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Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

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REPORTS: No

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: No

"Ethics laws put new restrictions on legislators," 1-15-2004 Philadelphia Inquirer, p.B3

"Three ethics bills signed; more are promised," 1-14-2004 Asbury Park Press, p.A1

P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 307, *approved January* 14, 2004 Assembly, No. 4047

1 AN ACT concerning the employment of relatives by members of the 2 Legislature and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. No member of the Legislature shall gainfully employ his or her 8 relative in any position in the legislative office that the member 9 maintains in his or her legislative district. 10 If members of the Legislature jointly maintain a legislative district office, no relative of the members who maintain that joint office shall 11 be gainfully employed in any position in that office. 12 As used in this section, "relative" means the member's spouse or the 13 member's or spouse's parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece, 14 15 nephew, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, 16 17 stepsister, half brother or half sister, whether the individual is related to the member or the member's spouse by blood, marriage or 18 19 adoption. 20 21 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 22 23 24 **STATEMENT** 25 This bill addresses nepotism in legislative district offices. The bill 26 27 would prohibit a relative of a member of the Legislature from being employed in that member's district office. If members of the 28 29 Legislature jointly maintain a district office, a relative of those 30 members could not be employed in that joint office. 31 A relative is defined as a the member's spouse or the member's or spouse's parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, 32 33 grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, 34 daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half 35 brother or half sister, whether the individual is related to the member or the member's spouse by blood, marriage or adoption. 36 37 38 39 40 41 Prohibits employment of legislator's relatives in legislator's district

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office.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4047

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 8, 2004

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits employment of legislator's relatives in legislator's district office.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/13/2004)

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2	Legislature and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.
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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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7	1. No member of the Legislature shall gainfully employ his or her
8	relative in any position in the legislative office that the member
9	maintains in his or her legislative district.
10	If members of the Legislature jointly maintain a legislative district
11	office, no relative of the members who maintain that joint office shall
12	be gainfully employed in any position in that office.
13	As used in this section, "relative" means the member's spouse or the
14	member's or spouse's parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece,
15	nephew, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law,
16	son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother,
17	stepsister, half brother or half sister, whether the individual is related
18	to the member or the member's spouse by blood, marriage or
19	adoption.
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27	would prohibit a relative of a member of the Legislature from being
28	employed in that member's district office. If members of the
29	Legislature jointly maintain a district office, a relative of those
30	members could not be employed in that joint office.
31	A relative is defined as a the member's spouse or the member's or
32	spouse's parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew,
33	grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law,
34	daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half
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36	or the member's snouse by blood marriage or adoption

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4047

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2004

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No.4047.

Assembly Bill No.4047 addresses nepotism in legislative district offices. The bill prohibits a relative of a member of the Legislature from being employed in that member's district office. If members of the Legislature jointly maintain a district office, a relative of those members could not be employed in that joint office.

A relative is defined as the member's spouse or the member's or spouse's parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother or half sister, whether the individual is related to the member or the member's spouse by blood, marriage or adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note to be prepared.