

Since Garden State Equality's founding in 2004, New Jersey has enacted 210 laws at the state, county and local levels advancing the civil rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

That constitutes more LGBT civil rights laws enacted in less time than in any other state - ever in American history. Many of you have worked so hard to make this happen, and we thank you deeply.

State LGBT civil rights laws during the five years

1. Paid family leave law that includes same-sex partners, 5/2/08
2. Law expanding the hate crimes statute to include gender identity or expression; the law also establishes the Commission on Bullying in Schools and requires publication of anti-bullying policies, 1/13/08
3. Civil union law, 12/21/06
4. Expansion of the Law Against Discrimination to include gender identity or expression, 12/19/06
5. Expansion of the domestic partnership law to give intestacy rights to surviving domestic partner and to empower surviving partner to make funeral arrangements, 1/12/06
6. Expansion of the domestic partnership law to allow local governments to provide health benefits to domestic partners of employees outside the state health benefits system, 1/12/06

County LGBT civil rights laws during the five years

7. Bergen County, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/17/04
8. Bergen County, domestic partnership health benefits, 4/25/06
9. Camden County, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/19/06
10. Camden County, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/19/06
11. Essex County, domestic partnership pension benefits, 3/20/06
12. Hudson County, domestic partnership pension benefits, 2/1/05
13. Hudson County, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/7/04
14. Mercer County, domestic partnership pension benefits, 2/1/06
15. Mercer County, domestic partnership health benefits, 5/3/06
16. Monmouth County, pension benefits, 12/22/05
17. Ocean County, pension benefits, 1/25/06
18. Passaic County, health benefits, 1/19/06
19. Somerset County, domestic partnership pension benefits, 3/21/06
20. Union County, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/20/06
21. Union County, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/20/06

Local LGBT civil rights laws during the five years

22. Allamuch Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 12/7/05
23. Andover Regional Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/1/04
24. Asbury Park, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/12/04
25. Asbury Park Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/1/05
26. Atlantic City Convention Center Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 9/9/04
27. Atlantic City Convention Center Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/12/04
28. Atlantic County Special Services, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/1/04
29. Atlantic County Special Services, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/1/05
30. Berkeley, domestic partnership pension benefits, 2/28/06
31. Berkeley, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/2/06
32. Bergen Community College, domestic partnership pension benefits 4/5/06
33. Bergen County Board of Social Services, domestic partnership health benefits, 11/24/08
34. Bergen County Board of Special Services, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/17/05
35. Bergen County Board of Special Services, domestic partnership health benefits, 5/16/06
36. Bergen County Technical School District, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/17/05

37. Bergen County Technical School District, domestic partnership health benefits, 5/16/06
38. Bergen County Utilities Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/22/05
39. Bayonne, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/19/05
40. Bayonne, domestic partnership pension benefits, 2/1/05
41. Bloomsbury Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/13/04
42. Bordentown Regional Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 11/2/06
43. Camden County Community College, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/22/05
44. Camden County Technical Schools, domestic partnership pension benefits, 5/17/05
45. Chatham Borough, domestic partnership pension benefits, 4/11/06
46. Chatham Borough, domestic partnership health benefits, 5/1/06
47. Clementon Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/1/04
48. Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/13/04
49. Cranford Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/26/04
50. Discovery Charter School, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/9/04
51. Discovery Charter School, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/13/04
52. Dumont Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/28/06
53. East Amwell Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/10/08
54. East Brunswick Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/1/07
55. Eatontown, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/1/05
56. Elysian Charter School, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/9/04
57. Elysian Charter School, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/5/04
58. Englewood, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/22/07
59. Galloway Community Charter School, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/23/04
60. Great Meadows Regional School District, domestic partnership pension benefits, 5/1/07
61. Haddon Township, domestic partnership health benefits, 11/8/04
62. Haddon Township, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/14/06
63. Hamburg Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/3/05
64. Hasbrouck Heights, domestic partnership pension benefits, 5/19/05
65. Hillsdale Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/7/04
66. Hillsdale Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/7/04
67. Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/18/05
68. Holmdel Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/8/06
69. Hunterdon Community College, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/8/06
70. Hunterdon Central Regional High School, domestic partnership pension benefits, 9/26/05
71. Hunterdon Central Regional High School, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/10/05
72. Jackson, domestic partnership pension benefits, 2/6/06
73. Jackson, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/2/06
74. Jersey City, domestic partnership pension benefits, 10/19/05
75. Jersey City Fire, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/15/04
76. Jersey City, General Accounts, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/15/04
77. Jersey City Library, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/15/04
78. Jersey City Police, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/15/04
79. Joint Dispatching Authority of Spring Lake and Spring Lake Heights, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/25/05
80. Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, domestic partnership pension benefits, 9/30/04
81. Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/15/04
82. Learning Community Charter School, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/23/06
83. Leonia Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/30/05
84. Leonia Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/1/05
85. Linden Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits 9/26/05

