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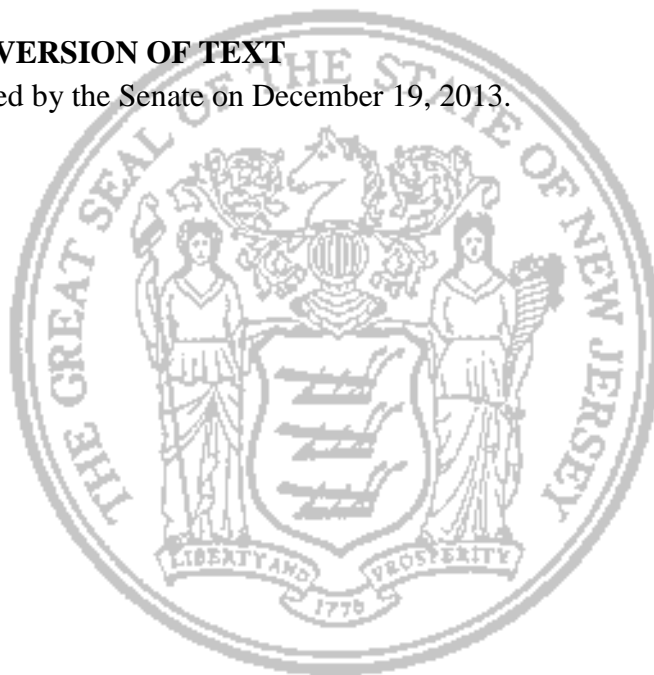
**Senators Weinberg and Greenstein**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits certain former mayors to solemnize marriage and civil union ceremonies.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on December 19, 2013.



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1 AN ACT concerning marriages and civil unions and amending  
2 R.S.37:1-13.

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

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7 1. R.S.37:1-13 is amended to read as follows:

8 37:1-13. Authorization to solemnize marriages and civil unions.

9 Each judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third  
10 Circuit, each judge of a federal district court, United States  
11 magistrate, judge of a municipal court, judge of the Superior Court,  
12 judge of a tax court, retired judge of the Superior Court or Tax  
13 Court, or judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court, the former  
14 County Court, the former County Juvenile and Domestic Relations  
15 Court, or the former County District Court who has resigned in  
16 good standing, surrogate of any county, <sup>3</sup>**[freeholder,]**<sup>3</sup> county  
17 clerk <sup>3,3</sup> and any mayor <sup>1</sup>or former mayor<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>not currently serving on  
18 the municipal governing body<sup>2</sup> or the deputy mayor when  
19 authorized by the mayor, **[or]** <sup>2</sup>or<sup>2</sup> chairman of any township  
20 committee or village president of this State, <sup>2</sup>**[or municipal clerk**  
21 **of this State**<sup>1</sup> **]**<sup>2</sup> and every minister of every religion, are hereby  
22 authorized to solemnize marriages or civil unions between such  
23 persons as may lawfully enter into the matrimonial relation or civil  
24 union; and every religious society, institution or organization in this  
25 State may join together in marriage or civil union such persons  
26 according to the rules and customs of the society, institution or  
27 organization.

28 (cf: P.L.2006, c.103, s.17)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted June 21, 2012.

<sup>2</sup>Senate SJU committee amendments adopted December 17, 2012.

<sup>3</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted December 19, 2013.