

# 1:6-20

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2013                    **CHAPTER:** 179

**NJSA:** 1:6-20 (Amends special charter of Gloucester City in Camden County to revise method of election of members of Common Council)

**BILL NO:** S2984                (Substituted for A4521)

**SPONSOR(S)** Norcross and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** September 30, 2013

**COMMITTEE:**                **ASSEMBLY:** ---

**SENATE:** Community and Urban Affairs

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** December 19, 2013

**SENATE:** December 19, 2013

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 13, 2014

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (First Reprint enacted)

**S2984**

**SPONSOR’S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)            Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                                **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

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**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:**                                Yes

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:**    No

**A4521**

**SPONSOR’S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)            Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                                **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:**                                No

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LAW/KR

P.L.2013, CHAPTER 179, *approved January 13, 2014*  
Senate, No. 2984 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning certain provisions in the charter for the city of  
2 Gloucester City in the county of Camden and amending  
3 P.L.1868, c.44.  
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5 WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Common Council of Gloucester City  
6 in the County of Camden have petitioned the Legislature for the  
7 passage of a special law to amend the charter of the city of  
8 Gloucester City, as set forth in P.L.1868, c.44, in order to elect  
9 three common council members at large, and to elect one  
10 member of the common council from each of the three election  
11 wards in the city, and pursuant to Article IV, Section VII,  
12 paragraph 10 of the Constitution of 1947 in accordance with the  
13 procedure described by P.L.1948, c.199 (C.1:6-20 et seq.); now,  
14 therefore,  
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16 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
17 of New Jersey:  
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19 1. Section 2 of P.L.1868, c.44 is amended to read as follows:

20 2. For the better order and government of Gloucester **【city】**  
21 City there shall be elected hereafter **【in said city】** a **【mayor】** Mayor  
22 who shall hold his or her office for a term of **【4】** four (4) years, 【2  
23 common councilmen】 one (1) Common Council Person from each  
24 of the **【3】** three (3) wards, who shall hold office for as period of  
25 three years, three (3) common council persons elected at large from  
26 the entire City and who with the **【mayor】** Mayor shall form and be  
27 one body politic and corporate in deed, fact, name and law and be  
28 known by the name, style and title of “The Mayor and Common  
29 Council of Gloucester City.”  
30 (cf: P.L.1968, c.246, s.2)  
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32 2. Section 3 of P.L.1868, c.44 is amended to read as follows:

33 3. The **【mayor】** Mayor and **【members】** member of **【common**  
34 **council】** Common Council shall be elected at the general election to  
35 be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and  
36 shall take office **【on the first Thursday in January following their**  
37 **election to office in the following order:】** at a public meeting to  
38 beheld between January 1 and January 7 of the year following the  
39 general election. In the first year after passage of **【this act】** P.L. ,  
40 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) by the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is 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 floor amendments adopted November 18, 2013.

1 Legislature [and the adoption of this act by the legally qualified  
2 voters of Gloucester city, no councilmen shall be elected from any  
3 ward and the remaining 6 councilmen shall continue to hold office  
4 for the remainder of their unexpired terms and until their successors  
5 have been elected and qualified, in the second year one councilman  
6 from each of the 3 wards shall be elected for a term of 3 years, in  
7 the third year one councilman from each of the 3 wards shall be  
8 elected for a term of 3 years, in the third year one councilman from  
9 each of the 3 wards shall be elected for a term of 3 years, and  
10 thereafter all councilmen shall be elected for a term of 3 years upon  
11 the expiration of the elected terms; except; that the mayor shall be  
12 elected at large for a term of 4 years commencing the first Thursday  
13 in January of 1971] the members of Common Council shall  
14 continue to hold office for the remainder of their unexpired term  
15 and until their successors have been elected and qualified [, in the  
16 second year and thereafter that member of Common Council elected  
17 from a ward shall be elected from the City at large until such time  
18 as each of the City's three (3) wards elects one (1) council member  
19 and three (3) council members are elected by voters of the City at  
20 large]<sup>1</sup>. After the adoption of an ordinance by the affirmative vote  
21 of a majority of all of the members of Common Council adopting  
22 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), requiring  
23 that three members of Common Council shall serve at large and  
24 three members of Common Council shall be elected from each of  
25 the city's three election wards, Common Council shall determine  
26 and designate, by subsequent ordinance, the seat of one member  
27 from each ward to thereafter be an at-large member. Those  
28 designations shall apply in all subsequent elections for those  
29 Common Council seats<sup>1</sup>.

