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LAWS OF: 2016 **CHAPTER:** 59
NJSA: 13:19-46 (Establishes position of State Oceanographer.)
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SPONSOR(S) Bob Smith and others
DATE INTRODUCED: February 4, 2016
COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Environment and Solid Waste
 SENATE: Environment and Energy
AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No
DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** September 15, 2016
 SENATE: February 11, 2016
DATE OF APPROVAL: November 2, 2016

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Introduced version of bill enacted)

S987

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill)	Yes
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: Yes
	SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

A231

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 4 of introduced bill)	Yes
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: Yes
	SENATE: No
FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

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P.L.2016, CHAPTER 59, *approved November 2, 2016*
Senate, No. 987

1 AN ACT establishing the position of State Oceanographer,
2 supplementing Title 13 of the Revised Statutes, and amending
3 P.L.2007, c.288.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. (New section) a. The Governor shall, with the advice and
9 consent of the Senate, appoint a State Oceanographer, who shall be a
10 resident of the State with expertise in oceanography. The State
11 Oceanographer shall serve for a term of five years, or until a successor
12 is appointed, and may be reappointed. The State Oceanographer shall
13 provide advice and assistance, when requested, to the Governor, the
14 Legislature, and the various departments and agencies of State
15 government on issues involving the ocean, and serve as a member of
16 the New Jersey Coastal and Ocean Protection Council established
17 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.288 (C.13:19-36).

18 b. On or before April 1 of each year, the State Oceanographer
19 shall prepare and transmit an annual report for the preceding calendar
20 year to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
21 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature. The annual report shall detail
22 the activities of the State Oceanographer in the preceding calendar
23 year, and the developments in the State in ocean observation, research,
24 and prediction.

25 c. The State Oceanographer shall serve without compensation,
26 but shall be entitled to the actual and necessary expenses incurred in
27 the performance of the duties of the position pursuant to this section,
28 within the limits of funds appropriated or made available therefor.

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30 2. Section 3 of P.L.2007, c.288 (C.13:19-36) is amended to
31 read as follows:

32 3. a. There is established in the Department of Environmental
33 Protection the New Jersey Coastal and Ocean Protection Council.

34 b. The council shall consist of nine members as follows:

35 (1) the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the
36 commissioner's designee, who shall serve ex officio;

37 (2) the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic
38 Development Authority, or the chief executive officer's designee,
39 who shall serve ex officio;

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not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

- 1 (3) the Executive Director of the Division of Travel and
2 Tourism in the New Jersey Commerce Commission, or the
3 executive director's designee, who shall serve ex officio; **[and]**
- 4 (4) **[six]** the State Oceanographer, who shall serve ex officio;
5 and
- 6 (5) five public members to be appointed by the Governor with
7 the advice and consent of the Senate for four-year terms, except that
8 of those first appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one
9 year, one for a term of two years, **[two]** one for a term of three
10 years and two for a term of four years. Of the public members: one
11 shall be a representative of the commercial fishing industry,
12 representing the range of commercial fisheries in the State,
13 including shellfish and finfish fisheries and fisheries in State and
14 federal waters; one shall be a representative of the recreational
15 fishing industry, representing the range of recreational fisheries in
16 the State, including the hook and line and the party and charter boat
17 fishing industry; **[one shall be a representative of the academic**
18 **community with expertise, knowledge, or experience in coastal or**
19 **ocean ecosystems and habitat;]** one shall be a representative of an
20 environmental organization with expertise, knowledge, or
21 experience in coastal or ocean ecosystems and habitat; one shall be
22 a representative of a public interest group with expertise,
23 knowledge, or experience in coastal or ocean ecosystems and
24 habitat; and one shall be a representative of a non-profit
25 organization with expertise, knowledge, or experience in habitat
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- 27 c. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled in the same
28 manner as the original appointment.
- 29 d. The members of the council shall serve without
30 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
31 incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of
32 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the council for its
33 purposes.
- 34 e. The council shall be entitled to the assistance and service of
35 the employees of any State, county or municipal department, board,
36 bureau, commission, authority, or agency as it may require and as
37 may be available to it for its purposes, and to employ stenographic
38 and clerical assistance and to incur traveling or other miscellaneous
39 expenses as may be necessary in order to perform its duties, within
40 the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it
41 for its purposes. The department shall provide primary staff
42 support to the council.
- 43 f. The council shall organize as soon as possible after the
44 appointment of its members and shall annually elect a chairperson
45 from among its members, and a secretary who need not be a
46 member of the council. The council shall meet at the call of the
47 chairperson or the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or
48 when requested by any four members of the council.

