

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 84

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman KAVANAUGH

- 1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** expressing the approval of the Legislature for
2 the "Cultural Campus Project - Phase I," involving building renovation for
3 the New Jersey Department of State by the New Jersey Building Authority
4 and expressing the sense of the Legislature that Building Authority projects,
5 particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should be financed and
6 managed by the authority.
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, In 1993, the New Jersey Building Authority, hereinafter "the
9 Authority," approved a project report for the renovation of the State
10 Education Building for the use of and occupancy by the Department of
11 Education, which project was also approved by the New Jersey
12 Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning and the Legislature
13 (ACR144, 1993); and
- 14 **WHEREAS**, In January, 1994, the Authority sold bonds for a number of
15 projects, including \$15,7000,000 for the renovation of the Education
16 Building; and
- 17 **WHEREAS**, An interdepartmental executive branch task force has
18 recommended that the Education Building would be more appropriately
19 renovated to house the Department of State for, among other purposes, the
20 maintenance and protection of the State Archives; and
- 21 **WHEREAS**, On June 20, 1995, pursuant to the provisions of subsections a. and
22 b. of section 6 of the "New Jersey Building Authority Act," P.L.1981,
23 c.120 (C.52:18A-78.6), hereinafter "the act," the Authority adopted a
24 resolution approving the change of use and a project report entitled
25 "Cultural Campus Project - Phase I," which set forth the pertinent
26 modifications, at the same estimated cost; and
- 27 **WHEREAS**, On August 25, 1995, the New Jersey Commission on Capital
28 Budgeting and Planning adopted Resolution #96-01 approving that project
29 report; and

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 floor amendments adopted June 27, 1996.

1 **WHEREAS**, On October 10, 1995, the Authority held a public meeting on the
2 project report, in the City of Trenton, pursuant to section 7 of the act; and

3 **WHEREAS**, On May 2, 1996, pursuant to section 8 of the act, the Authority
4 submitted the project report and supporting documentation, as required
5 pursuant to subsections d. and e. of section 6 of the act, to the Speaker of
6 the General Assembly and the President of the Senate; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The act requires that a project to be undertaken by the New
8 Jersey Building Authority be approved by the Legislature within 45 days
9 of submission, or the next meeting date immediately thereafter for a house
10 not meeting on that date, or else the project shall be deemed disapproved;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, The location of the project, as required by paragraph (5) of
13 subsection e. of section 6 of the act, is consistent with the State's urban
14 policy of concentrating public investments in distressed urban centers,
15 which includes Trenton; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The project will accommodate the present and projected facility
17 needs of the occupying agency, upgrade and modernize building
18 infrastructure and perform life safety and deferred maintenance
19 improvements; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The project report has the following general characteristics:

21 Location - 225 West State Street, Trenton;

22 Description - Renovation and infrastructure replacement and repairs
23 to life safety elements of the building;

24 Size - Approximately 107,250 square feet;

25 Agencies proposed for use - Space is to be used for State archives
26 collection and several other Department of State operations; and

27 Projected costs - \$15.7 million; now, therefore,
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29 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*
30 *(the Senate concurring):*

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32 1. The project described in the project report entitled "Cultural Campus
33 Project - Phase I" is approved. This approval shall be deemed to include
34 changes or modifications to the project as architectural or engineering designs,
35 or changes in the needs of the executive agencies, indicate are necessary;
36 provided that such changes or modifications do not materially change the
37 scope or use of the project or materially increase the cost as described in the
38 project report after adjustments for the effects of inflation in the construction
39 industry.
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41 2. The Legislature recognizes that while it did not act on the project within
42 the 45 days of submission of the plan by the building authority required by
43 section 8 of the "New Jersey Building Authority Act," P.L.1981, c.120, the

1 Legislature notes that the plan was resubmitted to it by the building authority
2 on June 27, 1996 and the sense of the Legislature is that the project should
3 proceed despite the delay.¹

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5 ¹[2.] ^{3.}¹ It is the sense of the Legislature that New Jersey Building
6 Authority projects, particularly those within the State Capitol Complex, should
7 be financed and managed directly by the authority, with delegation to other
8 State agencies of managerial responsibility only where the authority deems it
9 necessary, but with full control over project management retained by the
10 authority. To this end, it is further the sense of the Legislature, that the
11 authority assume the responsibility for the coordination, planning and
12 integration of the sundry projects for the improvement of the State Capitol
13 Complex.

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15 ¹[3.] ^{4.}¹ Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution signed by
16 the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, and
17 signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof,
18 shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Building Authority.

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23 Approves Building Authority project for the Department of State.