

CHAPTER 184

AN ACT concerning reports and publications produced by the State and its agencies, amending various parts of the statutory law, supplementing chapter 14 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, and repealing R.S.52:14-21, R.S.52:14-22, R.S.52:14-25 and R.S.52:14-25.2.

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

C.52:14-20.1 Reports, publications made available, notice.

1. All reports and publications produced by the State, or any agency of the State, that are to be submitted to the Governor or the Legislature, or made available to the public, shall be posted on the Internet in lieu of printing. A notice of availability of the report or publication shall be distributed to the Governor or the Legislature, as the case may be. In the case of a report or publication to be made available to the public, an electronic copy and a print copy shall be submitted to the State Librarian. If such reports or publications are printed, six copies shall be submitted to the State Librarian in addition to the one electronic copy.

Upon receiving notice of availability of a report or publication, an individual who is unable to access the document on the Internet may request a printed copy.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to publications produced pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-7).

2. R.S.52:14-18 is amended to read as follows:

Annual reports of State departments, boards and officers; time for making; penalty.

52:14-18. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, all boards, commissions, institutions, departments, state officers and other persons required by law to present an annual report to the Governor or to the Legislature, shall make report as of the thirtieth day of June annually, and shall complete the report and provide notice that it is available to the governor on or before the thirtieth day of November.

Any officer, commissioner or other person who shall fail to deliver his report on or before the thirtieth day of November shall, as a penalty, forfeit one-half his salary or compensation from the thirtieth day of November until the time when such report shall be so presented, and such forfeited compensation shall be withheld by the comptroller and treasurer.

3. R.S.52:14-19 is amended to read as follows:

Reports other than annual reports; time for making.

52:14-19. Reports other than annual reports; time for making. All boards, commissions and officers of the State required by law, joint resolution, or otherwise to report to the Governor or Legislature upon any matter whatever, shall, unless otherwise specially directed, complete the report at least 10 days previous to the first day of January next following the date of their appointment, and notice of the availability of the report shall be delivered to the Legislature on the first day of the session.

This section shall not apply to the annual reports of State boards, commissions, institutions, departments or officers.

4. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:14-19.1 Submission of reports to the Legislature.

2. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all boards, commissions, institutions, departments, agencies, State officers and employees and other persons required by law to make available, submit, forward, or otherwise transmit to the Legislature or to the members of the Legislature a report, study, survey, publication or other document shall, in lieu of distributing a copy thereof to each member, meet this requirement of law by: a. preparing the document for examination and approval in the manner provided by law; and, b. submitting notice of availability of the approved document to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the General Assembly and the Director of Public Information in the Office of Legislative Services. The Director of Public Information shall submit to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the General Assembly and the members of the Legislature a notice containing the title of the document and the name of the agency issuing the document, that notice to be distributed to the members in the same manner as provided for the distribution of transcripts of public hearings. A copy of any such document shall be made available to any member of the Legislature upon request, or pursuant to such procedures as may be provided by the respective Houses of the Legislature.

This section shall not apply to any reporting requirements or procedures specified in the State Constitution, nor to any information required by law to be submitted to the Legislative Counsel, State Auditor, Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or the Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards.

5. R.S.52:14-24 is amended to read as follows:

Distribution of official reports.

52:14-24. The custodian of the State House shall, under the direction and control of the State House Commission, cause to be made available on the Internet the various official reports and legislative documents as the State House Commission shall direct. If such reports and documents are printed, six copies shall be submitted to the State Librarian in addition to an electronic copy for the Internet.

6. R.S.52:14-25.1 is amended to read as follows:

Annual or special reports, publications; copies filed in State Library.

52:14-25.1. All State officers, departments, commissions, committees, or agencies issuing annual reports or special reports required by law to be submitted to the Governor or to the Legislature of this State, and other State publications of a general informational character, where such reports are printed and electronically produced, shall file with the New Jersey State Library for purposes of permanent public access and distribution one electronic copy and six printed copies. In cases where such reports are made in electronic form only, one electronic copy and one printed copy shall be submitted to the State Library for preservation and permanent reference use. State officers, departments, commissions, committees and agencies shall designate an individual to act as a liaison to the State Library.

Repealer.

7. R.S.52:14-21, R.S.52:14-22, R.S.52:14-25 and R.S.52:14-25.2 are repealed.

8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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