

**2B:12-1 & 39:5-41**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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**LAWS OF:** 2015                      **CHAPTER:** 103

**NJSA:** 2B:12-1 & 39:5-41 (Revises requirements for establishment of central municipal courts.)

**BILL NO:** S2995                      (Substituted for A3959 (1R))

**SPONSOR(S)** Gordon, Robert M., and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** June 8, 2015

**COMMITTEE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** ---

**SENATE:** Budget and Appropriations

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** 6/25/2015

**SENATE:** 6/25/2015

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** August 10, 2015

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**S2995**

**INTRODUCED BILL:** (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

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**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**A3959 (1R)**

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"LAW CLEARS UP POST-MERGER TICKET CONCERNS - ENSURES COUNTY COURT PROCESSING,"  
The Record, August 12, 2015

"LAW CLEARS UP POST-MERGER TICKET CONCERNS - ENSURES COUNTY COURT PROCESSING",  
Herald News, August 13, 2015

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P.L.2015, CHAPTER 103, *approved August 10, 2015*

Senate, No. 2995

1 AN ACT concerning central municipal courts and amending  
2 N.J.S.2B:12-1 and R.S.39:5-41.

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

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22 the Administrative Director of the Courts. As used in this act,  
23 "municipal court" includes a joint municipal court.

24 c. Two or more municipalities, by ordinance or resolution, may  
25 agree to provide jointly for courtrooms, chambers, equipment,  
26 supplies and employees for their municipal courts and agree to  
27 appoint judges and administrators without establishing a joint  
28 municipal court. Where municipal courts share facilities in this  
29 manner, the identities of the individual courts shall continue to be  
30 expressed in the captions of orders and process.

31 d. An agreement pursuant to subsection b. or c. of this section  
32 may be terminated as provided in the agreement. If the agreement  
33 makes no provision for termination, it may be terminated by any  
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36 e. Any county of the first class with a population of over  
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38 persons per square mile according to the **[latest]** 2010 federal  
39 decennial census **[**, with a county police department and force  
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41 police system established in accordance with P.L.1960, c.135  
42 (C.40:37-261 et seq.),**]** may establish, by ordinance, a central

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 municipal court, which shall be an inferior court of limited  
2 jurisdiction, to adjudicate cases filed by agents of the county health  
3 department, agents of the county office of consumer affairs,  
4 members of the county police department and force **【or】** , county  
5 park police system, or sheriff's office, or other cases within its  
6 jurisdiction referred by the vicinage Assignment Judge pursuant to  
7 the Rules of Court, and provide for its administration. A copy of  
8 that ordinance shall be filed with the Administrative Director of the  
9 Courts. As used in this act, "municipal court" includes a central  
10 municipal court.

11 f. Nothing in P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
12 Legislature as this bill) shall require a county that has established  
13 and maintained a central municipal court in accordance with  
14 subsection e. of N.J.S.2B:12-1 prior to the date of the enactment of  
15 P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) to re-establish that court.

16 (cf: P.L.2011, c.181, s.1)

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18 2. R.S.39:5-41 is amended to read as follows:

19 39:5-41. a. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and  
20 collected under authority of law for any violations of R.S.39:4-63  
21 and R.S.39:4-64 shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same  
22 have been paid to the proper financial officer of a county, if the  
23 violation occurred within the jurisdiction of that county's central  
24 municipal court, established pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-1 et seq. or the  
25 municipality wherein the violation occurred, to be used by the  
26 county or municipality to help finance litter control activities in  
27 addition to or supplementing existing litter pickup and removal  
28 activities in the municipality.

29 b. Except as otherwise provided by subsection a. of this  
30 section, all fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected  
31 under authority of law for any violations of the provisions of this  
32 Title, other than those violations in which the complaining witness  
33 is the chief administrator, a member of his staff, a member of the  
34 State Police, a member of a county police department and force  
35 **【or】** , a county park police system, or a sheriff's office in a county  
36 that has established a central municipal court, an inspector of the  
37 Board of Public Utilities, or a law enforcement officer of any other  
38 State agency, shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same  
39 have been paid as follows: one-half of the total amount collected to  
40 the financial officer, as designated by the local governing body, of  
41 the respective municipalities wherein the violations occurred, to be  
42 used by the municipality for general municipal use and to defray the  
43 cost of operating the municipal court; and one-half of the total  
44 amount collected to the proper financial officer of the county  
45 wherein they were collected, to be used by the county as a fund for  
46 the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads  
47 and bridges, snow removal, the acquisition and purchase of rights-  
48 of-way, and the purchase, replacement and repair of equipment for

1 use on said roads and bridges therein. Up to 25% of the money  
2 received by a municipality pursuant to this subsection, but not more  
3 than the actual amount budgeted for the municipal court, whichever  
4 is less, may be used to upgrade case processing.

