

## CHAPTER 177

**AN ACT** allowing certain victims of stalking to register to vote without disclosing a street address and amending the title and body of P.L.1994, c.148.

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

1. The title of P.L.1994, c.148 is amended to read as follows:

Title amended.

**AN ACT** allowing certain victims of crime to register to vote without disclosing a street address and supplementing chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

2. Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.148 (C.19:31-3.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.19:31-3.2 Voter registration; nondisclosure of street address for domestic violence, stalking victims.

1. a. A person who is (1) a victim of domestic violence who has obtained a permanent restraining order against a defendant pursuant to section 13 of the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-29) and fears further violent acts by the defendant, or (2) a victim of stalking, or member of the immediate family of such a victim as defined by paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.1992, c.209 (C.2C:12-10), who is protected under the terms of a permanent restraining order issued pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1996, c.39 (C.2C:12-10.1) and who fears death or bodily injury from the defendant against whom that order was issued, shall be allowed to register to vote without disclosing the person's street address. Such a person shall leave the space for a street address on the original permanent registration form blank and shall, instead, attach to the form a copy of the permanent restraining order and a note which indicates that the person fears future violent acts by the defendant and which contains a mailing address, post office box or other contact point where mail can be received by the person. Upon receipt of the person's voter registration form, the commissioner of registration in all counties having a superintendent of elections, and the county board of elections in all other counties, shall provide the person with a map of the municipality in which the person resides which shows the various voting districts. The person shall indicate to the commissioner or board, as appropriate, the voting district in which the person resides and shall be permitted to vote at the polling place for that district. If such a person thereafter changes residences, the person shall so inform the commissioner or board by completing a new permanent registration form in the manner described above.

b. Any person who makes public any information which has been provided by a victim of domestic violence, or by a victim of stalking or the family member of such a victim, pursuant to subsection a. of this section concerning the mailing address, post office box or other contact point of the victim or family member or the election district in which the victim or family member resides is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 26, 2001.