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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco signed the following legislation today:

**S-1339**, sponsored by Senators Andrew Ciesla(R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Diane Allen (R-Burlington/Camden) and Assembly members David Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth), provides for grants to clean up contamination discovered subsequent to underground storage tank removal or closure.

Under the bill, a grant may be issued for up to 50 percent of the remediation costs except that no grant to any person may exceed \$1,000,000.

**A-890**, sponsored by Assembly members Kip Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson) and Senator Walter Kavanaugh (R-Morris/Somerset), removes the 20-year title search as prerequisite for tax title holder's claim for \$12 party search expense for ascertaining the persons interested in the property subject to the tax lien being foreclosed.

**A-653**, sponsored by Assembly members John Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Nicholas Asselta (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), revises conditions under which a municipality may require bond or other security from landlords of seasonal rental properties in Monmouth, Atlantic, Ocean and Cape May counties.

This bill changes the current "one-year" time frame, which could be construed as a calendar year, to a 12-month-period, and changes the number of substantiated complaints necessary for the municipality to institute the administrative proceeding from three to two.

**SJR-7**, sponsored by Senator Garry Furnari (D-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), designates the North Service Road portion of State Highway Route 3 in Rutherford Borough, Bergen County, as the "Thomas E. Dunn Memorial Highway."

**SJR-8**, sponsored by Senator Garry Furnari (D-Bergen/Essex/Passaic), designates South Service Road portion of State Highway Route 3 in Rutherford Borough, Bergen County, as the "Edwin L. Ward, Sr. Memorial Highway."

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco conditionally vetoed the following legislation today. A copy of the CV message is attached.

**S-249**, sponsored by Senator John Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Assembly members Nicholas Felice (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson), requires a board of education to give the municipal clerk or clerks, the county board of elections no less than 60 days notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election, replaces the provisions in current law regarding when a special school election may be held in a type II district and eliminates the provisions of

existing law which authorizes legal voters of the district to petition the school board to hold a special election.

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SENATE BILL NO. 249  
(First Reprint)

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Senate Bill No. 249 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

#### A. Summary of Bill

This bill makes three changes to existing law governing special school elections in Type II school districts. Specifically, the bill: (1) requires a board of education to give the municipal clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to hold a special election; (2) replaces the provisions in current law regarding when a special school election may be held in a type II district to provide that such an election may be held only on the following days: the fourth Tuesday in January, the second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in December; and (3) eliminates the provisions of existing law which authorizes legal voters of the district to petition the school board to hold a special election.

#### B. Recommended Action

While I commend the sponsors of this bill for their efforts to streamline the school election process and increase voter participation and awareness, I have been advised that the bill contains a technical error which could lead to confusion as to the intent of this legislation. As a result, I recommend a Conditional Veto to clarify that this legislation intended to eliminate special elections by petition.

For this reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 249 (First Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 2, Line 31: After "was called" insert "." delete "and in the notices of any special election, called upon".

Page 2, Lines 32-34: Delete in entirety.

Respectfully,

/s/ Donald T. DiFrancesco

Acting Governor

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Attest:

/s/ James A. Harkness

Chief Counsel to the Governor