

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 52:20-18.1 to 52:20-18.6

(State House
Commission
establish
Subcommittee
on Green Acres
Property)

LAWS OF: 1989

CHAPTER: 241

Bill No: A646

Sponsor(s): Smith

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Senate: State Government

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denoted by asterisks.

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Senate: Yes

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ASSEMBLY, No. 646

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1988 SESSION

By Assemblyman SMITH

1 AN ACT requiring the establishment of a Subcommittee on
Green Acres Properties, prescribing its powers and duties, and
3 supplementing chapter 20 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that approval by the
State House Commission is a precondition to the execution of
9 any contract for the alteration, expansion, or improvement of
any real property purchased by local government units with
11 funds made available from Green Acres bond revenues; that the
commission acts only when completed plans and specifications
13 are submitted to it for review; that because the commission
does not meet on a frequent basis, delays in implementing
15 projects awaiting contract approval occur; that many of these
contracts concern minor projects that would benefit from
17 expeditious consideration; and that it is in the public interest to
provide a mechanism to expedite State review of minor projects
19 associated with real property purchased with Green Acres funds.

21 2. The State House Commission shall establish from its
membership a Subcommittee on Green Acres Properties. The
subcommittee shall constitute an instrumentality of the State
23 exercising public and essential governmental functions, and the
exercise by the subcommittee of the powers conferred by this or
25 any other act shall be deemed and held to be an essential
governmental function of the State.

27 3. The subcommittee shall meet at least once every two
months to conduct its business. A true copy of the minutes of
29 every meeting of the subcommittee shall be prepared and
forthwith delivered to the commission.

31 4. The commission shall formulate and adopt rules of
procedure for the government of the subcommittee in exercising
33 its powers and fulfilling its duties under this act, including a

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:
1 Assembly ANR committee amendments adopted May 15, 1989.

1 determination of the type of proposed alteration, expansion, or
2 improvement that the subcommittee may consider. Until this
3 determination is made, the subcommittee, on an interim basis,
4 may consider proposals involving expenditures of less than
5 \$2,000,000.00 or proposals for exchanges of land parcels of equal
6 value less than 20 acres in size.

7 5. The subcommittee shall have the following powers and
8 duties:

9 a. To review proposals submitted for approval in connection
10 with the minor alteration, expansion, 1exchanges,1 or
11 improvement of any real property purchased by a local
12 government unit with Green Acres funds and to grant such
13 approval if warranted.

14 b. To call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of
15 such employees of any State, county, or municipal department,
16 board, commission, or agency as may be required and made
17 available for such purposes.

18 6. The subcommittee may exercise its powers and duties on
19 behalf of the commission notwithstanding the provision of
20 R.S.52:20-6.

21 7. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the
22 commission shall review the actions of the subcommittee, and
23 evaluate its success in expediting the review process, and make
24 any recommendations to the subcommittee that may be
25 appropriate to further the purposes of this act.

26 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This measure would mandate the creation of a subcommittee
 29 within the State House Commission that would be responsible
 30 for approving or disapproving proposals for minor modifications
 31 to properties purchased by local government units with Green
 32 Acres funds, and some land exchanges under Green Acres.

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ASSEMBLY CONSERVATION, NATURAL RESOURCES
AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

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STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 646

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 15, 1989

The Assembly Conservation, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 646 with committee amendments.

This bill would create a subcommittee within the State House Commission for reviewing and approving minor alterations, expansions, improvements, or exchanges of properties purchased by local governments with Green Acres monies. However, because the commission does not meet on a frequent basis, delays in implementing proposals occur. This bill would expedite the approval process for proposals involving less than \$2 million or land exchanges of parcels of equal value and less than 20 acres in size on an interim basis, until the commission adopts rules of procedure under which the subcommittee will operate. The subcommittee would be required to meet at least bimonthly under this bill. The bill would also require that the commission review the effectiveness of the subcommittee and make recommendations regarding its actions.

The committee made a technical amendment to the bill to clarify that the powers of the subcommittee include the approval of exchanges of lands purchased with State funds.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1988 session pending technical review. As reported the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL
AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND
VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 646

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 1989

The Senate State Government, Federal and Interstate Relations and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 646 (1R).

This bill establishes within the State House Commission a Subcommittee on Green Acres Properties to review proposals submitted for approval in connection with the minor alteration, expansion, exchange, or improvement of any real property purchased by a local government unit with Green Acres funds. This subcommittee is necessary because the commission has not met on a frequent basis, therefore causing delays in implementing projects requiring contract approval. The bill provides that the subcommittee shall meet at least once every two months. Until the commission adopts rules of procedure regarding the operation of the subcommittee, the subcommittee may consider proposals involving expenditures of less than \$2 million or proposals for exchanges of land parcels of equal value which are less than 20 acres in size. The bill also provides that within one year after the effective date of this act, the commission shall review the actions of the subcommittee and evaluate its success in expediting the review process.