boards in counties of the first class and the municipal clerks in counties other than counties of the first class shall purchase or lease and furnish the proper equipment of polling places, to enable the district boards to carry out the duties imposed upon them by this title. The equipment shall consist of tables, chairs, lights, booths and all other things necessary for the performance of such duties, and shall be ready for use by the district boards in ample time to enable them to perform their duties. Also to be included, for conspicuous display at each polling place on the days of any election during each year, shall be the voting and registration instructions provided by the county board of elections, the voting by mail information posters provided by the Secretary of State, and mail-in ballot application forms.

The Secretary of State shall prepare a voting by mail informational poster for use at all polling places in the State that illustrates and promotes the use of voting by mail, including the description of the vote-by-mail process, and shall distribute the required number of copies, or replacement copies as needed, to the county boards.

The clerks of the several municipalities shall keep in repair, store and deliver the polling booths, ballot boxes and other equipment in time for use by the district boards at the cost and expense of the municipality.

In case of any election to be held in and for a municipality only, the duties imposed upon the county boards in counties of the first class regarding the equipment of polling places shall devolve upon the clerk of the municipality wherein the election is to be held. Any equipment in possession of the county board may be used in a municipal election upon requisition.

2. Section 1 of P.L.2005, c.149 (C.19:12-7.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.19:12-7.1 Posting of voter information notice by county board of elections; content and form.

1. a. A county board of elections shall have posted a voter information notice, which shall be referred to as a voter's bill of rights, in a conspicuous location in each polling place before the opening of the polls on the day of any election.

The notice shall contain:

- the date of the election and the hours during which polling places will be open;
- a statement that sample ballots are available at the polling place for review by the voter;
- instruction for the use of the voting machine in that polling place and an explanation of what instructions for voting are available at the polling place for the voter;
- instruction for a voter who is voting for the first time;
- instruction for a voter who is required to provide identification pursuant to the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002" and R.S.19:15-17 prior to casting a vote;