

SENATE, No. 1930

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 20, 1997

By Senator ZANE

1 AN ACT concerning the tenure of county finance officers and  
2 amending P.L.1993, c.87.

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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 4 of P.L.1993, c.87 (C.40A:9-28.4) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 4. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, in  
10 every county there shall be a chief financial officer appointed in the  
11 same manner as department directors in accordance with the county's  
12 form of government. The term of office shall be ~~[three]~~ four years,  
13 which shall run from January 1 in the year in which the chief financial  
14 officer is appointed. The compensation for the chief financial officer  
15 shall be set forth in a county salary resolution.

16 b. No person shall serve as the chief financial officer of any county  
17 in which he serves as a member of the governing body.

18 c. Commencing July 1, 1996, no person shall be appointed or  
19 reappointed as a chief financial officer unless he holds a county finance  
20 officer certificate issued pursuant to section 2 of this act.

21 d. When a vacancy occurs in the office of chief financial officer  
22 following the appointment of a certified county finance officer to that  
23 office, the governing body or chief executive officer, as appropriate,  
24 may appoint, for a period not to exceed one year and commencing on  
25 the date of the vacancy, a person who does not hold a county finance  
26 officer certificate to serve as a temporary chief financial officer. Any  
27 person so appointed, with the approval of the director, may be  
28 reappointed as chief financial officer following the termination of the  
29 temporary appointment for one additional year. No county shall have  
30 a temporary chief financial officer for more than two consecutive  
31 years.

32 e. If a governing body fails or refuses to comply with this section,  
33 and has received an order from the director to do so, the members of  
34 a governing body who willfully fail or refuse to comply each shall be

**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 subject to a personal penalty of \$25 for each day after the date fixed  
2 for final action that the failure or refusal to comply continues. The  
3 amount of the penalty may be recovered by the director in the name of  
4 the State as a personal debt of the member of the governing body and  
5 upon receipt shall be paid into the State Treasury.

6 (cf: P.L.1993, c.87, s.4)

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This bill would extend from three to four years the term of the  
14 county finance officer.

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Increases term of county finance officer from three to four years.