

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.

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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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8 relative in any position in the legislative office that the member
9 maintains in his or her legislative district.

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11 office, no relative of the members who maintain that joint office shall
12 be gainfully employed in any position in that office.

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18 to the member or the member's spouse by blood, marriage or
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24 **STATEMENT**
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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
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42 office.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4047

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 8, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ALBIO SIRES

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblyman JOSEPH J. ROBERTS, JR.

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Azzolina, Eagler and Assemblywoman Greenstein

SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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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.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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