5 All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected under  
6 authority of law for any violations of the provisions of this Title, in  
7 which the complaining witness is a member of a county police  
8 department and force **【or】** , a county park police system, or a  
9 county sheriff's office in a county that has established a central  
10 municipal court, shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same  
11 have been paid to the financial officer, designated by the governing  
12 body of the county, for all violations occurring within the  
13 jurisdiction of that court, to be used for general county use and to  
14 defray the cost of operating the central municipal court.

15 Whenever any county has deposited moneys collected pursuant  
16 to this section in a special trust fund in lieu of expending the same  
17 for the purposes authorized by this section, it may withdraw from  
18 said special trust fund in any year an amount which is not in excess  
19 of the amount expended by the county over the immediately  
20 preceding three-year period from general county revenues for said  
21 purposes. Such moneys withdrawn from the trust fund shall be  
22 accounted for and used as are other general county revenues.

23 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.293.)

24 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
25 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and  
26 penalty imposed and collected through a court under authority of  
27 any law for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the  
28 Revised Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in  
29 this State and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same  
30 are paid to the State Treasurer. In addition, upon the forfeiture of  
31 bail, \$1 of that forfeiture shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer.  
32 The State Treasurer shall annually deposit those moneys so  
33 forwarded in the "Body Armor Replacement" fund established  
34 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1997, c.177 (C.52:17B-4.4). Beginning  
35 in the fiscal year next following the effective date of this act, the  
36 State Treasurer annually shall allocate from those moneys so  
37 forwarded an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to the Department of  
38 the Treasury to be expended exclusively for the purposes of funding  
39 the operation of the "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention  
40 Services" telephone hotline established and maintained under the  
41 provisions of sections 115 and 116 of P.L.2008, c.29 (C.26:2NN-1  
42 and C.26:2NN-2).

43 e. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
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1 are paid to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually  
2 deposit those moneys so forwarded in the "New Jersey Spinal Cord  
3 Research Fund" established pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1999, c.201  
4 (C.52:9E-9). In order to comply with the provisions of Article VIII,  
5 Section II, paragraph 5 of the State Constitution, a municipal or  
6 county agency which forwards moneys to the State Treasurer  
7 pursuant to this subsection may retain an amount equal to 2% of the  
8 moneys which it collects pursuant to this subsection as  
9 compensation for its administrative costs associated with  
10 implementing the provisions of this subsection.

11 f. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
12 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and  
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19 Research and Treatment Fund" established pursuant to section 1 of  
20 P.L.2003, c.144 (C.30:6D-62.2).

21 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
22 this section, \$2 shall be added to the amount of each fine and  
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30 depositing the moneys into the fund, the State Treasurer shall  
31 forward to the Administrative Office of the Courts an amount not to  
32 exceed \$475,000 from moneys initially collected pursuant to this  
33 subsection to be used exclusively to establish a collection  
34 mechanism and to provide funding to update the Automated Traffic  
35 System Fund created pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-30 to implement the  
36 provisions of this subsection.

37 h. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
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48 pursuant to this subsection, prior to depositing any moneys in the

1 "New Jersey Brain Injury Research Fund," in order to meet the  
2 expenses associated with utilizing the Automated Traffic System  
3 Fund created pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-30 to implement the  
4 provisions of this subsection and serve other statutory purposes.

