

40:48-9.4

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 40:48-9.4 (Senior citizens centers - county and municipal contributions - allow local discretion)

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Bill No. A547

Sponsor(s) Rod, D. Gallo and Weidel

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly Municipal Government

Senate County and Municipal Government

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Senate June 3, 1982

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Committee Statement:	Assembly Yes	<del>No</del>
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ASSEMBLY, No. 547

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Assemblymen ROD, D. GALLO and WEIDEL

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5 tion **[of not more than \$3,000.00]** to any nonprofit corporation,  
6 which operates a senior citizens center anywhere in the State, in  
7 support of the education, cultural, recreational and personal  
8 assistance programs conducted by it for senior citizens of such  
9 municipality or county.

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 May 3, 1982.**

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STATEMENT

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The amendments bring the bill into conformity with the "Local Budget Law" references to "local units."

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ASSEMBLY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 547

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 3, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 547 amends section 1 of P. L. 1964, c. 126 (C. 40:48-9.4) in order to remove the current \$3,000.00 limit on the amount a municipality or county annually may contribute to a nonprofit corporation which operates a senior citizen center.

By eliminating the \$3,000.00 limitation, Assembly Bill No. 547 would permit municipalities and counties to determine the amount they wish to contribute annually to support the work of such organizations.

The committee's amendment is purely technical in nature and made to correct a printing error.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 547**  
with Senate committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 3, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 547 would permit municipalities and counties to determine how much to contribute to a nonprofit corporation which operates a senior citizens center. The current \$3,000.00 limit on these contributions was established in 1964.

According to the sponsor, the limit "has been rendered insignificant because of inflation. In addition, establishing a maximum contribution limits the ability of local units to respond to the particular needs of their constituents."

The committee released favorably a parallel bill, Senate Bill No. 689, on May 3, 1982, with committee amendments.

The Senate committee amendments are technical in nature, and provide for the use of the wording "municipality or county," rather than "local unit," in the bill, consistent with the title of the law. This is the same amendment made by the committee to Senate Bill No. 689.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

CONTACT: CARL GOLDEN

SEPTEMBER 16, 1982

Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed a package of legislation to increase the reduced utility cost program for senior citizens, to broaden educational opportunities for seniors, and to permit increased aid for senior citizen organizations.

The Governor signed the four bills during a ceremony at a Senior Citizens Cultural Festival in the South Mountain Arena in West Orange. The event was sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

The four bills are:

• An increase from \$150 to \$175 in the amount of credit against utility bills for eligible senior citizens and the disabled for this fiscal year and an increase to \$200 in the next fiscal year. The increase will cost \$6 million each year.

• The same increase in the credit for eligible senior citizens and the disabled who are tenants, rather than homeowners. The increase will cost \$2.6 million each year.

• Elimination of the \$3,000 now in the law as the limit which counties and municipalities may contribute to a non-profit senior citizen center.

• Permits state colleges to enroll senior citizens in credit courses free of charge if space is available.

"The increase in the lifeline credit will help seniors and the disabled to keep pace with the increase in utility costs and will aid in easing the financial burden caused by those cost increases," Kean said. "For many of our seniors and disabled, this assistance in meeting utility bills has spelled the difference between financial stability and bankruptcy."

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"Removal of the ceiling on amounts which counties and municipalities may contribute to a senior citizen center will give local governing bodies much more flexibility in their level of support for such centers," Kean said. "In many instances, the \$3,000 limit prevented local governments from providing the level of assistance necessary to keep the centers in full operation."

Kean said permitting seniors to enroll in credit courses at state colleges free of charge "is another example of government's commitment to assuring that the elderly population of the state have the opportunity to broaden their educational horizons."

The bill to increase the lifeline credit for homewoners, A-1113, was sponsored by Assemblyman John Doyle, D-Ocean.

The bill to increase the lifeline credit for tenants, A-1112, was sponsored by Assemblyman Richard VanWagner, D-Monmouth.

The bill to eliminate the contribution ceiling, A-547, was sponsored by Assemblyman Jorge Rod, R-Ocean.

The bill to permit seniors to take credit courses free of charge, A-536, was sponsored by Assemblyman John Bennett, R-Monmouth.

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