

June 25, 1970

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S. 27:23-3.1  
(Turnpike Authority members)

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ACR 9 of 1968 created the Autonomous Authorities Study Commission.

It's hearings and reports deal with this legislation:

974.90 N.J. Legislature. Autonomous Authorities  
R424 Study Commission.  
1968d Public hearing .....

974.90 -----  
R424 Interim report (see p. 4).  
1969

974.90 -----  
R424 Public hearing .....

1969a

Previous bill:

1968 - A950 (Wilson & others).  
Died in Committee.

L. 1969, Chapter 262 - A283

January 27 - Introduced by Wilson and others.  
March 24 - Passed in Assembly, amended.  
November 24 - Passed in Senate.  
January 9 - Approved, Chapter 262  
Amended during passage (copy enclosed).  
Copy of original bill and amendment enclosed.  
Bill had statement (copy enclosed).  
Governor's statement on signing (copy enclosed).

See also:

"GOP able to control authorities?" APP 1-10-70 (copy enclosed).

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8 quorum and the vote of 3 members shall be necessary for any action  
9 by the authority.

1 2. This act shall take effect \***[immediately]**\* *January 31, 1970*.\*

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

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STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the New Jersey Turnpike Authority from 3 to 5 members. The New Jersey Turnpike stretches diagonally for 118 miles from the northeast to the southwest corners of the State, traversing 10 counties on its path. The authority's financial statement of December 31, 1967, indicates that it is approximately a  $\frac{3}{4}$  billion dollar operation. The geographical area encompassed and affected by the turnpike, the size of the operation, and the importance of transportation to the economy of the State, make it incumbent upon the Legislature to provide for sufficient representation on this public corporation for interested and affected segments of the population and geographical areas. This bill provides for greater representation on the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, while maintaining its over-all membership at a level conducive to effective management.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 283**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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ADOPTED MARCH 17, 1969

Amend page 1, section 2, line 1, omit "immediately" insert "January 31, 1970".

FROM: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: JANUARY 9, 1970

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD J. HUGHES

UPON THE SIGNING OF

ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 283 AND 286

I have today signed Assembly Bills No. 283 and 286 which increase the membership of both the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the New Jersey Highway Authority from three to five members. These bills, however, contain some technical legal errors which must be corrected as soon as possible.

In conjunction with Governor-elect Cahill and the Leadership of the Senate and General Assembly, we expect to make the required technical corrections shortly. I therefore feel that in order to allow the Governor-elect the greatest possible leeway in shaping his administration, that it is appropriate for me to act on these bills today.

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