

5:12-53

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 5:12-53 (Casino Control Commission - increase salaries of members)

LAWS OF: 1984

CHAPTER: 82

Bill No: A1576

Sponsor(s): Bryant and Hardwick

Date Introduced: March 15, 1984

Committee: **Assembly:** Independent Authorities and Commissions

Senate: /////

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Senate: June 25, 1984

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes (Below)

Committee statement: **Assembly** Yes

Senate No

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: ~~No~~ Yes.

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Sponsors' statement:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the salary of the members of the Casino Control Commission from \$60,000.00 to \$65,000.00 and the chairman of the Casino Control Commission from \$65,000.00 to \$70,000.00

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1576

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 15, 1984

By Assemblymen BRYANT and HARDWICK

AN ACT concerning the compensation of members of the Casino Control Commission and amending P. L. 1977, c. 110.

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

1 1. Section 53 of P. L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-53) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 53. Compensation of Members. Each member of the commission
4 ***[other than the chairman]*** shall receive compensation of
5 **[\$60,000.00]** ***[\$65,000.00]*** *\$67,500.00* per annum. The ***[com-**
6 **pensation of the]*** chairman shall ***[be]*** *receive* **[\$65,000.00]**
7 ***[\$70,000.00]*** *\$5,000.00* per annum **in addition to his compen-*
8 *sation as a member of the commission*.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 April 30, 1984.

SENATE. No. 1315

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 1984

By Senators LIPMAN and CONNORS

(Without Reference)

AN ACT to amend the "Casino Control Act," approved June 2, 1977
(P. L. 1977, c. 110).

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

1 1. Section 53 of P. L. 1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-53) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 53. Compensation of Members. Each member of the commission
4 other than the chairman shall receive compensation of **[\$60,000.00]**
5 *\$70,000.00* per annum. The compensation of the chairman shall be
6 **[\$65,000.00]** *\$75,000.00* per annum.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The salaries of the Casino Control Commission, as established by the Casino Control Act, are funded by the Casino Control Fund, not general State revenues. At its adoption in 1977 the salaries were established at \$60,000.00 per year for the chairman, who was to serve full-time and \$18,000.00 per year for each of the four associate part-time members.

When the act was amended in 1980 to establish five full-time members, the chairman's salary was increased to \$65,000.00 per year and the salaries of the four associate full-time members was set at \$60,000.00 per year. The chairman's salary differential was made in recognition of the additional administrative burdens and responsibilities carried by the chairman and of his role as presiding officer of the agency.

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When the salaries were thus set, the salaries of members of the Governor's cabinet were approximately \$50,000.00 per year. Early in 1981 cabinet salaries were increased to \$56,000.00 per year and later raised to \$60,000.00 annually. Subsequent legislation gave the Governor authority to set cabinet salaries up to a ceiling of \$70,000.00 per year.

The original favorable differential between commission and cabinet salaries was at the time a matter of deliberate policy. It was done in recognition of sensitivity of the commission: to take into account the heavy burdens imposed on commissioners by the act such as its employment and post-employment restrictions; and to establish a level of compensation for the position such that in the future the best possible candidates could be attracted to serve with that agency notwithstanding those restrictions.

This bill provides some parity with the salary increases granted to members of the Executive Branch of Government.

ASSEMBLY INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES AND
COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1576

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 30, 1984

This bill, as amended, provides that the annual compensation of members of the Casino Control Commission shall be \$67,500.00 and that the chairman shall receive an additional \$5,000.00 per year.

At present, the commissioners receive \$60,000.00 and the chairman \$65,000.00 in annual compensation. These amounts were established in 1980 when all members of the Casino Control Commission were made full-time.

COMMITTEE ACTION

As originally introduced, this bill provided for an increase in compensation to \$65,000.00 for members and \$70,000.00 for the chairman. The committee amended the bill to provide for the amounts stated above.



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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

S-802, sponsored by State Senator Carmen A. Orechio, D-Essex, which appropriates \$2.25 million from the Natural Resources Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for planning, design, reconstruction, restoration and rehabilitation of seven dams owned by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission. The money will go to the Commission in the form of grants, with the State share of each project not to exceed 50 percent of the project cost.

The bill will fund work at the following dams: Green-Swamp dams numbers 1 through 4, Wanaque; Midvale Dam, Wanaque; Pompton Lakes Dam on the Ramapo River, Wayne and Pompton Lakes; Raymond Dam, Wanaque; Furnace Road Dam, Ringwood; Wolf Den Dam, Wanaque, and Overflow Weir Dam, Wanaque.

A-1576/S-1315, sponsored by Assemblyman Wayne Bryant, D-Camden and State Senator Wynona Lipman, D-Essex, which increases the salaries of the Casino Control Commission members from \$60,000 to \$67,500 and the salary of the chairman of the Commission from \$65,000 to \$72,000. The bills authorize the first increases in Commission salaries since 1980.

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