

52:18A-137 et seq.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S.52:18A-137 et seq.
(Data processing and Telecommunications - Division of)

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Governor Hughes, by Executive Order 54 (May 21, 1969) created, within the Division of Purchase and Property, Department of Treasury, an Office of Telecommunications Management. (copy enclosed)

See:

974.90 State of New Jersey.
R424
1969f Telecommunications study summary.
August 1969

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April 30 - Introduced by Sears, Bateman, Knowlton
and others.
No statement.
May 11 - Passed Assembly, amended (copy enclosed).

Clippings located (V.F.--N.J.--Telephone and Telegraph)
State government phone net planned. NEN February 26, 1969.
Cahill orders inquiry into state phone setup.
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SENATE, No. 833

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 30, 1970

By Senators SEARS, BATEMAN, KNOWLTON, DICKINSON
and MARAZITI

(Without Reference)

AN ACT establishing and concerning a Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications in the Department of the Treasury and providing the appropriation therefor.

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

1 1. There is hereby established in the Department of the Treasury
2 the Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications. The divi-
3 sion shall be under the immediate supervision of a director who shall
4 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the State Treasurer
5 and who shall administer the work of the division under the direc-
6 tion and supervision of the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer
7 shall fix the compensation of the director within the limits of avail-
8 able appropriations.

1 2. The State Treasurer shall establish within the division two
2 bureaus, to be designated the bureau of data processing and the
3 bureau of telecommunications management. The State Treasurer
4 shall organize the work of the division in such other bureaus and
5 other organizational units as he may determine to be necessary for
6 efficient and effective operation and shall assign to the division
7 such employees in the Department of the Treasury as may be nec-
8 essary to assist the director in the performance of his duties.

1 3. The division shall:

2 (a) Assure the effectiveness of information processing through-
3 out the State Government.

4 (b) Advise in policy and planning decisions to insure that the
5 State Government is responsive to new programs involving data
6 handling responsibilities.

7 (c) Assure that the information processing capabilities of the
8 State are kept current and abreast of changing technology.

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

9 (d) Be the organization through which the agencies of the State
10 Government are kept informed as to current Statewide informa-
11 tion processing capabilities and informed as to available machine
12 sensible information.

13 (e) Be responsible for the continued development of efficient
14 uses of information processing.

15 (f) Assure that telecommunication services are provided
16 throughout the State Government in the most economical, uniform
17 and effective manner.

1 4. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the division shall:

2 (a) Be responsible for evaluating all requests affecting the in-
3 formation processing facilities of the State including:

4 (1) The acquisition, continuation or alteration of equipment.

5 (2) The use of consulting firms in information processing
6 studies or projects.

7 (3) The purchase of information processing services.

8 (b) Direct the assignment and reassignment of information
9 processing tasks among the various State Government information
10 processing facilities.

11 (c) Be the organization to represent the State in all intergovern-
12 mental matters relating to information processing.

13 (d) Promulgate such rules and regulations as shall be necessary
14 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 5. The bureau of data processing shall:

2 (a) Foster and direct the establishment and consolidation of
3 information processing centers throughout the State in order to
4 achieve economies in the use of information processing facilities.

5 (b) Develop, promulgate and maintain a Statewide master plan
6 for the economic and effective use of information processing facili-
7 ties.

8 (c) Direct and conduct periodic effectiveness audits of the
9 various facilities comprising the State's information processing
10 capability.

11 (d) Determine whether State agencies are prepared to make
12 effective use of consultants prior to such consultants being solicited
13 or engaged to alter, improve or establish methods or procedures
14 involving information processing.

15 (e) Monitor the progress of such consultants in order to assure
16 that their recommendations and performance are consistent with
17 Statewide objectives of efficiency and economy.

18 (f) Review requests for the use of commercial service organiza-
19 tions and direct the accomplishment of the required tasks by State
20 facilities wherever deemed advisable.

21 (g) Be responsible, with the using agency, for selection and ac-
 22 quisition decisions taking into account the necessity for encourag-
 23 ing competition through solicitation of proposals from qualified
 24 vendors.

25 (h) Determine the advisability of the acquisition and use of
 26 specific software packages.