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86. Livingston, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/7/04
87. Livingston, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/7/04
88. Long Branch Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/22/05
89. Long Hill, domestic partnership health benefits, 12/8/05
90. Mainland Regional High School District, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/1/06
91. Manalapan, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/14/04
92. Manalapan, domestic partnership health benefits, 4/7/05
93. Mansfield, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/15/07
94. Maplewood, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/1/04
95. Maplewood, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/1/04
96. Maywood, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/20/05
97. Mercer County Board of Education Vocational-Technical Schools, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/22/04
98. Mercer County Board of Social Services, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/12/06
99. Mercer County Board of Social Services, domestic partnership health benefits, 2/22/06
100. Mercer County Community College, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/1/2006
101. Mercer County Community College, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/20/06
102. Mercer County Park Commission, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/2/06
103. Middlesex County Improvement Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/11/06
104. Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/1/04
105. Midland Park Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/1/08
106. Milltown, domestic partnership pension benefits, 10/1/04
107. Milltown, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/10/05
108. Monmouth County Mosquito Commission, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/1/06
109. Mount Holly, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/10/04
110. Monroe Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/21/04
111. Monroe Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/4/06
112. Morris County Vocational-Technical School District, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/12/05
113. Morristown, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/1/06
114. Morristown, Unity Charter School, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/9/04
115. Morristown/Morris Joint Library, domestic partnership pension benefits, 10/1/04
116. Morristown/Morris Joint Library, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/15/04
117. Mount Laurel, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/1/05
118. Neptune, domestic partnership pension benefits, 3/1/06
119. Neptune, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/20/06
120. Newark, Marion P. Thomas Charter School, 12/1/08
121. New Brunswick Parking Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/11/06
122. New Jersey Economic Development Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 5/5/05
123. New Jersey Economic Development Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/1/04
124. New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/9/04
125. New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/27/04
126. New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/1/04
127. New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/1/04
128. New Jersey Institute of Technology, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/1/04
129. New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/15/04
130. New Jersey Pineland Commission, domestic partnership pension benefits, 10/1/04
131. New Jersey Redevelopment Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/20/06
132. New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group, domestic partnership pension benefits, 3/1/05
133. New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/17/04
134. New Jersey Transit, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/29/05
135. New Jersey Turnpike Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/10/04
136. North Bergen Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/30/05
137. North Bergen Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/1/05
138. North Bergen Township Housing Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/15/04
139. Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 12/15/04
140. Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/1/05
141. Ocean County Soil Conservation District, domestic partnership pension benefits, 9/28/04
142. Ocean County Soil Conservation District, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/1/04
143. Oceanport Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/10/05
144. Ogdensburg Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/1/04
145. Ogdensburg Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/7/04
146. Old Bridge, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/1/05
147. Old Bridge Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/25/2006
148. Old Tappan Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/12/05
149. Pascaack Valley Regional High School District, domestic partnership pension benefits, 11/1/05
150. Pascaack Valley Regional High School, domestic partnership health benefits, 11/7/05
151. Parsippany-Troy Hills Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/17/05
152. Passaic County Community College, domestic partnership pension benefits, 4/1/05
153. Passaic County Community College, domestic partnership health benefits, 4/6/05
154. Passaic County Manchester Regional High School, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/30/06
155. Passaic Valley Water Commission, domestic partnership health benefits, 5/1/05
156. Paterson City Parking Authority, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/18/06
157. Pequannock, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/25/04
158. Pine Hill Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/1/04
159. Pine Hill Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/3/05
160. Pinelands Commission, domestic partnership health benefits, 11/1/04
161. Pine Hill Borough Municipal Utilities Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/17/04
162. Piscataway Township, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/20/05
163. Plainfield, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/5/06
164. Plainsboro, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/12/05
165. Plainsboro, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/22/05
166. Princeton Borough, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/10/04
167. Princeton Borough, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/14/04
168. Princeton Township, domestic partnership pension benefits, 12/20/04
169. Rahway, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/16/04
170. Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District, domestic partnership pension benefits, 1/1/06
171. Raritan Municipal Utilities Authority, domestic partnership pension benefits, 2/10/05
172. Raritan Valley Community College, domestic partnership health benefits, 12/1/06
173. Sea Bright, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/20/04
174. Sewell, Educational Information and Resource Center, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/1/04
175. Schomburg Charter School, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/10/04
176. South Brunswick, domestic partnership pension benefits, 5/10/05
177. South Brunswick, domestic partnership health benefits, 5/19/05
178. South Brunswick Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits 9/28/05
179. South Brunswick Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/18/05
180. South Hunterdon Regional Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 9/1/06
181. South Hunterdon Regional Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 11/2/06
182. South Orange-Maplewood School District, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/20/04
183. South Orange-Maplewood School District, domestic partnership health benefits, 8/1/04
184. Stanhope Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 11/23/04
185. Stone Harbor, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/10/04
186. Stratford, domestic partnership pension benefits, 9/14/04
187. Summit Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 2/16/06
188. Summit Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 2/7/06
189. Sussex County Community College, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/1/06
190. Teaneck, domestic partnership pension benefits, 4/1/05
191. Teaneck, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/6/05
192. Teaneck Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 10/6/05
193. Teaneck Community Charter School, domestic partnership health benefits, 9/13/04
194. Totowa Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 11/21/06
195. Union City Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 9/1/05
196. Upper Saddle River Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 8/1/04
197. Upper Saddle River Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 7/16/04
198. Vernon Public Schools, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/10/04
199. Vernon Public Schools, domestic partnership pension benefits, 6/3/05
200. West Orange Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/20/05
201. Westfield Board of Education, domestic partnership pension benefits, 7/1/05
202. Westfield Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 6/3/05
203. Westwood Regional Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 3/24/08
204. Westville Board of Education, domestic partnership health benefits, 1/20/09

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