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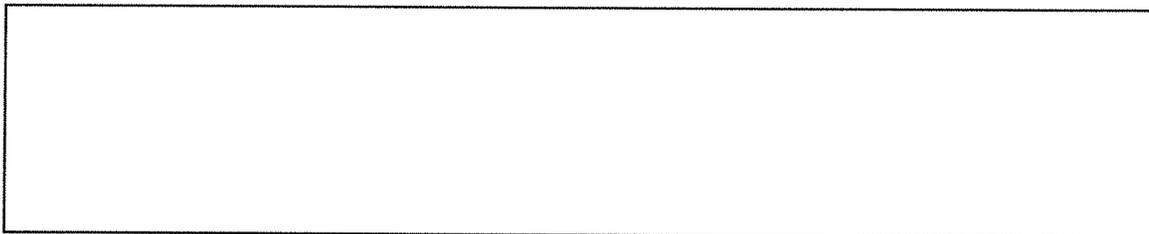
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### Mayors Advisory

March 22, 2013

**Re:** Early voting bills now on Governor's desk

Dear Mayor:

S-2364, which would require early voting in most elections, passed the full Senate on Monday, March 18 by a vote of 24-16, along party lines. That bill was substituted for the Assembly version of the bill, A-3553, and passed by the Assembly on Thursday, March 21 by a vote of 46-31, again along party lines. For more information on these bills, see our Mayor's letters of March 1 and March 6.

The bill would now require early voting locations to be spread throughout the county at either 3, 5, or 7 locations, depending on the number of registered voters in the county. These locations could still be in a municipal building. The hours of early voting would be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and on Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

According to the Office of Legislative Services, these bills could cost as much as \$22.8 million.

We continue to oppose these bills, as they introduce a new, complex, and potentially expensive process. Furthermore, they are unnecessary as we currently have early voting, Vote by Mail, which permits voters every opportunity to vote and participate in the democratic process.

We encourage you to continue to pass resolutions opposing these bills and to forward those resolutions to your state legislators as well as the Governor's office. You can find a sample resolution here: <http://www.njslom.org/resolutions/2013-0301-Resolution-Early-Vote-A-3553-S-2364.pdf>

In addition, we urge you to reach out to Governor Christie and urge the Governor to VETO S-2364/A-3553.

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

Very truly yours,

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