

ASSEMBLY, No. 2544

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 5, 1996

By Assemblymen LANCE and WISNIEWSKI

1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey State Constitution  
2 Commemoration Commission and making an appropriation.

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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 the New Jersey State Constitution  
8 Commemoration Commission to consist of seven members: two  
9 members appointed by the President of the Senate from among the  
10 members thereof, not more than one of whom shall be of the same  
11 political party; two members appointed by the Speaker of the General  
12 Assembly from among the members thereof, not more than one of  
13 whom shall be of the same political party; two public members  
14 appointed by the Governor, not more than one of whom shall be of the  
15 same political party; and one public member appointed by the Chief  
16 Justice of the Supreme Court. Legislative members shall serve during  
17 their terms of office. Public members shall serve until the expiration  
18 of this act. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only and  
19 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were  
20 made.

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22 2. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation  
23 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred  
24 in the performance of their duties.

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26 3. The commission shall elect from among its members a  
27 chairperson and vice-chairperson and may appoint a secretary who  
28 need not be a member of the commission.

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30 4. It shall be the duty of the commission to develop, plan and  
31 coordinate events and activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary  
32 of the drafting and ratification of the 1947 New Jersey State  
33 Constitution.

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35 5. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and  
36 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or  
37 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may

1 require and as may be available to it to carry out its purposes, and to  
2 employ such stenographic, clerical, technical and expert assistance and  
3 incur travel and other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem  
4 necessary, in order to perform its duties and as may be within the  
5 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it to  
6 accomplish its objectives.

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8 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the commission  
9 \$80,000 to carry out the purposes of this act.

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11 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire March 1,  
12 1998.

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STATEMENT

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17 This bill establishes a seven-member New Jersey State Constitution  
18 Commemoration Commission to develop, plan and coordinate events  
19 and activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the drafting and  
20 ratification of the 1947 New Jersey State Constitution. The  
21 commission shall consist of two members of the Senate, appointed by  
22 the President, two members of the General Assembly, appointed by the  
23 Speaker, two public members appointed by the Governor, and one  
24 public member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

25 There is appropriated from the General Fund to the commission  
26 \$80,000 to carry out the purposes of this act. This act shall take effect  
27 immediately and shall expire March 1, 1998.

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32 Establishes the New Jersey State Constitution Commemoration  
33 Commission; appropriates \$80,000.