

ASSEMBLY, No. 103

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 1947

By Mr. BRESCHER

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT relating to legal assistance to the Governor; authorizing and empowering the Governor to appoint a counsel to the Governor, one or more associate counsels to the Governor, and such legal assistants as the Governor may deem necessary; prescribing certain of the powers, functions and duties of persons thus appointed; providing for their compensation, and supplementing chapter fifteen of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary:

2 A. The Governor may appoint and commission a person to be known as
3 counsel to the Governor and one or more persons to be known as associate
4 counsels to the Governor. The Governor may also appoint such legal
5 assistants as he may deem necessary.

6 Each of the persons thus appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the
7 Governor and shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the Gover-
8 nor within the limits of available appropriations therefor.

9 B. The counsel to the Governor shall:

10 (1) Give to the Governor legal advice on such matters as the Gover-
11 nor may from time to time require.

12 (2) Advise the Governor in regard to the constitutionality, con-
13 sistency and legal effect of bills presented to the Governor for his
14 approval.

15 (3) Examine and decide all legal matters submitted to him by the
16 Governor.

17 (4) When directed by the Governor, act for him or any officer,
18 agency or instrumentality in or of the Executive Branch of the State
19 Government, in any matter in which the Governor may be interested.

20 (5) When so authorized by the Governor, assist the Governor in any
21 examination or investigation undertaken or directed by the Governor
22 pursuant to authority vested in him by law.

23 (6) When directed by the Governor, act for him in any matter in
24 which he may be interested.

25 (7) Act as the sole legal adviser, attorney or counsel for the Gov-
26 ernor and represent him in all suits, proceedings or actions of any kind
27 which may be brought for or against him in any court of this State;
28 interpret all statutes and legal documents for the Governor; and inspect
29 and approve contracts and titles with which the Governor is concerned.

30 (8) Attend generally to all legal matters in which the Governor is a
31 party or in which his rights or interests are involved.

32 (9) Perform such other duties as the Governor may from time to
33 time prescribe.

34 C. Each associate counsel to the Governor shall:

35 (1) Assist the counsel to the Governor in the exercise of his powers
36 and the performance of his functions and duties under this act.

37 (2) Perform such other duties as the Governor shall prescribe.

38 D. Legal assistants appointed by the Governor pursuant to the provi-
39 sions of this act shall perform such duties as the Governor shall prescribe.

40 E. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of
41 this act are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is expressed in its title.

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