30 (cf: P.L.1968, c.246, s.3)

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32 3. This act shall take effect immediately and <sup>1</sup>[,  
33 notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.1:6-17,]<sup>1</sup> shall become  
34 operative <sup>1</sup>[immediately] after the adoption of an ordinance by the  
35 affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of Common  
36 Council as required in section 2 of this act<sup>1</sup>.

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41 Amends special charter of Gloucester City in Camden County to  
42 revise method of election of members of Common Council.

**SENATE, No. 2984**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**215th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator DONALD NORCROSS**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Amends special charter of Gloucester City in Camden County to revise method of election of members of Common Council.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



S2984 NORCROSS

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8 Gloucester City, as set forth in P.L.1868, c.44, in order to elect  
9 three common council members at large, and to elect one  
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11 wards in the city, and pursuant to Article IV, Section VII,  
12 paragraph 10 of the Constitution of 1947 in accordance with the  
13 procedure described by P.L.1948, c.199 (C.1:6-20 et seq.); now,  
14 therefore,

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16 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
17 of New Jersey:

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24 of the **[3]** three (3) wards, who shall hold office for as period of  
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27 one body politic and corporate in deed, fact, name and law and be  
28 known by the name, style and title of “The Mayor and Common  
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39 general election. In the first year after passage of **[this act]** P.L. ,  
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41 Legislature **[and the adoption of this act by the legally qualified**  
42 voters of Gloucester city, no councilmen shall be elected from any  
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20 the provisions of R.S.1:6-17, shall become operative immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill would amend the special charter, granted by the  
26 Legislature in 1868, of the City of Gloucester City in Camden  
27 County. The bill was introduced in accordance with the  
28 constitutional and statutory requirements regarding special  
29 legislation.

30 As requested by Gloucester City's Common Council, this bill  
31 would amend that charter to provide that of the six Common  
32 Council members, three members would be elected at-large and one  
33 Common Council member would be elected from each of the city's  
34 three election wards. Notwithstanding the requirements of R.S.1:6-  
35 17, the bill would take effect upon enactment.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2984**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2013

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2984.

This bill would amend the special charter, granted by the Legislature in 1868, of the City of Gloucester City in Camden County. The bill was introduced in accordance with the constitutional and statutory requirements regarding special legislation.

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STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 2984**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator NORCROSS)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 18, 2013

These amendments would require that, after the adoption of an ordinance by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of Gloucester City's Common Council requiring that three members of Common Council shall serve at large and three members of Common Council shall be elected from each of the city's three election wards, Common Council shall determine and designate, by ordinance, one member from each ward to thereafter be an at-large member. The amendments would also require that such a designation would be permanent.

The amendments would also require that Common Council adopt the provisions of this bill by ordinance in order to effectuate the changes to its charter contained in the bill.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4521

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 25, 2013

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman GILBERT "WHIP" L. WILSON**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Assemblyman ANGEL FUENTES**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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41 three election wards.

ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4521**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2013

The Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4521.

This bill would amend the special charter, granted by the Legislature in 1868, of the City of Gloucester City in Camden County. The bill was introduced in accordance with the constitutional and statutory requirements regarding special legislation.

As requested by Gloucester City's Common Council, this bill would amend that charter to provide that of the six Common Council members, three members would be elected at-large and one Common Council member would be elected from each of the city's three election wards.