

SENATE, No. 283

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator EWING

1 AN ACT increasing the membership of the Governor's Council on
2 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and amending P.L.1989, c.51.

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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 2 of P.L.1989, c.51 (C.26:2BB-2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 2. There is created a ~~[24-member]~~ 25-member council in, but not
10 of, the Department of the Treasury which shall be designated as the
11 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. For the purposes
12 of complying with the provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph
13 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the Governor's Council on
14 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is allocated to the Department of the
15 Treasury, but, notwithstanding the allocation, the office shall be
16 independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any
17 board or officer thereof.

18 The council shall consist of ~~[10]~~ 11 ex officio members and 14
19 public members.

20 a. The ex officio members of the council shall be: the Attorney
21 General, the Commissioners of the Departments of Labor, Education,
22 Human Services, Health, Community Affairs, Personnel and
23 Corrections, the ~~[Chancellor of Higher Education]~~ chair of the
24 executive board of the New Jersey Presidents' Council, [and] the
25 Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and
26 the Adjutant General. An ex officio member may designate an officer
27 or employee of the department or office which he heads to serve as his
28 alternate and exercise his functions and duties as a member of the
29 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

30 b. The 14 public members shall be residents of the State who are
31 selected for their knowledge, competence, experience or interest in
32 connection with alcoholism or drug abuse. They shall be appointed as

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 follows: two shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, two
2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and 10
3 shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the
4 Senate. At least two of the public members appointed by the
5 Governor shall be rehabilitated alcoholics and at least two of the
6 public members appointed by the Governor shall be rehabilitated drug
7 abusers.

8 c. The term of office of each public member shall be three years;
9 except that of the first members appointed, four shall be appointed for
10 a term of one year, five shall be appointed for a term of two years and
11 five shall be appointed for a term of three years. Each member shall
12 serve until his successor has been appointed and qualified, and
13 vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
14 appointments for the remainder of the unexpired term. A public
15 member is eligible for reappointment to the council.

16 d. The chairman of the council shall be appointed by the Governor
17 from among the public members of the council and shall serve at the
18 pleasure of the Governor during the Governor's term of office and
19 until the appointment and qualification of the chairman's successor.
20 The members of the council shall elect a vice-chairman from among
21 the members of the council. The Governor may remove any public
22 member for cause, upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

23 e. The council shall meet at least monthly and at such other times
24 as designated by the chairman. [~~Thirteen~~] Fourteen members of the
25 council shall constitute a quorum. The council may establish any
26 advisory committees it deems advisable and feasible.

27 f. The chairman shall be the request officer for the council within
28 the meaning of such term as defined in section 6 of article 3 of
29 P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-15).

30 g. The public members of the council shall receive no
31 compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their
32 expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties within the limits of
33 funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose.

34 (cf: P.L.1989, c.51, s.2)

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill increases the membership of the Governor's Council on
42 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse from 24 to 25 members by adding the
43 Adjutant General as an ex officio member. The bill also increases the
44 number of members needed for a quorum from 13 to 14.

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4 Drug Abuse.