# 4:24-1.1 et seq.

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# SENATE, No. 205

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 13, 1959

By Senators WADDINGTON and HARPER

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Economic Development

AN ACT to transfer the State Soil Conservation Committee from the Division of Planning and Development in the Department of Conservation and Economic Development to the Department of Agriculture, supplementing chapter 24 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, and repealing section 17 of chapter 448 of the laws of 1948.

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

1. The State Soil Conservation Committee and all of its functions, powers and duties are hereby transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

2. The State Soil Conservation Committee may fix the per diem allowance now provided by law for supervisors of a soil conservation district in an amount not to exceed $12.00, within the limits of available appropriations.

3. The purposes of soil conservation and the control and prevention of soil erosion to be furthered by the State Soil Conservation Committee and of the soil conservation districts shall include, wherever applicable, the prevention of damage to soil and soil resources by floodwater or by sediment and the furtherance of conservation of water for agricultural purposes.

4. Section 17 of chapter 448 of the laws of 1948 is hereby repealed.

5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1959.

## STATEMENT

This bill transfers the State Soil Conservation Committee (chapter 24 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes) from the Department of Conservation and Economic Development to the Department of Agriculture.

From its creation in 1937 and until 1948, the committee was not within any principal department of the executive branch. Both departments are in agreement that the present committee and its powers, functions and duties should be transferred to the Department of Agriculture, and endorse the bill.

A revision of the statute under which the committee functions is under review. Pending its completion, 2 aspects are dealt with by this bill. The first authorizes the committee to fix the per diem allowance to district supervisors at an amount not to exceed $12.00, within the limits of available appropriations. The present statute, R. S. 4:24–19, presently fixes the maximum at $5.00, which is inadequate. It is estimated that if the maximum were used, the total cost of the increase would aggregate about $11,900.00 per year. The second aspect is a provision, in section 3, to insure that soil conservation and the control and prevention of soil erosion include the prevention of damage to soil and soil resources by floodwaters or by sediment, and the conservation of water for agricultural purposes.