5 i. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
6 this section, all fines and penalties imposed and collected under  
7 authority of law for any violation related to the unlawful operation  
8 or the sale of a vehicle under section 1 of P.L.1955, c.53 (C.39:3-  
9 17.1) shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same have been  
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12 an inspector of the Board of Public Utilities, or a law enforcement  
13 officer or other official of any other State agency; or, if the  
14 complaining witness is not one of the foregoing, one-half to the  
15 chief financial officer of the county and one-half to the chief  
16 financial officer of the municipality wherein the violation occurred.  
17 (cf: P.L.2008, c.116, s.1)

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19 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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24 This bill revises the requirements for the establishment of a  
25 central municipal court.

26 Under current law, in order to establish a central municipal court,  
27 a county, otherwise eligible by class, population, and population  
28 density, is required to have a county police department or county  
29 park police force established. This bill removes the provision  
30 requiring these counties to have either type of police force.  
31 However, the bill does not require a county that has established and  
32 maintained a central municipal court in accordance with current law  
33 to re-establish that court following enactment of the bill.

34 This bill also amends Title 39 of the Revised Statutes (the State  
35 Motor Vehicle Code) to include county sheriff's officers as  
36 potential complaining witnesses in court proceedings regarding  
37 motor vehicle violations which occur in counties with central  
38 municipal courts.

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# SENATE, No. 2995

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 8, 2015

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**District 37 (Bergen)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2015)



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10 an inspector of the Board of Public Utilities, or a law enforcement  
11 officer or other official of any other State agency; or, if the  
12 complaining witness is not one of the foregoing, one-half to the  
13 chief financial officer of the county and one-half to the chief  
14 financial officer of the municipality wherein the violation occurred.  
15 (cf: P.L.2008, c.116, s.1)

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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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20 STATEMENT

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22 This bill revises the requirements for the establishment of a  
23 central municipal court.

24 Under current law, in order to establish a central municipal court,  
25 a county, otherwise eligible by class, population, and population  
26 density, is required to have a county police department or county  
27 park police force established. This bill removes the provision  
28 requiring these counties to have either type of police force.  
29 However, the bill does not require a county that has established and  
30 maintained a central municipal court in accordance with current law  
31 to re-establish that court following enactment of the bill.

32 This bill also amends Title 39 of the Revised Statutes (the State  
33 Motor Vehicle Code) to include county sheriff's officers as  
34 potential complaining witnesses in court proceedings regarding  
35 motor vehicle violations which occur in counties with central  
36 municipal courts.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2995

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2015

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2995.

This bill revises the requirements for the establishment of a central municipal court.

Under current law, in order to establish a central municipal court, a county, otherwise eligible by class, population, and population density, is required to have a county police department or county park police force established. This bill removes the provision requiring these counties to have either type of police force. However, the bill does not require a county that has established and maintained a central municipal court in accordance with current law to re-establish that court following enactment of the bill.

This bill also amends Title 39 of the Revised Statutes (the State Motor Vehicle Code) to include county sheriff's officers as potential complaining witnesses in court proceedings regarding motor vehicle violations which occur in counties with central municipal courts.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified for a Fiscal Note.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3959

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 11, 2014

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman TIMOTHY J. EUSTACE**

**District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)**

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**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblywoman MARLENE CARIDE**

**District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Revises requirements for establishment of central municipal courts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/5/2015)

1 AN ACT concerning central municipal courts and amending  
2 N.J.S.2B:12-1 and R.S.39:5-41.

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

6

7 1. N.J.S.2B:12-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 2B:12-1. Establishment of municipal courts.

9 a. Every municipality shall establish a municipal court. If a  
10 municipality fails to maintain a municipal court or does not enter  
11 into an agreement pursuant to subsection b. or c. of this section, the  
12 Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall order violations occurring  
13 within its boundaries heard in any other municipal court in the  
14 county until such time as the municipality establishes and maintains  
15 a municipal court. The municipality without a municipal court shall  
16 be responsible for all administrative costs specified in the order of  
17 the Assignment Judge pending the establishment of its municipal  
18 court.

19 b. Two or more municipalities, by ordinance, may enter into an  
20 agreement establishing a single joint municipal court and providing  
21 for its administration. A copy of the agreement shall be filed with  
22 the Administrative Director of the Courts. As used in this act,  
23 "municipal court" includes a joint municipal court.

24 c. Two or more municipalities, by ordinance or resolution, may  
25 agree to provide jointly for courtrooms, chambers, equipment,  
26 supplies and employees for their municipal courts and agree to  
27 appoint judges and administrators without establishing a joint  
28 municipal court. Where municipal courts share facilities in this  
29 manner, the identities of the individual courts shall continue to be  
30 expressed in the captions of orders and process.

