

48:2-32.2

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NJSA: 48:2-32.2 (Permits any county or municipality to intervene alone or jointly with other counties or municipalities in any hearing held by Board of Public Utilities in protection of the public interest; permits emergency appropriations for legal fees)

BILL NO: S922

SPONSOR: Epstein and others

DATE INTRODUCED: April 20, 1972

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** ---

SENATE: Transportation and Communications

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SENATE: May 15, 1972

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SENATE, No. 922

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 20, 1972

By Senators EPSTEIN, RINALDO and McDERMOTT

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Communications

AN ACT to amend "An act concerning public utilities, amending, supplementing and repealing parts of Title 48 of the Revised Statutes and supplements thereto and amending and supplementing section 14:2-2 of the Revised Statutes," approved December 12, 1962 (P. L. 1962, c. 198).

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

1 1. Section 34 of P. L. 1962, c. 198 (C. 48:2-32.2) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 34. *a.* Every municipality may intervene *alone or jointly with*
4 *another municipality or municipalities* in any hearing or investiga-
5 tion held by the board, which involves public utility rates, fares
6 or charges, service or facilities, affecting the municipality or
7 municipalities or the public within the municipality or municipali-
8 ties and may employ such legal counsel, experts and assistants as
9 may be necessary to protect the interest of the municipality or
10 municipalities or the public within the municipality or municipali-
11 ties. Such municipality or municipalities may by emergency reso-
12 lution raise and appropriate the funds necessary to provide
13 reasonable compensation and expenses of such legal counsel, ex-
14 perts and assistants.

15 *b. The board of freeholders of any county shall have all the
16 rights of intervention, alone or jointly with any municipality or
17 municipalities, or with the board of freeholders of any other county,
18 which are conferred upon municipalities by subsection a. of this
19 section, and may use all of the means provided for the effectuation
20 of said rights which are permitted to municipalities under sub-
21 section a. of this section.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 922

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 4, 1972

Present law permits any municipality to intervene in any hearing or investigation held by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners which involves public utility rates, fares, or charges, services or facilities, affecting the municipality or the public within the municipality. This bill amends this law (C. 48:2-32.2) to provide that municipalities may intervene alone or jointly with other municipalities in such hearings and may employ such legal counsel, experts and assistants as may be necessary to protect the interests of the municipality or public. The amendment also provides that municipalities may by emergency resolution raise and appropriate the funds necessary for such counsel, experts and assistants.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE, No. 922

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MAY 11, 1972

Amend page 1, section 1, line 3, after "34.", insert "a."

Amend page 1, section 1, line 14, after line 14, insert new subsection as follows:

"b. The board of freeholders of any county shall have all the rights of intervention, alone or jointly with any municipality or municipalities, or with the board of freeholders of any other county, which are conferred upon municipalities by subsection a. of this section, and may use all of the means provided for the effectuation of said rights which are permitted to municipalities under subsection a. of this section."