

SENATE, No. 2066

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 15, 1997

By Senator CIESLA

1 AN ACT concerning the terms of State Beach Erosion Commission
2 members and amending P.L.1949, c.14.

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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.1949, c.14 (C.52:9J-2) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 2. The name of the said commission shall be the State Beach
10 Erosion Commission, and the said commission shall be composed of
11 four members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the
12 Senate, four members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the
13 Speaker thereof, and four members, at large, to be appointed by the
14 Governor.

15 The terms of the members appointed by the President of the Senate
16 and the Speaker of the General Assembly shall continue from the date
17 of their respective appointments until the [second Tuesday in January
18 following] termination of the second annual session of the legislative
19 term in which the appointment was made. The term of each
20 commissioner appointed by the Governor shall be four years.
21 Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be
22 filled in the same manner as though occurring by expiration of term but
23 for the unexpired terms only. The members of the commission shall
24 serve without remuneration but shall be reimbursed for all expenses
25 incurred in connection with the work of the commission.

26 (cf: P.L.1949, c. 14, s. 2)

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill would amend the statute that established the State Beach
34 Erosion Commission to provide for two-year terms for legislative

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 members. Currently, the statute provides for one-year terms and
2 annual appointments of legislative members, which makes it difficult
3 and inconvenient for the commission to meet early in the calendar year
4 if appointments have not been made. Also, annual terms requires the
5 commission to reorganize and select a chairperson from among its
6 members annually, which detracts from the continuity and mission of
7 the commission. The bill would provide that the terms of commission
8 members would run concurrently with the two-year legislative term,
9 thus providing the commission with greater continuity.

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14 Provides for two-year terms for legislative members of State Beach
15 Erosion Commission.