

ASSEMBLY, No. 1309

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman CHARLES

1 **AN ACT** concerning school board elections and amending P.L.1987,
2 c.399.

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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 15 of P.L.1987, c.399 (C.18A:7A-48) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 15. At the April school election in the fourth year following the
10 creation of a State-operated school district, nine board members shall
11 be elected from among the community at large, and the 15 appointed
12 board members, three to serve a one year term, three to serve a two
13 year term, and three to serve a three year term. If there are not nine
14 [members from the 15 appointed members] persons who are eligible
15 and willing to run for election, the commissioner shall retain the right
16 to appoint the remaining members of the board. Following the
17 election of the board, the State district superintendent may bring
18 matters before the board for a vote; however the State district
19 superintendent shall retain veto power until such time as the State
20 board determines that local control should be reestablished. In each
21 subsequent year, three board members will be elected for a three year
22 term from the community at large.

23 (cf: P.L.1992, c.159, s.5)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 Currently, the law provides that in the April election in the fourth
30 year following the creation of a State-operated school district, nine
31 board members are to be elected from among the 15 State appointed

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 board members to govern the district. Thereafter, in each subsequent
2 year, three board members from the community at large are to be
3 elected.

4 This bill would permit persons from the community at large to be
5 immediately elected in the April election in the fourth year of the State
6 takeover.

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11 Permits unrestricted school board elections following State takeover.