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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties June 2020
FROM: Jonathan Roth, Director of Representation 
RE: 2020/2021 OPEN PERIOD FOR FILING REPRESENTATION PETITIONS

The periods for the filing of timely representation petitions where there is a current agreement in effect are as follows:

1. For employees of the State of New Jersey, or any state agency, authority, commission or board thereof: a petition may be timely filed between 240 and 270 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. This year, the period extends from Monday, October 5* through Monday, November 2, 2020 (inclusive) where the agreement expires June 30, 2021.

2. For employees of a county or municipality, or any county or municipal agency, authority, commission or board (other than a board of education) thereof: a petition may be timely filed between 90 and 120 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. This year, the period extends from Wednesday, September 2 through Friday, October 2, 2020 (inclusive), where the agreement expires December 31, 2020; and another period is Tuesday, March 2 through Thursday, April 1, 2021 (inclusive), if the agreement expires on June 30, 2021.

3. For employees of a school district, board of education, or county college: a petition may be timely filed during the period between Tuesday, September 1 and Thursday, October 15, 2020 (inclusive), if within the last year of the agreement.

An agreement expiration date is the last effective date of the agreement. An agreement with a term of longer than 3 years will be treated as a 3-year agreement to determine filing dates and also will not bar a petition filed any time after the end of the third year of the agreement.. N.J.A.C. 19:11-2.8(d).

Petitions filed with the Commission after the close of business on the final day of the open period will not be considered timely filed. An original showing of interest (not copies), as defined by the Commission's Rules, must accompany the petition in order for the petition to be considered effectively filed.

A Petition for Certification should state whether the Petitioner seeks certification by card check or by election. Forms are available on the Commission's website.

*Since the first day for filing would otherwise fall on Saturday, October 3, 2020, we will begin accepting filings the next business day, Monday, October 5, 2020.