31 d. An agreement pursuant to subsection b. or c. of this section  
32 may be terminated as provided in the agreement. If the agreement  
33 makes no provision for termination, it may be terminated by any  
34 party with reasonable notices and terms as determined by the  
35 Assignment Judge of the vicinage.

36 e. Any county of the first class with a population of over  
37 **[825,000]** 900,000 and a population density of less than 4,000  
38 persons per square mile according to the **[latest]** 2010 federal  
39 decennial census **[**, with a county police department and force  
40 established in accordance with N.J.S.40A:14-106 or a county park  
41 police system established in accordance with P.L.1960, c.135  
42 (C.40:37-261 et seq.),**]** may establish, by ordinance, a central  
43 municipal court, which shall be an inferior court of limited  
44 jurisdiction, to adjudicate cases filed by agents of the county health  
45 department, agents of the county office of consumer affairs,

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.



1 members of the county police department and force **【or】** , county  
2 park police system, or sheriff's office, or other cases within its  
3 jurisdiction referred by the vicinage Assignment Judge pursuant to  
4 the Rules of Court, and provide for its administration. A copy of  
5 that ordinance shall be filed with the Administrative Director of the  
6 Courts. As used in this act, "municipal court" includes a central  
7 municipal court.

8 (cf: P.L.2011, c.181, s.1)

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10 2. R.S.39:5-41 is amended to read as follows:

11 39:5-41. a. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and  
12 collected under authority of law for any violations of R.S.39:4-63  
13 and R.S.39:4-64 shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same  
14 have been paid to the proper financial officer of a county, if the  
15 violation occurred within the jurisdiction of that county's central  
16 municipal court, established pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-1 et seq. or the  
17 municipality wherein the violation occurred, to be used by the  
18 county or municipality to help finance litter control activities in  
19 addition to or supplementing existing litter pickup and removal  
20 activities in the municipality.

21 b. Except as otherwise provided by subsection a. of this  
22 section, all fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected  
23 under authority of law for any violations of the provisions of this  
24 Title, other than those violations in which the complaining witness  
25 is the chief administrator, a member of his staff, a member of the  
26 State Police, a member of a county police department and force  
27 **【or】** , a county park police system, or a sheriff's office in a county  
28 that has established a central municipal court, an inspector of the  
29 Board of Public Utilities, or a law enforcement officer of any other  
30 State agency, shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same  
31 have been paid as follows: one-half of the total amount collected to  
32 the financial officer, as designated by the local governing body, of  
33 the respective municipalities wherein the violations occurred, to be  
34 used by the municipality for general municipal use and to defray the  
35 cost of operating the municipal court; and one-half of the total  
36 amount collected to the proper financial officer of the county  
37 wherein they were collected, to be used by the county as a fund for  
38 the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads  
39 and bridges, snow removal, the acquisition and purchase of rights-  
40 of-way, and the purchase, replacement and repair of equipment for  
41 use on said roads and bridges therein. Up to 25% of the money  
42 received by a municipality pursuant to this subsection, but not more  
43 than the actual amount budgeted for the municipal court, whichever  
44 is less, may be used to upgrade case processing.

45 All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected under  
46 authority of law for any violations of the provisions of this Title, in  
47 which the complaining witness is a member of a county police  
48 department and force **【or】** , a county park police system, or a

1 county sheriff's office in a county that has established a central  
2 municipal court, shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same  
3 have been paid to the financial officer, designated by the governing  
4 body of the county, for all violations occurring within the  
5 jurisdiction of that court, to be used for general county use and to  
6 defray the cost of operating the central municipal court.

7 Whenever any county has deposited moneys collected pursuant  
8 to this section in a special trust fund in lieu of expending the same  
9 for the purposes authorized by this section, it may withdraw from  
10 said special trust fund in any year an amount which is not in excess  
11 of the amount expended by the county over the immediately  
12 preceding three-year period from general county revenues for said  
13 purposes. Such moneys withdrawn from the trust fund shall be  
14 accounted for and used as are other general county revenues.

15 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.293.)

