

40: 54-9

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Library boards--expand membership)

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Sponsor(s): Rand

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Assembly

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Senate

Yes

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This bill permits the membership of library boards to be expanded from seven to nine members.

CHAPTER 130 LAWS OF N. J. 1984  
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SENATE, No. 136

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1984 SESSION

By Senator RAND

AN ACT concerning municipal free public libraries, and amending  
R. S. 40:54-9.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 R. S. 40:54-9 is amended to read as follows:

2 40:54-9. Immediately upon the establishment by any municipal-  
3 ity of a free public library under this article, a board of trustees  
4 shall be formed to consist of *from seven to nine* members, one of  
5 whom shall be the mayor or other chief executive officer of the  
6 municipality, one of the local superintendents of schools or in the  
7 event that there be no such official, the principal with power of sup-  
8 ervision over the local school system, or in case such municipality  
9 shall have none of the school officials hereinbefore mentioned, then  
10 the president of the board of education, and *from five to seven* cit-  
11 izens to be appointed by the mayor or chief executive, at least four  
12 of whom shall be residents of the municipality. The appointments  
13 shall be for terms of one, two, three, four and five years respec-  
14 tively, as they may be selected by the mayor or other chief executive  
15 officer, and, except in cities shall be made with the consent of the  
16 governing body. *Whenever a board is expanded to include a sixth*  
17 *or seventh citizen, the additional members shall serve terms of five*  
18 *years.* The mayor or other chief executive officer and the super-  
19 intendent of schools or the principal, as the case may be, serving  
20 as a member of the board, may, respectively, appoint an alternate  
21 to act in his place and stead with authority to attend all meetings  
22 of the board and, in his absence, to vote on all questions before the  
23 board.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.**

**STATEMENT**

This bill permits the membership of library boards to be expanded from seven to nine members.

ASSEMBLY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND  
REGIONAL AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 136**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 26, 1984

Senate Bill No. 136 would amend R. S. 40:54-9 to authorize the formation of seven, eight or nine-member boards of trustees of free public libraries. In addition, the bill would permit the citizen representation on these boards to increase from five members to six or seven members.

Currently, R. S. 40:54-9 authorizes the formation of seven-member boards, and requires that five members be citizen appointees.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 136**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 27, 1984

Senate Bill No. 136 would amend R. S. 40:54-9 to authorize the formation of seven, eight or nine-member boards of trustees of free public libraries established under article 1 of that chapter. In addition, the bill would increase the citizen representation on these boards to from five to seven members.

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Acting Governor Garmen A. Orechio has signed the following bills:

S-136, sponsored by State Senator Walter Rand, D-Camden, which permits expansion of a municipal public library from seven to nine members.

S-953, sponsored by State Senator John F. Russo, D-Ocean, which provides that a foreign corporation (that is, corporations organized under the laws of another state) is deemed to be represented in the State for the purpose of statute of limitations if a notice has been filed designating a representative.

S-1032/A-199, sponsored by State Senator Christopher J. Jackman, D-Hudson and Assemblyman Nicholas LaRocca, D-Hudson, which amends the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund to provide that the beneficiaries of members who work past the age of 70 shall receive the same death, accidental death and additional death benefits as the beneficiaries of members who were under 70 and who dies in active service. The bill also provides for the optional payment of such benefits in installments rather than a lump sum.

S-1770, sponsored by Senator Orechio, which provides limited protection against salary reductions to unclassified employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund.

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