- 1 g. A majority of the membership of the council shall constitute
2 a quorum for the transaction of council business.
- 3 h. The members of the council shall be subject to the "New
4 Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law," P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-12 et
5 seq.).
- 6 i. The council shall be subject to the provisions of the "Senator
7 Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act," P.L.1975,
8 c.231 (C.10:4-6 et seq.).
- 9 j. A true copy of the minutes of every meeting of the council
10 shall be prepared and made available to the public. The minutes
11 shall also be made available on the department's Internet website.
12 (cf: P.L.2007, c.288, s.3)

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14 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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31 Oceanographer and the developments in the State in ocean
32 observation, research, and prediction.

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Establishes position of State Oceanographer.

SENATE, No. 987

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 4, 2016

Sponsored by:

Senator BOB SMITH

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblywoman NANCY J. PINKIN

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT

District 31 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Coughlin, McKeon and Eustace

SYNOPSIS

Establishes position of State Oceanographer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/16/2016)

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18 b. On or before April 1 of each year, the State Oceanographer shall
19 prepare and transmit an annual report for the preceding calendar year
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21 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature. The annual report shall detail
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38 Development Authority, or the chief executive officer's designee,
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40 (3) the Executive Director of the Division of Travel and
41 Tourism in the New Jersey Commerce Commission, or the
42 executive director's designee, who shall serve ex officio; **[and]**

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20 organization with expertise, knowledge, or experience in habitat
21 protection and land preservation.

22 c. Any vacancy in the membership shall be filled in the same
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24 d. The members of the council shall serve without
25 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
26 incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of
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28 purposes.

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31 bureau, commission, authority, or agency as it may require and as
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37 support to the council.

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39 appointment of its members and shall annually elect a chairperson
40 from among its members, and a secretary who need not be a
41 member of the council. The council shall meet at the call of the
42 chairperson or the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or
43 when requested by any four members of the council.

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45 a quorum for the transaction of council business.

46 h. The members of the council shall be subject to the "New
47 Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law," P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-12 et
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SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 987

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2016

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 987.

This bill establishes the position of State Oceanographer. The State Oceanographer, who would be a resident of the State with expertise in oceanography, would be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The State Oceanographer would serve for a term of five years, uncompensated, and could be reappointed for additional terms. The State Oceanographer would provide advice and assistance, when requested, to the Governor, the Legislature, and other State governmental entities, and serve as a member of the New Jersey Coastal and Ocean Protection Council, established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.288 (C.13:19-36). The bill would require the State Oceanographer to prepare an annual report for the preceding calendar year, detailing the activities of the State Oceanographer and the developments in the State in ocean observation, research, and prediction.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 987

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 987.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 231 as amended and also reported by the committee.

ASSEMBLY, No. 231

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblywoman NANCY J. PINKIN

District 18 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Coughlin, McKeon and Eustace

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/17/2016)

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27 the Executive Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources at
28 Rutgers, and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The State
29 Oceanographer would serve within the New Jersey Agricultural
30 Experiment Station for a term of five years, uncompensated, and
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32 Oceanographer would provide advice and assistance, when
33 requested, to the Governor, the Legislature, and other State
34 governmental entities, and serve as a member of the New Jersey
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39 Oceanographer's expertise would be useful. The bill would require
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41 preceding calendar year, detailing the activities of the State
42 Oceanographer and the developments in the State in ocean
43 observation, research, and prediction.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 231

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 231.

This bill establishes the position of State Oceanographer. The State Oceanographer, who would be a resident of the State with expertise in oceanography, would be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The State Oceanographer would serve for a term of five years, uncompensated, and could be reappointed for additional terms. The State Oceanographer would provide advice and assistance, when requested, to the Governor, the Legislature, and other State governmental entities, and serve as a member of the New Jersey Coastal and Ocean Protection Council, established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.288 (C.13:19-36). The bill would require the State Oceanographer to prepare an annual report for the preceding calendar year, detailing the activities of the State Oceanographer and the developments in the State in ocean observation, research, and prediction.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 987 as also reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments to the bill remove the requirements that:

- 1) the Governor consult with Rutgers University when making the appointment;
- 2) the State Oceanographer be a tenured faculty member at Rutgers University; and
- 3) the State Oceanographer serve within the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University.

The committee amendments also delete the language providing that the State Oceanographer could be appointed to serve as a member of any authority, board, or commission on which the State Oceanographer's expertise would be useful.

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie announced that he has taken action on the following legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-987/A-231 (Smith/Danielsen, Pinkin, McKnight) - Establishes position of State Oceanographer

S-1969/A-223 (Turner/DeAngelo, Benson, Quijano, Singleton) - Requires NJ Clean Energy Program's Residential New Construction incentives be made available Statewide

SJR-13/AJR-65 (Madden, Turner/DeAngelo, Space, Phoebus, Houghtaling) - Designates third week in October of each year as "New Jersey Careers in Utilities Week"

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