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SENATE, No. 714

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BUBBA

1 AN ACT concerning certain State authorities and commissions and  
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. A member of any State authority or commission, including an  
8 authority or commission created pursuant to statute and having  
9 members appointed by the Governor, but not including an authority or  
10 commission created solely for study, investigative or advisory  
11 purposes, who is absent from three or more consecutive meetings, or  
12 from twenty-five percent or more of the total number of meetings held  
13 annually, without being officially excused therefrom, shall forfeit the  
14 position to which the member was appointed. Such forfeiture shall be  
15 formally confirmed by the president, chairperson, or other presiding  
16 member at the earliest pertinent meeting and read into the minutes of  
17 the authority. The provisions of this section shall apply to any member  
18 of a pertinent authority or commission, whether paid or unpaid. The  
19 provisions of this section shall not apply to an ex officio member of an  
20 authority or commission <sup>1</sup>[or] <sup>1</sup> to a member of the Legislature <sup>1</sup>or to  
21 a member of a State authority or commission who is appointed by an  
22 officer or official of the federal government<sup>1</sup>.

23 b. For the purposes of this section: (1) "meeting" means a  
24 regularly scheduled meeting and includes any gathering of an  
25 authority, whether corporeal or by means of communication  
26 equipment, which is attended by, or open to, all of the members of a  
27 board, held with the intent, on the part of the members of the board  
28 present, to discuss or act as a unit upon specific public business of the  
29 authority, but shall not mean or include any such gathering attended  
30 by less than an effective majority of the members of a board or  
31 attended by or open to all the members of two or more authorities at

**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 SSG committee amendments adopted May 9, 1996.

1 a convention or similar gathering; and (2) an "officially excused"  
2 absence is an absence accounted for, before or within ten working  
3 days after the meeting or meetings missed, in a letter or memorandum  
4 from the member to the president, chairperson, or other presiding  
5 member and approved by a majority vote of the authority or  
6 commission members.

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 Provides for forfeiture of membership on certain authorities and  
14 commissions for absences from meetings.