

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 263

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**SYNOPSIS**

Urges Governor to make appointments to "Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management."

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1   **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Governor to make  
2       appointments to the "Advisory Council on Solid Waste  
3       Management."

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5   **WHEREAS**, The "Solid Waste Management Act," P.L.1970, c.39  
6       (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), became law in 1970 and established a 14-  
7       member council known as the "Advisory Council on Solid Waste  
8       Management;" and

9   **WHEREAS**, Among the statutory duties of the council are making  
10       recommendations to the Commissioner of Environmental  
11       Protection on ways to improve solid waste management in the  
12       State, studying regulations related to the disposal of medical waste  
13       and making recommendations for improving such regulations, and  
14       researching new methods for solid waste management, including  
15       recycling; and

16   **WHEREAS**, The council is authorized to possess ten public members:  
17       four representing the solid waste collection, recycling, and solid  
18       waste disposal industries, two representing the health care industry,  
19       and four representing the general public; and

20   **WHEREAS**, The council is intended to serve as a bridge between  
21       regulators and private citizens with practical experience, leading to  
22       more effective and efficient regulations; and

23   **WHEREAS**, The council is authorized to hold public hearings, giving  
24       citizens of the State a platform to suggest improvements related to  
25       local solid waste management or bring attention to a local problem  
26       that may otherwise go unnoticed; and

27   **WHEREAS**, In particular, the council is needed to review and suggest  
28       changes to the State Recycling Plan, as new markets are currently  
29       necessary to handle recyclable materials; and

30   **WHEREAS**, Solid waste management is one of the most basic and  
31       effective ways for State and local governments to protect the health  
32       of their citizens and the environment, and the State should continue  
33       to prioritize solid waste management by improving existing  
34       regulations and planning ahead to meet future challenges; and

35   **WHEREAS**, The council has not been active during the last decade and  
36       appointments of public members have not been made as  
37       members' terms have expired; and

38   **WHEREAS**, The council should be reactivated and the members  
39       appointed so that the council can carry out its statutory duties; now,  
40       therefore,

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42       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*  
43       *Jersey:*

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45       1. This House respectfully requests that the Governor  
46       reactivate the "Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management" by  
47       appointing public members to the council and designating a chair

1 and vice-chair, in order to improve solid waste management in the  
2 State.

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4 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
5 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the  
6 Governor, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and the  
7 Commissioner of Health.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This Assembly Resolution urges the Governor to reactivate the  
13 "Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management" by appointing  
14 public members and designating a chair and vice chair.

15 The council was established by the "Solid Waste Management  
16 Act," P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), in order to serve as a  
17 bridge between regulators, citizens involved in the solid waste  
18 management and health care industries, and the general public. The  
19 council is intended to review and make recommendations to  
20 improve solid waste management policy in the State. However, the  
21 council has not been active in recent years and the membership  
22 terms of its public members have expired.