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ASSEMBLY, No. 1211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 15, 1974

By Assemblyman SINSIMER

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and
Interstate Relations

AN ACT to amend "An act to provide for the qualification and certification of municipal finance officers, authorizing the creation by ordinance of the office of municipal finance officer, and supplementing chapter 46 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes," approved January 20, 1972 (P. L. 1971, c. 413).

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

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1971, c. 413 (C. 40A:9-140.1) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. As used in this act:

4 a. "Director" means the Director of the Division of Local
5 **[Finance]** *Government Services.*

6 b. "Municipal finance officer" means a municipal director of
7 finance, municipal comptroller or municipal treasurer who is not
8 a member of the governing body of a municipality.

9 c. "Local unit" means a municipality or a utility owned by a
10 single municipality or owned jointly by one or more municipalities,
11 which together, do not comprise a county.

1 2. Section 2 of P. L. 1971, c. 413 (C. 40A:9-140.2) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 2. Commencing on the effective date of this act, the Director
4 of the Division of Local **[Finance]** *Government Services*, herein-
5 after referred to as the director, shall accept applications for cer-
6 tification as municipal finance officer. An applicant shall present
7 to the director written application on forms provided by the Di-
8 vision of Local **[Finance]** *Government Services*, showing that the
9 applicant is not less than 21 years of age, is a citizen of the United
10 States, is of good moral character, has obtained a certificate or

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

11 diploma issued after at least 4 years of study in an approved
12 secondary school or has received an academic education considered
13 and accepted by the Commissioner of Education of this State as
14 fully equivalent, and has graduated from a 4-year course at a
15 college of recognized standing, with a major course of study in
16 business administration, accounting or some related subject. An
17 applicant who does not meet the college education requirement may
18 substitute experience in a position as director of finance, comp-
19 troller or treasurer in any **[municipality]** *local unit* on a year-for-
20 year basis. Every applicant shall also furnish proof that he has
21 received certificates indicating satisfactory completion of, or has
22 been the instructor of, complete training courses in municipal cur-
23 rent fund accounting, municipal capital and trust fund accounting,
24 municipal utility fund accounting, municipal budget preparation
25 and control, and principles of financial management, or such other
26 training courses as are certified as their equivalent by Rutgers
27 University, The State University of New Jersey, and approved
28 by the Division of Local **[Finance]** *Government Services*.

1 3. Section 4 of P. L. 1971, c. 413 (C. 40A :9-140.4) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 4. Notwithstanding the qualifications established in section 1 of
4 this act, a municipal finance officer certificate shall be issued to
5 any person who is licensed as a registered municipal accountant in
6 the State of New Jersey who shall make application as required
7 in section 1 of this act, and who shall furnish proof that he has
8 received a certificate indicating satisfactory completion or instruc-
9 tion of a training course in principles of financial management,
10 or such other training course as is certified as its equivalent by
11 Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, and
12 approved by the Division of Local **[Finance]** *Government Services*
13 of the State, upon payment of a fee of \$25.00 to the order of the
14 Treasurer of the State of New Jersey.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this legislation is to permit individuals who in good faith satisfactorily completed the municipal finance officer certification course to qualify for certification. The narrow definition contained in the present language of the act has prevented the Director of the Division of Local Government Services from certifying some individuals merely because they are employed by governmental agencies other than individual municipalities.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 1974

Assembly Bill No. 1211 broadens eligibility requirements for certification as a municipal finance officer. At present, an applicant for certification as a municipal finance officer who is not licensed as a registered municipal accountant in New Jersey, is required, to have, among other things, a 4-year course of study in certain designated fields at a college of recognized standing, or, alternatively, as a substitute therefor, on a year-for-year basis, practical experience as a director of finance, comptroller or treasurer of a municipality.

This bill expands the definition of work experience so as to include experience as a director, comptroller or treasurer of any utility owned by one or more municipalities, but which together do not comprise a county. Such officers shall, however, be subject to such other training requirements for certification as are presently required of municipal finance officers.

Certification as a municipal finance officer is not a prerequisite for the holding of any of the above positions.