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(Casino
Reinvestment
Development
Authority--appointment
of chairman &
vice-chairman)

LAWS OF: 1990

CHAPTER: 24

Bill No: S2245

Sponsor(s): Codey and Gormley

Date Introduced: January 18, 1990

Committee: Assembly: Independent Authorities

Senate: Institutions Health & Welfare

Amended during passage: No

Date of Passage: Assembly: April 26, 1990

Senate: March 29, 1990

Date of Approval: May 17, 1990

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee Statement: Assembly: Yes

Senate: Yes

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Veto Message: No

Message on signing: No

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

See newspaper clippings attached:

KBG/SLJ

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2 Authority and amending P.L.1984, c.218.

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13 pleasure of the Governor. The powers of the Casino
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26 (cf: P.L.1984, c.218, s.7)

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above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

SENATE, No. 2245

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 18, 1990

By Senators CODEY and GORMLEY

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ASSEMBLY INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2245

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 23, 1990

The Assembly Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2245.

As reported, this bill provides that the chairman and the vice chairman of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, who are designated by the Governor from among the appointed and voting public members of the authority, shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Presently the chairman and the vice chairman serve for the member's term of office.

There are 12 members of the CRDA which is an independent authority located administratively within the Treasury Department. The CRDA approves development projects funded by casino revenue reinvestment.

Nine of the 12 members are voting members. Of these nine voting members, five are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, one member is appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Senate President, and one member is appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly.

One member of the Casino Control Commission and the Mayor of Atlantic City are the two additional voting members.

The State Treasurer and the two casino representatives appointed by the Governor are nonvoting members and not eligible for appointment as chairman or vice-chairman of the CRDA.

The committee believes the bill is necessary in order to ensure that the chairman and vice chairman of the authority share the same philosophy and goals of the current Governor so that the Governor can fulfill the mandate given to him by the people of the State. The perception was expressed that Atlantic City has not been progressing as fast as it should be and that this bill will expedite the process of redeveloping Atlantic City by allowing the Governor the option of designating a chairman and vice chairman who share his views as to how best to proceed with the restoration and redevelopment of Atlantic City.

MINORITY STATEMENT

Submitted by Assemblymen Hardwick and Penn

Historically, the position of chairman of the State's independent authorities has been a gubernatorial appointment. In most cases, the chairman is a sitting public member of the authority, appointed to a term set by statute by the Legislature. Terms of office are set to provide continuity of focus, balance of ideas, and,

periodically, changes of leadership which assure the continuance of the work of the authority with renewed vision.

Senate Bill No. 2245 removes the continuity of leadership from the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority. Its immediate effect will be to remove the current chairman who has had the opportunity to serve only half of his appointed term. The bill sets a dangerous precedent by putting every appointed chairman on notice that his visions must be the visions of the current political force, or he will be allowed no leadership voice. Senate Bill No. 2245 puts every appointed chairman on notice that independent thought, even if in conformance with the mandate of the authority, may not be tolerated. This bill does not further the work of the CRDA, and does not encourage true leadership. There is little purpose for changing the leadership role of this important agency at this juncture since the bill has not been initiated in answer to concerns regarding the way the CRDA has been operating, and certainly has nothing to do with the authority's significant accomplishments to date.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2245

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 12, 1990

The Senate Institutions, Health and Welfare Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2245.

This bill provides that the chairman and the vice chairman of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA), who are designated by the Governor from among the appointed and voting public members of the authority, shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Presently the chairman and the vice chairman serve for the member's term of office.

The 12 members of the CRDA include: five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; one member appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Senate President; one member appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly; the mayor of Atlantic City; the State Treasurer; a member of the Casino Control Commission; and two casino industry representatives appointed by the Governor. The mayor of Atlantic City, the State Treasurer and the two casino representatives, who are nonvoting members, are not eligible for appointment as chairman or vice chairman of the CRDA.