

# ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

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## ASSEMBLY, No. 3819

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3819 (1R).

This bill adds a circumstance for which a voter may be removed from a permanent vote by mail list and when a voter's preference for where their ballot is sent may be changed.

The bill would remove a voter from a permanent vote by mail status after a voter opted in if the voter does not vote by mail for four consecutive years beginning with the 2020 election cycle. The bill specifies that the voter will no longer automatically receive a mail-in ballot. The bill specifies a voter will be notified in writing of their change in status after the fourth consecutive year in which they have not voted by mail.

Under current law, a voter will continue to receive a mail-in ballot after opting to receive one for all future elections, until they notify otherwise in writing.

A person will remain a registered voter under the bill. The provisions of the bill may remove a voter from permanent vote by mail status, not the voter roll.

The bill also specifies that for a voter who chooses to have their mail-in ballot sent to an address other than the address for which they are registered to vote, the ballot will be sent to the address for which they are registered to vote if the ballot is returned or undeliverable after two consecutive general elections. The bill requires a voter to be notified in writing after the second consecutive general election when the ballot was returned or undeliverable of the change in where their ballot will be sent.

The bill also appropriates \$5 million for the purposes of providing grants to counties to undertake a public education campaign to notify voters of the changes to mail-in ballot procedures set forth in this bill.

### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The amendments change the timing of when a person will be removed from permanent vote by mail status from after not voting in

four consecutive election cycles to not voting after four consecutive years by mail.

The amendments also change when a ballot will be sent to the voter's address where they are registered to vote from after two consecutive elections, including a primary election, to two consecutive general elections.