16 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
17 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and  
18 penalty imposed and collected through a court under authority of  
19 any law for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the  
20 Revised Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in  
21 this State and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same  
22 are paid to the State Treasurer. In addition, upon the forfeiture of  
23 bail, \$1 of that forfeiture shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer.  
24 The State Treasurer shall annually deposit those moneys so  
25 forwarded in the "Body Armor Replacement" fund established  
26 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1997, c.177 (C.52:17B-4.4). Beginning  
27 in the fiscal year next following the effective date of this act, the  
28 State Treasurer annually shall allocate from those moneys so  
29 forwarded an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to the Department of  
30 the Treasury to be expended exclusively for the purposes of funding  
31 the operation of the "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention  
32 Services" telephone hotline established and maintained under the  
33 provisions of sections 115 and 116 of P.L.2008, c.29 (C.26:2NN-1  
34 and C.26:2NN-2).

35 e. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
36 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and  
37 penalty imposed and collected through a court under authority of  
38 any law for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the  
39 Revised Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in  
40 this State and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same  
41 are paid to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually  
42 deposit those moneys so forwarded in the "New Jersey Spinal Cord  
43 Research Fund" established pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1999, c.201  
44 (C.52:9E-9). In order to comply with the provisions of Article VIII,  
45 Section II, paragraph 5 of the State Constitution, a municipal or  
46 county agency which forwards moneys to the State Treasurer  
47 pursuant to this subsection may retain an amount equal to 2% of the  
48 moneys which it collects pursuant to this subsection as

1 compensation for its administrative costs associated with  
2 implementing the provisions of this subsection.

3 f. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
4 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and  
5 penalty imposed and collected through a court under authority of  
6 any law for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the  
7 Revised Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in  
8 this State and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same  
9 are paid to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually  
10 deposit those moneys so forwarded in the "Autism Medical  
11 Research and Treatment Fund" established pursuant to section 1 of  
12 P.L.2003, c.144 (C.30:6D-62.2).

13 g. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
14 this section, \$2 shall be added to the amount of each fine and  
15 penalty imposed and collected by a court under authority of any law  
16 for any violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised  
17 Statutes or any other motor vehicle or traffic violation in this State  
18 and shall be forwarded by the person to whom the same are paid to  
19 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually deposit  
20 those moneys so forwarded in the "New Jersey Forensic DNA  
21 Laboratory Fund" established pursuant to P.L.2003, c.183. Prior to  
22 depositing the moneys into the fund, the State Treasurer shall  
23 forward to the Administrative Office of the Courts an amount not to  
24 exceed \$475,000 from moneys initially collected pursuant to this  
25 subsection to be used exclusively to establish a collection  
26 mechanism and to provide funding to update the Automated Traffic  
27 System Fund created pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-30 to implement the  
28 provisions of this subsection.

29 h. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
30 this section, \$1 shall be added to the amount of each fine and  
31 penalty imposed and collected under authority of any law for any  
32 violation of the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or any  
33 other motor vehicle or traffic violation in this State and shall be  
34 forwarded by the person to whom the same are paid to the State  
35 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually deposit those moneys  
36 so forwarded in the "New Jersey Brain Injury Research Fund"  
37 established pursuant to section 9 of P.L.2003, c.200 (C.52:9EE-9).  
38 The Administrative Office of the Courts may retain an amount  
39 equal to \$475,000 from the moneys which it initially collects  
40 pursuant to this subsection, prior to depositing any moneys in the  
41 "New Jersey Brain Injury Research Fund," in order to meet the  
42 expenses associated with utilizing the Automated Traffic System  
43 Fund created pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-30 to implement the  
44 provisions of this subsection and serve other statutory purposes.

45 i. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of  
46 this section, all fines and penalties imposed and collected under  
47 authority of law for any violation related to the unlawful operation  
48 or the sale of a vehicle under section 1 of P.L.1955, c.53 (C.39:3-

1 17.1) shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same have been  
2 paid to the State Treasurer, if the complaining witness is the chief  
3 administrator, a member of his staff, a member of the State Police,  
4 an inspector of the Board of Public Utilities, or a law enforcement  
5 officer or other official of any other State agency; or, if the  
6 complaining witness is not one of the foregoing, one-half to the  
7 chief financial officer of the county and one-half to the chief  
8 financial officer of the municipality wherein the violation occurred.  
9 (cf: P.L.2008, c.116, s.1)

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11 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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16 This bill revises the requirements for the establishment of a  
17 central municipal court.

