

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2192

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits awarding of municipal professional services contracts to certain elected officials.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning professional services contracts awarded by  
2 municipalities and supplementing P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-1et  
3 seq.).

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

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8 1. After the effective date of this act, the governing body of a  
9 municipality shall not award a contract the subject matter of which  
10 consists of professional services to any person serving as a member  
11 of the Legislature and who represents the legislative district in  
12 which the municipality is located, or holding county elective office  
13 in the county in which the municipality is located, or holding  
14 municipal elective office in that municipality, or to any partnership,  
15 firm, or corporation in which that person holds employment or has  
16 an interest.

17 As used in this section, "interest" means the ownership or control  
18 of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a firm, association, or  
19 partnership, or more than 10% of the stock in a corporation for  
20 profit, or any shareholder interest in a professional service  
21 corporation.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill would prohibit the governing body of a municipality  
29 from awarding a professional services contract to a member of the  
30 Legislature, or a county elected official in that county, or a county  
31 elected official of that municipality, or to any partnership, firm, or  
32 corporation in which such an individual holds employment or has  
33 an interest. It would not affect contracts in effect on the bill's  
34 effective date. The bill's purpose is to eliminate the risk of actual or  
35 perceived corruption that may arise when elected officials perform  
36 no-bid professional services contracts for municipalities located  
37 within the jurisdiction they serve as elected officials.