

CHAPTER 286

AN ACT changing petition filing deadline for Board of Fire Commissioners and amending N.J.S.40A:14-71.

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

1. N.J.S.40A:14-71 is amended to read as follows:

Nominating petitions.

40A:14-71. Candidates for membership on the board shall be nominated by verified petitions. Any such petition shall be in writing, addressed to the municipal clerk or the clerk of the board, as the case may be, stating that the signers thereof are qualified voters and residents in the district and requesting that the name of the candidate be placed on the official ballot. The petition shall state the residence of the candidate and certify his qualification for membership. The candidate's consent to his nomination shall be annexed to the petition and shall constitute his agreement to serve in the event of his election. The petition shall contain the name of only one candidate, but several petitions may nominate the same person. Each petition shall be signed by not less than 10 qualified voters and shall be filed at least 29 days before the date of the election.

Any form of a petition of nomination which is provided to candidates by the Secretary of State, the county clerk, or the municipal clerk shall contain the following notice: "Notice: All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of 'The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act,' P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.). For further information please call (insert telephone number of the Election Law Enforcement Commission)."

If a petition is found to be defective, either in form or substance, the municipal clerk or the clerk of the board, as the case may be, shall forthwith notify the candidate to cause it to be corrected before the petition is given consideration.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 17, 2010.