18 Under current law, in order to establish a central municipal court,  
19 a county, otherwise eligible by class, population, and population  
20 density, is required to have a county police department or county  
21 park police force established. This bill removes the provision  
22 requiring these counties to have either type of police force.

23 This bill also amends Title 39 of the Revised Statutes (the State  
24 Motor Vehicle Code) to include county sheriff's officers as  
25 potential complaining witnesses in court proceedings regarding  
26 motor vehicle violations which occur in counties with central  
27 municipal courts.

# ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 3959**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 4, 2015

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3959.

This bill revises the requirements for the establishment of a central municipal court.

Under current law, in order to establish a central municipal court, a county, otherwise eligible by class, population, and population density, is required to have a county police department or county park police force established. This bill removes the provision requiring such a county to have either type of police force. Currently, only Bergen County has a central municipal court.

This bill also amends Title 39 of the Revised Statutes (Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulation) to include county sheriff's officers as potential complaining witnesses in court proceedings regarding motor vehicle violations which occur in counties with central municipal courts.

The committee amended the bill to clarify that it is not intended to require a county that has established and maintained a central municipal court in accordance with current law prior to the date of enactment of the bill to re-establish that court.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

Add a new subsection f. to section 1 providing that nothing in the bill shall require a county that has established and maintained a central municipal court in accordance with subsection e. of N.J.S.2B:12-1 prior to the date of the enactment of the bill to re-establish that court.

# Governor Chris Christie Signs Bills To Expand Substance Abuse Recovery Efforts

Monday, August 10, 2015 Tags: [Addiction Taskforce](#)



## Governor Christie Also Takes Action On Other Pending Legislation

Trenton, NJ – Affirming the administration’s commitment to helping those impacted by drug abuse and addiction reclaim their lives, Governor Chris Christie has signed measures to further assist the treatment and recovery process.

“We remain firmly committed to confronting the stigma of drug abuse and addiction in the Garden State,” said Governor Christie. “The legislation I have signed continues our efforts on these important fronts by providing a substance abuse housing recovery program for impacted students at our public colleges and universities as well as allowing medication-assisted treatment as part of our larger drug court treatment programs. These measures are another bold step to help people reclaim their lives and I want to thank Senator Vitale for his advocacy on these issues.”

S-2377/A-3719 (Senators Barnes, Vitale/Assemblymembers Pinkin, Mukherji) requires four-year public colleges and universities to establish a substance abuse recovery housing program within four years. The college may designate a floor, wing, or other area within a dormitory for the program, rather than an entire dorm. The legislation applies to Rutgers New Brunswick, Ramapo College, The College of New Jersey, Montclair State University, Rowan University, and Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The Rutgers New Brunswick campus already has implemented a similar policy. Additionally, in December, the College of New Jersey received grant funding to establish a recovery housing program.

“New Jersey created the nation’s first college-based recovery housing programs and they have been a great success. Now, with the Governor’s signature, many more New Jersey college students in recovery will have a much greater opportunity to maintain their sobriety and to succeed in school and in life,” said Senator Joseph F. Vitale.

The second bill, S-2381/A-3723 (Senators Lesniak, Vitale/Assemblymembers Conaway, Mukherjee, Sumter, and Jimenez), allows for the completion of a special probation drug court program with use of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The legislation further clarifies that any urine test for drug or alcohol use conducted in the course of the drug court program that shows a positive result for an individual using medication-assisted treatment would not constitute a program violation unless the positive test result is for substances unrelated to the individual’s MAT. Through this bill, the treatment provider rather than a judge can now decide whether narcotic-based treatment should be permitted for convicted offenders who have been admitted to the Drug Court program for drug abuse.

“Medication assisted treatment for Drug Court attendees, like all other clinical decisions made by a provider for their patient, is a critical component in a person’s treatment and recovery plan. I thank the Governor for his support of this legislation and his continued leadership and support of Drug Court programs,” Vitale added.

