

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 52:27D-25e (Fire Safety Commission-
increase number of members)

LAWS OF: 1985 **CHAPTER:** 90

Bill No: S1969

Sponsor(s): Caufield, Foran and Costa

Date Introduced: June 25, 1984

Committee: **Assembly:** Law, Public Safety and Defense
Senate: Law, Public Safety and Defense

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage
denoted by asterisks

Date of Passage: **Assembly:** Feb. 14, 1985
Senate: Sep. 20, 1984

Date of Approval: March 26, 1985

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes (see below)

Committee statement: **Assembly** Yes
Senate Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: ~~No~~ Yes

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Sponsor's Statement:

This bill increases the membership of the Fire Safety Commission by one member to provide for a representative of the New Jersey Association of Fire Districts on the commission.

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SENATE, No. 1969

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 25, 1984

By Senators CAUFIELD, FORAN and COSTA

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning the fire safety commission and amending
P. L. 1983, c. 382.

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

1 1. Section 5 of P. L. 1983, c. 382 (C. 52:27D-25e) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 5. a. To assist and advise the commissioner in the administra-
4 tion of this act, there is created in the Department of Community
5 Affairs a fire safety commission consisting of **[19]** 20 members.
6 The commission shall consist of: two members of the Senate, ap-
7 pointed by the President of the Senate, who shall not be both of
8 the same political party; two members of the General Assembly,
9 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not
10 be both of the same political party; seven citizens of the State, ap-
11 pointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
12 the General Assembly, no more than four of whom shall be of the
13 same political party, including a representative of a volunteer fire
14 organization, a representative of a construction labor organization,
15 a representative of the fire insurance industry, a representative of
16 the construction industry, a representative of the International
17 Association of Fire Chiefs, a municipal construction official, and
18 a representative of the New Jersey State Fire Prevention and Pro-
19 tection Association; and **[eight]** *nine* citizens of the State ap-
20 pointed by the Governor, no more than **[four]** *five* of whom shall
21 be of the same political party, and who shall include a represen-
22 tative of the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Asso-
23 ciation, a representative of the New Jersey League of Municipali-

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 printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Assembly committee amendments adopted October 22, 1984.

24 ties, two representatives of the volunteer fire service, one of whom
 25 shall be a representative of the New Jersey State Volunteer Fire-
 26 men's Association, a representative of the New Jersey State Fire
 27 Chiefs' Association, a representative of the New Jersey Paid Fire
 28 Chiefs' Association, a representative of the Fire Fighters' Asso-
 29 ciation of New Jersey, *a representative of the New Jersey *State**
 30 *Association of Fire Districts*, and a municipal fire protection sub-
 31 code official. The members of the Senate and General Assembly ap-
 32 pointed to the commission shall serve for terms which shall be for
 33 the legislative session for which they were elected. Of the seven
 34 members first appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and
 35 the Speaker of the General Assembly, three shall be appointed for
 36 terms of five years, three shall be appointed for terms of four
 37 years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years. Of the
 38 eight members first appointed by the Governor, three shall be
 39 appointed for terms of five years, three shall be appointed for a
 40 term of four years, and two shall be appointed for terms of three
 41 years. *The first representative of the New Jersey *State* Associa-*
 42 *tion of Fire Districts appointed by the Governor shall be for a term*
 43 *of three years.* Thereafter, members of the fire safety commission,
 44 except as provided above for members of the Legislature, shall be
 45 appointed for terms of five years. Vacancies on the commission
 46 shall be filled, in the same manner as the original appointment but
 47 for the unexpired term. Members may be removed by the appoint-
 48 ing authority for cause.

49 b. Members of the fire safety commission shall serve without
 50 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses
 51 incurred in performance of their duties, within the limits of any
 52 funds appropriated or otherwise made available for that purpose.

53 c. To advise and assist the fire safety commission in the per-
 54 formance of its responsibilities under this act, there are created
 55 four advisory councils, one in each of the following subject areas:
 56 the "Uniform Fire Safety Act"; training and education which
 57 shall be comprised of at least 60% of the representatives of the
 58 volunteer fire service; statistics and information; and master plan-
 59 ning and research. Additional advisory council shall be created by
 60 the fire safety commission as it deems appropriate. Each advisory
 61 council shall consist of one member of the fire safety commission,
 62 who shall be chairman, and as many citizens who are knowledgeable
 63 and experienced in matters related to the particular subject as the
 64 fire safety commission shall appoint. Members of the advisory
 65 councils shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of
 66 the fire safety commission.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill increases the membership of the fire safety commission by one member to provide for a representative of the New Jersey Association of Fire Districts on the commission.

ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1969

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 22, 1984

Senate Bill No. 1969 increases the membership of the Fire Safety Commission in the Department of Community Affairs from 19 to 20 members. The additional member is to be a representative of the New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts. The New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts is a major fire organization which represents mainly volunteer firefighters.

The Assembly Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee amended the bill to clarify that the formal title of the association is the New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1969

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 30, 1984

Senate Bill No. 1969 adds a representative of the New Jersey Association of Fire Districts, a major fire organization in the State, to the Fire Safety Commission, increasing the membership of the commission from 19 to 20.

The Fire Safety Commission assists and advises the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs on matters of fire safety.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1985

Other bills signed by the Governor are:

S-296, sponsored by Senator Wayne Dumont, R-Warren, which prohibits municipalities from assessing construction permit fees on the installation or alteration of solar energy heating or cooling systems.

S-1143, sponsored by Senator Wynona Lipman, D-Essex, to appropriate \$423,484 to provide one time State grants to loan agencies that are recipients of Federal Community Services block grants. The bill restricts the grants to those agencies whose funding cycle begins on October, November or December and requires them to move the starting date of their fiscal year to January 1.

S-1365, sponsored by Senator John Russo, D-Ocean, to provide that county welfare agencies shall handle interstate child support petitions and proceedings.

S-1923, sponsored by Senator Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union, to increase the membership of the State Board of Pharmacy from eight to nine members by adding another registered pharmacist.

S-1969, sponsored by Senator John Caufield, D-Essex, to increase the membership of the Fire Safety Commission from 19 to 20 members by adding a representative of the New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts.

S-2244, sponsored by Senator Thomas Cowan, D-Hudson, to change the date on which election officials may begin distributing absentee ballots from the 25th day prior to the primary or general election to the 40th day prior to those elections.

S-2518, sponsored by Senator John Russo, D-Ocean, to permit planning boards to grant for a period longer than two years the right to approve master plans for large commercial undertakings.