

40:72-13

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Boards of Commissioners in municipalities governed by Commission form of government--to meet at least once a month)

NJSA 40:72-13

Laws of 1977 Chapter 197

Bill No. A1972

Sponsor(s) Herman, Gorman

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Committee: Assembly Municipal Government

Senate County & Municipal Government

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1972

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 24, 1976

By Assemblymen HERMAN and GORMAN

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3 of holding regular meetings, which shall be at least **[twice]** *once*
4 monthly, and special meetings may be called from time to time by
5 the mayor or by two commissioners. All meetings of the commis-
6 sioners, whether regular or special, shall be open to the public and
7 any citizen may have access to the minutes upon application to the
8 municipal clerk.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to require boards of commissioners in municipalities governed by the commission form of government to meet at least once monthly, instead of twice, as presently provided by law. The commission form of government is one of the few instances where this twice monthly meeting requirement applies. Since many municipalities governed by the commission form of government appear to be more than capable of conducting all their substantive business at a single monthly meeting, and since all commission-type municipalities would, pursuant to this amendment, be permitted to conduct as many meetings as the board of commissioners determined to be necessary, this legislation would relieve many municipalities of an onerous and unnecessary burden without any sacrifice of good government or the public interest.

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