

R.S. 27:12B-4.1

June 25, 1970

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S. 27:12B-4.1
(Highway Authority members)

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ACR 9 of 1968 created the Autonomous Authorities Study Commission. Its 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 - A951 (Wilson and others).
Died in Committee

L. 1969, Chapter 263 - A285

January 27 - Introduced by Wilson and others.

March 24 - Passed in Assembly, amended.

November 24 - Passed in Senate.

January 9 - Approved, Chapter 263

Amended during passage (copy enclosed of original bill and amendment).

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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ASSEMBLY, No. 286

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10 fied. Commencing on June 26, 1970, 3 members of the authority
11 shall constitute a quorum and the vote of 3 members shall be neces-
12 sary for any action 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 Highway Authority from 3 to 5 members, and to decrease the terms of the members from 9 to 5 years. The New Jersey Highway Authority, whose primary function is the operation of the Garden State Parkway but, of late has also included additional projects like the construction of the Garden State Art Center, is approximately a ½ billion dollar operation. The Garden State Parkway traverses 144 miles on its north-south route along the coast of New Jersey, and it is the main link between our fastgrowing shore areas and

the heavily-populated northeastern section of the State, and the country. The size and the importance of this public corporation require that the New Jersey Highway Authority have sufficient representation for the interested and affected segments of the population and geographical areas. The pressing needs of our State further require that the operations of the highway authority be continually attuned to these needs, and that its membership be subject to frequent legislative and executive scrutiny to this effect. This bill provides for greater representation by increasing the membership on the authority, and for frequent scrutiny by the legislative and executive branches by decreasing the terms of authority members to 5 years, with one term ending every year.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 286

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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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