

SENATE, No. 838

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes one permanent seat on State Records Committee for Chief Technology Officer and one annually rotating seat for county clerk and municipal clerk.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT expanding membership of the State Records Committee
2 from five to seven members and amending P.L.1953, c.410.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 6 of P.L.1953, c.410 (C.47:3-20) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 No such schedule shall be operative unless approved by the State
10 Records Committee which is hereby established in the **[State]**
11 Department of **[Education]** State and which shall consist of the
12 State Treasurer, the Attorney-General, the State Auditor, the
13 Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the
14 Department of **[the Treasury]** Community Affairs, **[and]** the
15 **[head]** Director of the **[Bureau]** Division of Archives and
16 **[History]** Records Management in the Department of **[Education]**
17 State, the Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information
18 Technology, and a county clerk and a municipal clerk to be
19 appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the chair of
20 the State Records Committee each of whom shall serve for one
21 calendar year on a rotating basis with no clerk serving more than 10
22 years in the aggregate. Each member of the committee may
23 designate in writing **[a representative]** one or more representatives
24 to act in his place on said committee.

25 The State Records Committee shall have the powers and duties
26 prescribed for it herein and shall make and promulgate such
27 regulations, not inconsistent with law, as may be necessary to
28 adequately effectuate such powers and duties.

29 (cf: P.L.1953, c. 410, s. 6)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill expands the State Records Committee from its current
37 five members to seven members. Current law provides that the
38 committee, allocated to the Department of State, consists of the
39 State Treasurer, the Attorney-General, the State Auditor, the
40 Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the
41 Department of Community Affairs, and the Director of the Division
42 of Archives and Records Management in the Department of State.
43 Each member may designate in writing one or more representatives
44 to act in his place on the committee.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 The bill adds two new members to the committee. The Chief
2 Technology Officer of the Office of Information Technology will
3 serve as a member. In addition, a county clerk and a municipal
4 clerk, to be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of
5 the committee chair, will rotate serving on the committee on a
6 calendar year basis. No clerk will be permitted to serve for more
7 than 10 years in the aggregate.

8 The bill conforms the statute to reflect the current name of the
9 Division of Local Government Services in the Department of
10 Community Affairs, and of the Division of Archives and Records
11 Management in the Department of State, and also to reflect that the
12 State Records Committee is in the Department of State.

13 With more than 60 percent of all government records now
14 created digitally or digitized from source documents, the Chief
15 Technology Officer's input is vitally important to the State Records
16 Committee in order to provide overall direction, standards, and
17 priorities for the information technology community in the
18 Executive Branch of State government. Much of the State's future
19 investment in information likely will involve electronic records
20 systems and infrastructure for creating, e-filing, e-recording,
21 transmitting, storing and accessing public records.

22 The addition of a seventh rotating seat for a county and
23 municipal clerk will allow the most important record-keeping
24 officials in county and municipal government to have direct impact
25 on the strategic planning for building and improving the State's
26 infrastructure for electronic records systems. These additions will
27 enable the State Records Committee to increase the economic
28 efficiency and effectiveness of public records management.