

CHAPTER 20

AN ACT concerning the adjustment of dates in the school budget and election calendar and amending P.L.1995, c.278.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.278 (C.19:60-1) is amended to read as follows:

C.19:60-1 School elections, adjustments, ballots.

1. a. An annual school election shall be held in each type II district on the third Tuesday in April. However, in any school year, the Commissioner of Education shall make any adjustments to the school budget and election calendar which may be necessary to change the annual school election date or any other school budget and election calendar date if that date coincides with a period of religious observance. The commissioner shall inform local school boards, county clerks and boards of elections of these adjustments no later than the first working day in January of the year in which the adjustments are to occur.

b. All school elections shall be by ballot and, except as otherwise provided by P.L.1995, c.278 (C.19:60-1 et al.), shall be conducted in the manner provided for general elections pursuant to Title 19 of the Revised Statutes. No grouping of candidates or party designation shall appear on any ballot to be used in a school election.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 27, 2003.