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ASSEMBLY, No. 429

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman KELLY

1 AN ACT concerning the closing of municipal fire stations and
2 supplementing chapter 14 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule or regulation to
8 the contrary, when the governing body of any municipality determines
9 for any reason that ¹a unit or units within¹ a fire station in the
10 municipality shall be closed, ¹including units that shall be closed on a
11 temporary or rotational basis,¹ the decision of the governing body shall
12 not be effective until a public notice announcing the closing of the
13 ¹unit or units within a¹ fire station has been published in the official
14 newspaper of the municipality ¹[and] or¹ broadcast on the cable
15 television station servicing the municipality not less than twice during
16 the one-month period immediately preceding the projected date of the
17 closing of the ¹unit or units within a¹ fire station. ¹Such notice shall
18 also include a statement of the reason for the closing or deactivation
19 and contain an alternate plan for fire and rescue protection for
20 residents affected by the closing or deactivation. In the case of a
21 decision of the governing body to permanently close or deactivate a
22 unit or units within a fire station, the governing body shall be further
23 required to adopt a separate ordinance for the deactivation or closing
24 of each such unit.¹

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 Requires public notice prior to closing of municipal fire station.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ALG committee amendments adopted June 16, 1997.