

ASSEMBLY, No. 565

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblywoman TURNER and Assemblyman T. SMITH

1 AN ACT establishing an Advisory Commission on African-American
2 Affairs and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised 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. There is established an Advisory Commission on
8 African-American Affairs to consist of 10 members: two members
9 appointed by the President of the Senate from among the members
10 thereof, not more than one of whom shall be of the same political
11 party; two members appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly
12 from among the members thereof, not more than one of whom shall be
13 of the same political party; the Commissioner of Community Affairs,
14 or the commissioner's designee; and five public members appointed by
15 the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, who are
16 residents of the State and who represent the African-American
17 community within the State. Legislative members shall serve during
18 their terms of office. Public members shall serve for a term of three
19 years from the date of their appointment and until their successors are
20 appointed and qualified; except that of the first appointments
21 hereunder: one shall be for a term of one year, two for two years, and
22 two for three years. Vacancies resulting from causes other than by
23 expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term only and shall
24 be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

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26 2. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation,
27 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred
28 in the performance of their duties.

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30 3. The commission shall select from among its members a
31 chairperson and also shall select a secretary who need not be a member
32 of the commission.

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.

1 4. It shall be the duty of the commission to advise the Governor
2 and the Legislature on the needs, concerns, accomplishments and
3 contributions of New Jersey's African-Americans, as well as of the
4 possible impact of legislation affecting the State's African-American
5 community. The commission shall elicit input from the
6 African-American community by arranging for the commission, or a
7 subcommittee thereof, to visit community centers, meet with
8 community leaders, attend and sponsor community meetings and take
9 other similar actions. A subcommittee formed by the commission for
10 this purpose shall consist of five members: two legislative members,
11 not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party; and
12 three public members all of whom shall be appointed by the
13 chairperson of the commission from the members thereof. Any such
14 subcommittee shall report to the commission, at the request of the
15 chairperson, on its findings and recommendations.

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17 5. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
18 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
19 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may
20 require and as may be available to it to carry out its purposes, and to
21 employ such stenographic, clerical, technical and expert assistance and
22 incur travel and other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem
23 necessary, in order to perform its duties and as may be within the
24 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it to
25 accomplish its objectives.

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27 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill establishes an Advisory Commission on African-American
33 Affairs to advise the Governor and the Legislature on the needs,
34 concerns, accomplishments and contributions of New Jersey's
35 African-Americans, and of the possible impact of legislation affecting
36 the State's African-American community.

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