

[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 547**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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By Senator BASSANO

1   **AN ACT** prohibiting residency requirements for linemen and  
2   dispatchers employed by paid or part paid fire departments and  
3   forces and amending P.L.1972, c.3.

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5   **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6   of New Jersey:

7       1. Section 1 of P.L.1972, c.3 (C.40A:14-9.1) is amended to read  
8   as follows:

9       1. No municipality shall pass any ordinance, resolution, rule,  
10   regulation, order or directive, making residency therein a condition of  
11   employment for the purpose of original appointment, continued  
12   employment, promotion, or for any other purpose for any member of  
13   a paid fire department and force or paid member of a part-paid fire  
14   department and force,<sup>1</sup>[including persons employed by a paid or part  
15   paid fire department and force as linemen or dispatchers.]<sup>1</sup> and any  
16   such ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, order or directive in  
17   existence on the effective date of this act or passed hereafter shall be  
18   void and have no force or effect. <sup>1</sup>For the purposes of this section,  
19   individuals employed by a paid or part paid fire department and force  
20   as linemen or dispatchers, in a municipality which has a population  
21   greater than 260,000 and is located in a county of the first class, shall  
22   be deemed to be members of the paid fire department and force or paid  
23   members of a part-paid fire department and force, as appropriate.<sup>1</sup>

24   (cf: P.L.1972, c.3, s.1)

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26       2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30   Prohibits residency requirement for linemen and dispatchers employed  
31   by paid or part paid fire department and force.

**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:

<sup>1</sup> Senate SCO committee amendments adopted May 2, 1996.