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## *As Trump Attacks Voting Rights, New Jersey Expands Access to the Polls*

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Mikie Sherrill signed the following bill into law:

A4745/S420 (Wainstein, Rodriguez, McCoy/Stack, Mukherji) - Permits the extension of the early voting period for regular municipal elections in May.

"As President Trump attempts to undermine elections and make voting harder through his unconstitutional Executive Order, we will take every step to protect the integrity of our elections and ensure they are more accessible for New Jerseyans," **said Governor Mikie Sherrill**. "This bill will allow municipalities to expand early voting and ensure the people of our state have their voices heard at the local level, where these decisions will shape our neighborhoods, our schools, and our daily lives."

"I'd like to thank Governor Sherrill for signing this important legislation, as I strongly believe in enhancing voter accessibility," **said Senator Brian Stack**. "As many residents know, I often communicate about the importance of making it to the polls. This bill offers additional days to vote and I'm hopeful that even more residents will participate in our sacred election process."

"Early voting isn't a privilege, it's a necessity," **said Assemblyman Larry Wainstein**. "Not everyone works a traditional 9 to 5, Monday through Friday work week. By increasing the number of days for early voting, we are allowing more people the opportunity to participate in our electoral process. I want to thank Governor Sherrill for signing this important bill into law. It is another shining example of how she always puts the best interests of the people first."

This legislation authorizes municipalities that hold nonpartisan elections in May to start early voting eight days before Election Day, extending

the early voting window by four days. Early voting will still end two days before the election, giving voters a total of seven days to vote early.

This extension will give voters additional opportunities to vote early in non-partisan municipal elections and bring the early voting period for these elections into closer alignment with the period for state and federal elections.

This action comes after the Trump Administration’s unconstitutional EO on mail-in ballots, directing federal agencies to create lists of verified U.S. citizen voters and requiring the U.S. Postal Service to send mail-in ballots only to those on state-approved absentee lists.

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