### The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:

#### BILL SIGNINGS:

**S-122/A-4149** (A.R. Bucco, Addiego/Angelini, Simon, Vainieri Huttle, Wimberly) – Expands number of safe havens for leaving newborn infants

**SCS for S-573/ACS for A-2443 (Smith, Sweeney/Burzichelli, Space, McHose)** – Establishes apprentice firearm hunting license and apprentice bow and arrow license

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**S-685/A-4306 (Lesniak, Whelan/Burzichelli, O'Scanlon)** – Reduces number of voters for whom person can serve as messenger; limits to three number of voted mail-in ballots transmittable by bearer; modifies conviction standard under vote by mail law

**S-736/ACS for A-3037, 2547, 3596, 2422 (T. Kean, Lesniak/Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Munoz, Lagana, Garcia, Jimenez, Dancer, Webber)** – Establishes crimes of dog fighting and leader of a dog fighting network, and updates crime of animal fighting; amends RICO concerning dog fighting

**S-756/A-3151 (Sarlo/Prieto, Jimenez)** – Creates sporting facility license governing sale of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances

**S-1760/A-4212 (Allen, Ruiz, Turner/Vainieri Huttle, Angelini, Jasey)** – Recognizes American Sign Language as a world language for meeting high school graduation requirements

**S-1813/A-3123 (Whelan, Oroho/Burzichelli, Eustace, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Webber)** – Requires each State agency to review permits issued by agency and make necessary changes to expedite and facilitate permitting

**S-2003/ACS for A-4299 (Pou/Sumter, Mainor, Wimberly, Rodriguez-Gregg)** – Makes certain reforms to juvenile justice system

**S-2109/A-3344 (Oroho, O'Toole/McHose, Space)** – Clarifies that county sheriff may simultaneously hold position of emergency management coordinator

**S-2165/A-4374 (Cunningham, Pou/Sumter, Jasey)** – Requires Secretary of Higher Education to adopt new comprehensive master plan within six months and every seven years thereafter

**S-2377/A-3719 (Barnes, Vitale/Pinkin, Mukherji)** – Directs certain four-year public institutions of higher education to establish substance abuse recovery housing program

**SCS for S-2381/ACS for A-3723 (Lesniak, Vitale/Conaway, Mukherji, Sumter, Jimenez)** – Permits successful completion of special probation drug court program notwithstanding use of medication-assisted treatment

**S-2420/A-3838 (Smith, Bateman/McKeon, Eustace, Gusciora, Benson)** – Increases electric power net metering capacity threshold to 2.9 percent of total annual kilowatt-hours sold in State

**S-2454/A-3791 (Van Drew, Oroho/Stender, Auth, Andrzejczak, Clifton, Eustace, Garcia)** – Streamlines responsibilities of Division of Local Government Services and local governments; designated as the Division of Local Government Services Modernization and Local Mandate Relief Act of 2015

**S-2484/A-3845 (Codey, Turner/Jasey, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, McKeon)** – Requires DOE to conduct study on options and benefits of instituting later school start time in middle school and high school

**S-2508/A-3798 (Oroho, Whelan/McHose, Space)** – Authorizes certain county veteran identification cards to serve as proof of status for veteran designation on driver's license or identification card

**S-2559/A-4016 (Sweeney, Weinberg, O'Toole/Lagana, Mazzeo, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle)** – Removes presumption of nonimprisonment in certain assault cases involving domestic violence victims; expands criminal coercion statute; revises Pretrial Intervention procedures in certain criminal cases

**SCS for S-2567/AS for A-4025 (Sweeney, Oroho, Smith, Greenstein, Thompson/Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Space, McHose, Pinkin)** – Creates "Fishing Buddy License"

**S-2583/A-3836 (Allen, Bateman/Coughlin, Webber, Pinkin, Wilson, A.M. Bucco, Mukherji)** – Upgrades simple assault to aggravated assault if committed against certain law enforcement officers and employees because of job status

**S-2599/A-4121 (Bateman, Smith/Spencer, Schepisi)** – Provides certain definitions for biofuels under "Motor Fuel Tax Act"

**S-2825/A-4316 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Mazzeo)** – Increases efficiency and transparency in distribution of Superstorm Sandy aid money

**S-2995/A-3959 (Gordon/Eustace, Johnson, Caride, Vainieri Huttle)** – Revises requirements for establishment of central municipal courts

