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(Sheriff-certain counties-
appoint keeper or warden)

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SENATE, No. 1689

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 1984

By Senator RAND

Referred to Committee on County and Municipal Government

AN ACT concerning the appointment of wardens in certain counties
and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. In any county where the sheriff assumes the custody, keeping
2 and charge of the county jail or jails and all prisoners therein, as
3 provided by R. S. 30:8-17, the sheriff may appoint some fit person
4 to be the keeper or warden of the jail or jails of the county, who
5 shall serve at the pleasure of the sheriff, shall hold his office for
6 the term of one year and until his successor is appointed and
7 qualified in his place and may be reappointed to subsequent one-
8 year terms.

9 To be considered for appointment as keeper or warden an appli-
10 cant shall have at least three years of supervisory experience in
11 the field of corrections and shall possess those qualities necessary
12 for the effective and efficient administration of a penal institution.

13 The position of keeper or warden established pursuant to this
14 act is placed in the unclassified service of the civil service.

15 This act shall not affect the term of office or employment of any
16 person who, as of the effective date of this act, holds a position as
17 keeper or warden.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill permits sheriffs in certain counties to appoint a keeper or warden with at least three years of supervisory experience in the field of corrections and with those qualities relevant to the administration of a penal institution. The bill also provides that keepers or wardens shall be appointed for one-year and shall be placed in the unclassified service of the civil service. This bill would, therefore, encourage and foster the establishment of confidentiality, trust and rapport between the persons in charge of the jails, which qualities are pertinent to the effective administration of correctional facilities. However the bill does not apply to those persons serving as keeper or warden as of the effective date of this act.

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SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1689

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 1984

Senate Bill No. 1689 supplements Title 30 of the Revised Statutes to permit those sheriffs who have custody, or who are in charge, of the county jail to appoint a warden or keeper of that jail.

Under the provisions of the bill, the appointee is required to have at least three years of supervisory experience in the field of corrections and possess "those qualities necessary for the effective and efficient administration of a penal institution." The appointee is to serve at the pleasure of the sheriff.

The term of the appointment is set at one year, but the appointee may be reappointed.

The provisions of the bill do not affect the term or office or employment of any person, who on the date this legislation is enacted, holds a position as keeper or warden.

At present, thirteen county jails are under the control of the county sheriff: Atlantic, Bergen, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem and Somerset counties. The sheriff's appointive powers in those counties vary according to class and population. In the case of Bergen county, the freeholder board has the authority to appoint the warden. In Camden, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean and Passaic counties, the sheriff is authorized to appoint, with the approval of the board of freeholders, an assistant (known as a jailkeeper). In Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Salem and Somerset counties, current law simply states that the sheriff "shall be responsible for the conduct of any keeper appointed by him."

The committee, at the sponsor's request, amended the bill to clarify the appointive powers of certain sheriffs. The first amendment specifies that the provisions of the bill shall not infringe upon the appointive

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STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 1689
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 20, 1984

Senate Bill No. 1689 OCR would supplement Title 30 of the Revised Statutes to permit certain sheriffs who have custody, or who are in charge, of the county jail to appoint a warden or keeper of that jail. Under present law, the appointive powers of these sheriffs vary according to the county's class and population.

Currently, the county jails are under the control of the sheriffs in the following counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem and Somerset.

Under the provisions of the bill, any sheriff who is in charge of the county jail, except sheriffs in counties of the first class, may appoint a qualified person with at least three years of supervisory experience in the field of corrections to the position of warden or keeper. The person so appointed would serve at the pleasure of the sheriff for a term of one year. In counties of the first class, the board of chosen freeholders has the authority to appoint a warden.

The bill would further provide that the term of office or employment of any person holding the position of warden or keeper on the date this legislation is enacted would not be affected. In addition, the bill would repeal R. S. 30, a statute which made the appointments of certain sheriffs in counties of the second and fifth class subject to the approval of the board of chosen freeholders.

The committee reported the bill favorably.

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SENATE, No. 1689

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 1984

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AN ACT concerning the appointment of wardens in certain counties
*[and] * *,* supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes
and repealing R. S. 30:8-18.

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

1 1. *[In]* *Except as otherwise provided in R. S. 30:8-15, in*
1A any county where the sheriff assumes the custody, keeping and
2 charge of the county jail or jails and all prisoners therein, as
3 provided by R. S. 30:8-17, the sheriff may appoint some fit person
4 to be the keeper or warden of the jail or jails of the county, who
5 shall serve at the pleasure of the sheriff, shall hold his office for
6 the term of one year and until his successor is appointed and
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13 The position of keeper or warden established pursuant to this
14 act is placed in the unclassified service of the civil service.

15 This act shall not affect the term of office or employment of any
16 person who, as of the effective date of this act, holds a position as
17 keeper or warden.

1 *2. R. S. 30:8-18 is repealed.*

1 *[2.]* *3.* 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: