## ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3818

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 12, 2022

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3818.

This bill designates four specific dates throughout the year when special fire district elections can be held. Currently, special fire district elections can be held at any time. Requiring that the special elections be held on four specific dates will provide voters with more notice and predictability, allowing them a better chance to vote.

This bill also allows the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs to change the date of a designated special election day if it falls on a date that is a period of religious observance which would significantly prevent residents from voting.