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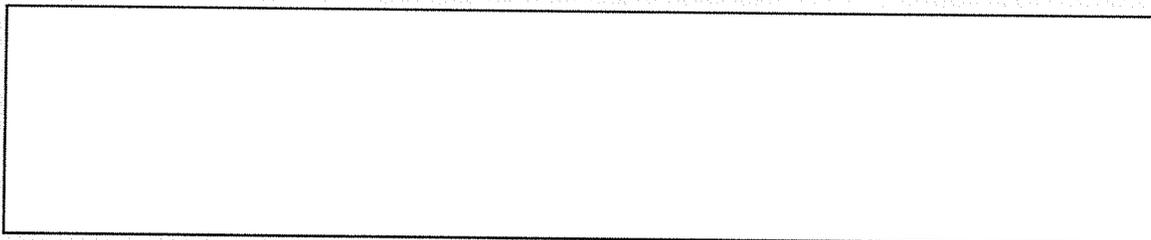
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**Mayors Advisory**

March 15, 2013

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**Re: S-2364, Early Voting Bill - Posted for Floor Vote Monday**

Mayor:

This coming Monday, March 18, 2013, S-2364, which would require early voting in certain elections, will be up for a vote in the full Senate. (For more information, please see our March 1 Dear Mayor letter)

According to the bill, early voting locations will be spread throughout the county at either 3, 5, or 7 locations, depending on the size of the county. These locations could still be in a municipal building.

The hours for early voting will be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and on Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The bill also received a fiscal analysis from the Office of Legislative Services. The bill requires that the state make an appropriation to a fund so that municipalities and counties may request reimbursement for any additional costs early voting imposes on them. In its fiscal note, OLS estimates that the fund requires \$22.8 million the first year, \$11 million the second year, and from \$7 to \$9 million each subsequent year.

The League opposes this bill. S-2364 introduces a new, complex, and potentially expensive process. Furthermore, it is unnecessary as we currently have a process, Vote by Mail, which permits voters every opportunity to vote and participate in the democratic process.

If you have not already, please consider passing a resolution in opposition to this and other early voting bills. You can find a copy of a sample resolution here:

<http://www.njslom.org/resolutions/2013-0301-Resolution-Early-Vote-A-3553-S-2364.pdf>

Also, please consider contacting your state senator to express your concerns with this bill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Weng at 609-695-3481 ext 137 or by e-mail at [mweng@njslom.org](mailto:mweng@njslom.org)

Very truly yours,

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