**S-3023/A-4558 (Ruiz, Oroho/McKeon, Spencer, Wimberly)** – Appropriates \$4,750,000 from various Green Acres funds for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

**SJR-17/AJR-79 (Beck, T. Kean/Angelini, Vainieri Huttle, McKeon, Mosquera, Pinkin, Coughlin, Wimberly)** – Designates September of each year as "Hunger Action Month" in New Jersey

**SJR-40/AJR-44 (Beach, Doherty/Wilson, McHose, Mazzeo, Tucker, DeAngelo)** – Designates September as "Gold Star Mothers Appreciation Month"

**SJR-60/AJR-83 (Beach/DeAngelo, Space)** – Designates October of each year as "Lineman Appreciation Month"

**A-4559/S-3022 (McKeon, Spencer, Wimberly/Codey, Doherty)** – Appropriates \$88,592,361 from "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund" and various Green Acres bond funds for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

**BILLS VETOED:**

**S-300/A-4119 (Rice, Greenstein/Jasey, Quijano, DeCroce, Sumter, Wimberly) – CONDITIONAL** – Establishes "New Jersey Out-of-School Time Advisory Commission" to review before-school, after-school, and summer programs

**S-1195/A-2659 (Vitale, Allen, Weinberg/Vainieri Huttie, Gusciora, Jasey, Mosquera, McKeon) – ABSOLUTE** - Revises procedure for issuance of amended birth certificate for person who has undergone change in sex

**S-1593/A-213 (Turner, Ruiz/Gusciora, Eustace, Jasey, Quijano, Wimberly, Muoio) – ABSOLUTE** – Establishes "Police Officer, Firefighter, Public School Teacher, Corrections Officer, and Sanitation Worker Home-buyer Assistance Act"; appropriates \$5 million

**S-1621/A-2926 (Sweeney, Barnes/Lagana, Coughlin, Mosquera, Webber, Pinkin, Danielsen) – CONDITIONAL** – Gives priority in training programs to long-term unemployed

**S-1857/A-2699 (Codey, Turner/Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Caputo, Wimberly) – CONDITIONAL** – Establishes measures to deter steroid use among students; appropriates \$45,000 to DOE for New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association testing of student-athletes for steroids and other performance enhancing substances

**S-2049/A-3635 (Rice/Tucker, Caputo) – ABSOLUTE** – Requires chairs of certain ward political party committees to have same rights and responsibilities as chairs of municipal political party committees; specifies certain cities not required to have municipal chairs

**S-2058/A-3738 (Lesniak/Diegnan, Sumter) – CONDITIONAL** – Authorizes establishment of three pilot recovery alternative high schools that provide high school education and substance dependency plan of recovery to test the effectiveness of this model

**S-2360/A-3593 (Madden, Holzapfel/Johnson, Lagana, Bramnick, Danielsen, Wimberly, Jimenez) – CONDITIONAL** – Requires notification of local law enforcement prior to expungement of certain mental health records of prospective firearms purchasers

**S-2489/ACS for A-3859 (Sweeney, Whelan, Oroho/Greenwald, Coughlin, Bramnick, Singleton, Rible, Lagana) - CONDITIONAL** – Permits public-private partnership agreements for certain building and highway infrastructure projects; provides for EDA oversight

**S-2784/A-3856 (Van Drew, Whelan/Andrzejczak, Johnson) – CONDITIONAL** – Provides maximum sales and use tax imposition amount for sales and uses of boats and vessels; establishes grace period for imposition of use tax on certain boats and vessels used by resident purchasers

**S-2787/A-4273 (Sweeney/Singleton, Burzichelli, Giblin, Wilson, Prieto, Wimberly) – CONDITIONAL** – Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation

**S-3100/A-4605 (Gordon, Greenstein/Wimberly, Lagana, Singleton, Mazzeo) – ABSOLUTE** – Requires State to pay its pension contributions on quarterly basis by August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 of each year

**S-3107/A-4606 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Prieto, Singleton) – ABSOLUTE** – Makes FY 2015 supplemental State appropriations totaling \$300,000,000 for prepayment of portion of FY 2016 employer contributions to State-administered public employee defined benefit retirement systems

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