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on Freeholders salaries - Increase.

N.J.R.S. 40:20-72

(1974 Amendment)

LAWS OF 1974

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SENATE BILL

ASSEMBLY BILL 1267

INTRODUCED March 13, 1974

BY Keegan and others

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT

YES NO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

YES NO

SENATE COMMITTEE STATEMENT

YES NO

FISCAL NOTE

YES NO

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE

YES NO

HEARING None discussed

VETO

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT to Assembly, No. 1267

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1267

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 18, 1974

By Assemblymen KEEGAN, PERKINS, OTLOWSKI, CHINNICI,
JACKMAN, ESPOSITO, GALLO and McMANIMON

Referred to Committee on County Government

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R. S. 40:20-72.

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2 *of New Jersey:*

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3 freeholders in counties governed by small boards under the pro-
4 visions of sections 40:20-2 to 40:20-35 of this Title and in counties
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6 (C. 40:20-35.1 et seq.), shall be *fixed by the respective boards by*
7 *resolution as follows:*

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7B *adoption of said resolution shall be the same as the procedure*
7C *established by N. J. S. 40A:4-4 for the adoption of a county budget*
7D *resolution.**

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10 annual salary of not **[less than \$5,000.00 nor]** more than
11 **[\$7,500.00]** *\$12,000.00*; and the director shall receive, in addition
12 to his salary as a member, a sum not exceeding **[\$500.00]** *\$1,000.00*
12A per annum;

13 ***[b.]*** *c.* In counties now or hereafter having a population of
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18 exceeding **[\$500.00]** *\$1,000.00* per annum; and

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

19 ***[c.]*** *d.** In counties now or hereafter having a population of
 20 more than **[600,000]** *400,000*, each member shall receive an annual
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24 Salaries of members of boards of chosen freeholders for which
 25 a **[minimum and]** maximum amount is prescribed herein, and ad-
 26 ditional compensation of directors of boards of chosen freeholders
 27 for which a maximum amount is prescribed herein, may, within
 28 the limits prescribed herein, be fixed by the respective boards by
 29 resolution. *Pending the adoption of the aforesaid resolution,*
 30 *pursuant to this act, salaries of members of boards of chosen free-*
 31 *holders and any additional compensation to directors thereof shall*
 32 *continue to be paid as heretofore established.* Every such resolution
 33 shall specify the date when such salaries shall take effect.

34 The salaries of members of boards of chosen freeholders referred
 35 to in this section, including any additional compensation to direc-
 36 tors thereof, shall be in lieu of all fees or other compensation, ex-
 37 cepting additional compensation for premiums on group insurance
 38 authorized under P. L. 1960, c. 180**[**, and shall be paid in equal
 39 monthly installments by the county treasurer**]****, and shall be paid*
 40 *in equal installments by the county treasurer as in the case of*
 41 *other county salaries**.

1 2. This act shall take effect ***[on the ninetieth day following en-**
 2 **actment]**** immediately**.

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ASSEMBLY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1267

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 18, 1974

Change statement appended to and printed with the bill to replace
“resolution” with “ordinance.”

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1267

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED APRIL 22, 1974

Amend page 1, section 1, after line 7, insert new paragraph "a." as follows:

"a. The procedure for introduction, publication, hearing and adoption of said resolution shall be the same as the procedure established by N. J. S. 40A:4-4 for the adoption of a county budget resolution."

Amend page 1, section 1, line 8, omit "a.", insert "b."

Amend page 1, section 1, line 13, omit "b.", insert "c."

Amend page 1, section 1, line 19, omit "c.", insert "d."

Amend page 2, section 1, line 39, after "I", insert ", and shall be paid in equal installments by the county treasurer as in the case of other county salaries".

Amend page 2, section 2, lines 1-2, after "effect", omit "on the ninetieth day following enactment", insert "immediately".

SENATE
STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1267

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 1974

Assembly Bill 1267 eliminates the statutory minimum for salaries of members of boards of chosen freeholders, redefines the existing county classifications for salary purposes, and provides new maximum salary levels for all such classifications. The bill also raises from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 the maximum additional compensation which may be paid to the director of the board. The setting of precise salary levels is left, as under the existing law, to the discretion of the board.

Assembly Bill 1267 also requires that no salary resolution pursuant to the provisions of this bill, shall be adopted unless public notice is given as to the date of the impending consideration of said resolution and provided that a public hearing is held on the resolution or on any amendments thereto.