1 6. As used in this act, "telecommunications" shall mean any
 2 transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writings,
 3 images and sounds or intelligences of any nature by wire, radio,
 4 optical or other electromagnetic system.

1 7. The office of telecommunications management in the Division
 2 of Purchase and Property established by Executive Order No. 54
 3 of the Governor, dated May 21, 1969, together with all of its func-
 4 tions, powers and duties, is transferred to and constituted the
 5 bureau of telecommunications management in the Division of Data
 6 Processing and Telecommunications. Such bureau shall continue
 7 to have all of the powers and shall exercise all of the functions
 8 and duties vested in it or imposed upon it by said executive order
 9 or by this or any other law.

1 8. The bureau of telecommunications management shall:

2 (a) Direct the consolidation and coordination of the State's
 3 telecommunications facilities in order to insure the efficient and
 4 economical use of telecommunications services by State agencies.

5 (b) Develop technical plans for and recommend communication
 6 facilities and equipment which will satisfy agency operational
 7 communications requirements.

8 (c) Conduct continuing reviews and evaluations of communica-
 9 tion facilities and equipment used by State agencies in order to
 10 insure that agency needs are being fulfilled at the most economical
 11 cost to the State.

12 (d) Develop and implement policies, standards, practices and
 13 procedures to insure orderly development of State communication
 14 facilities in an economic and efficient manner.

1 *9. *Nothing in this act shall affect the responsibilities of the*
 2 *New Jersey Broadcasting Authority, or of the Division of State*
 3 *Police with respect to communication facilities, as such responsi-*
 4 *bilities are defined by any law of this State.**

1 ***[9.]** *10.* All appropriations and other moneys available and
 2 to become available to any division, office or other agency, the func-
 3 tions, powers and duties of which have been herein assigned or
 4 transferred to the Division of Data Processing and Telecommuni-
 5 cations, are hereby transferred to the Division of Data Processing
 6 and Telecommunications established hereunder, and shall be avail-

7 able for the objectives and purposes for which appropriated, sub-
8 ject to any terms, restrictions, limitations or other requirements
9 imposed by State or Federal laws.

1 ***[10.]*** *11.* Nothing in this act shall be construed to deprive
2 any person of any tenure rights or of any right or protection pro-
3 vided him by Title 11 of the Revised Statutes, Civil Service, or
4 under any pension law or retirement system.

1 ***[11.]*** *12.* All files, books, papers, records, equipment and
2 other property of any division, office or other agency, the functions,
3 powers and duties of which have been herein assigned or trans-
4 ferred to the Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications,
5 shall upon the effective date of this act be transferred to the Divi-
6 sion of Data Processing and Telecommunications.

1 ***[12.]*** *13.* This act shall not affect orders, rules and regula-
2 tions heretofore made or promulgated by any division, office or
3 other agency, the functions, powers and duties of which have been
4 herein assigned or transferred to the Division of Data Processing
5 and Telecommunications, but such orders, rules and regulations
6 shall continue with full force and effect until amended or repealed
7 pursuant to law.

1 ***[13.]*** *14.* Unless specifically otherwise provided in this act
2 or by any law, whenever, pursuant to existing law, reports, certifi-
3 cations, applications or requests are required or permitted to be
4 made to the division, office or other agency whose functions, powers
5 and duties are herein assigned or transferred, such reports and
6 certifications shall hereafter be required to be filed with, and such
7 applications or requests shall hereafter be made to, the Division
8 of Data Processing and Telecommunications.

1 ***[14.]*** *15.* There is hereby appropriated to the Department
2 of the Treasury the sum of \$150,000.00 to carry out the purposes
3 of this act for the period ending June 30, 1971.

1 ***[15.]*** *16.* The provisions of this act shall become operative
2 at the beginning of the biweekly pay period next following enact-
3 ment. Anticipatory action to effect the establishment of the division
4 may be taken in advance thereof including the making of autho-
5 rized appointments and, within the limits of appropriations avail-
6 able to the Division of Data Processing and Telecommunications,
7 the expenditure of funds for payment of salaries and expenses
8 incident thereto.

1 ***[16.]*** *17.* This act shall take effect immediately.