

36:2-80

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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SPONSOR(S): Green

DATE INTRODUCED: Pre-filed

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** State Government

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** February 23, 2004

SENATE: February 23, 2004

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 5, 2004

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) Original version of bill enacted

A145

[SPONSOR’S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S566

[SPONSOR’S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A145

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

Identical to Assembly Statement to A145

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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§1 - Note
§§2,3 -
C.36:2-80 &
36:2-81
§4 - Note to
C.18A:35-2

P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 3, *approved April 4, 2004*
Assembly, No. 145

1 AN ACT designating the third Saturday in June of each year as
2 "Juneteenth Independence Day" in New Jersey.

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5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. Juneteenth was first observed over 130 years ago, and is the
9 oldest known celebration of the abolition of slavery in the United
10 States;

11 b. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day General
12 Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil
13 War had ended and the enslaved were free;

14 c. Word of freedom finally reached the slaves in Texas, two and a
15 half years after the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation, and so the
16 majority of slaves in the South were made aware of their freedom and
17 jubilant celebrations evolved into a general celebration of freedom;

18 d. The celebration of Juneteenth symbolizes freedom, celebrates
19 the abolition of slavery, and reminds all Americans of the significant
20 contributions African-Americans have made to our society;

21 e. Juneteenth serves as a reminder to all Americans of the triumph
22 of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery, honors those African-
23 Americans who survived the inhumane institution of bondage, and
24 demonstrates pride in their legacy of resistance and perseverance;

25 f. Juneteenth was first given official State recognition when, in
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27 establish Juneteenth as a national holiday;

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30 throughout the country, with Juneteenth-centered activities having
31 been sponsored by such institutions as the Smithsonian Museum and
32 the Henry Ford Museum;

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34 East Orange, Camden, Jersey City, Paterson, Pennington, Trenton and
35 Willingboro;

36 i. It is proper and fitting for the State of New Jersey to designate
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38 Day" in New Jersey to honor and celebrate the emancipation of our
39 ancestors.

1 2. The third Saturday in June of each year is hereby designated as
2 "Juneteenth Independence Day" in New Jersey to commemorate and
3 celebrate the emancipation of African-Americans and foster respect for
4 all cultures.

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6 3. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation and call upon
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8 observe this emancipation celebration each year with appropriate
9 events and activities.

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11 4. a. Each board of education may offer instruction on "Juneteenth
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13 b. The Commissioner of Education shall develop and make
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15 teaching of "Juneteenth Independence Day" within the public school
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19 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 145

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2004 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JERRY GREEN

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

SYNOPSIS

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 145

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2004

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 145.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2004-2005 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE, No. 566

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2004 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator BYRON M. BAER

District 37 (Bergen)

Senator JOSEPH M. KYRILLOS, JR.

District 13 (Middlesex and Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

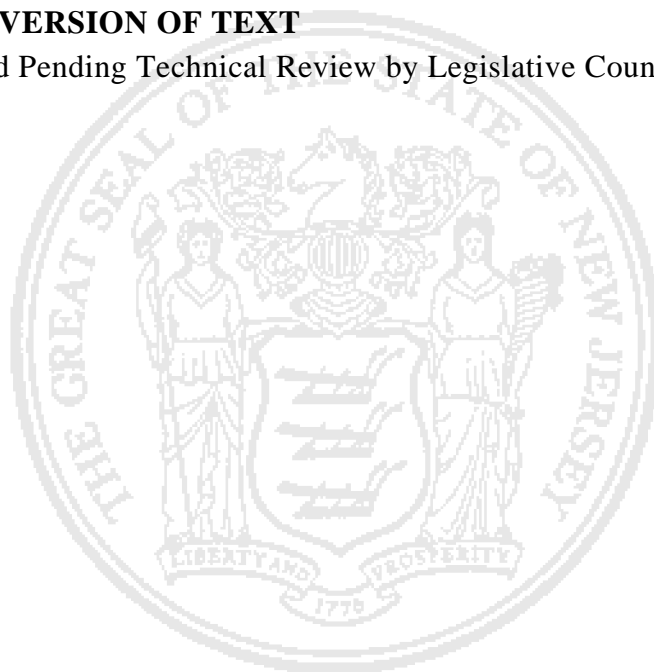
Senators Rice, Gill, Coniglio, Kenny, Codey, Singer and Allen

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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