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Title 52.
Chapter 9WW.
(New)
Asian American
Study Foundation.
§§1-10 -
C.52:9WW-1 to
52:9WW-10
§11 - Approp.

P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 371, *approved January 12, 2006*
Assembly, No. 2890 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT authorizing the establishment of an Asian American Study
2 Foundation, supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes ¹and
3 making an appropriation¹.
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31 applicable federal law for tax-exempt status and for the receipt of tax-
32 deductible contributions, and shall be authorized to sue and to be sued
33 as a legal entity separate from the State of New Jersey.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SSG committee amendments adopted May 19, 2005.

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2 board of trustees consisting of the following 25 members, each chosen
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6 training or a verifiable interest in Asian American history or culture.

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18 legislative term in which appointments are made.

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22 American Chamber of Commerce; two representatives from the
23 Department of Community Affairs; the Commissioner of Education
24 and the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, or their
25 designees; the Secretary of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic
26 Growth Commission or a designee; and a representative from the New
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19 State.

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34 11. There is appropriated to the foundation from the General Fund
35 the sum of ¹[\$50,000] \$10,000¹ to effectuate the provisions of this
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38 12. This act shall take effect immediately.

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43 Authorizes Secretary of State to establish Asian American Study
44 Foundation; appropriates \$10,000.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2890

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 20, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblyman KEVIN J. O'TOOLE

District 40 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

Assemblywoman LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

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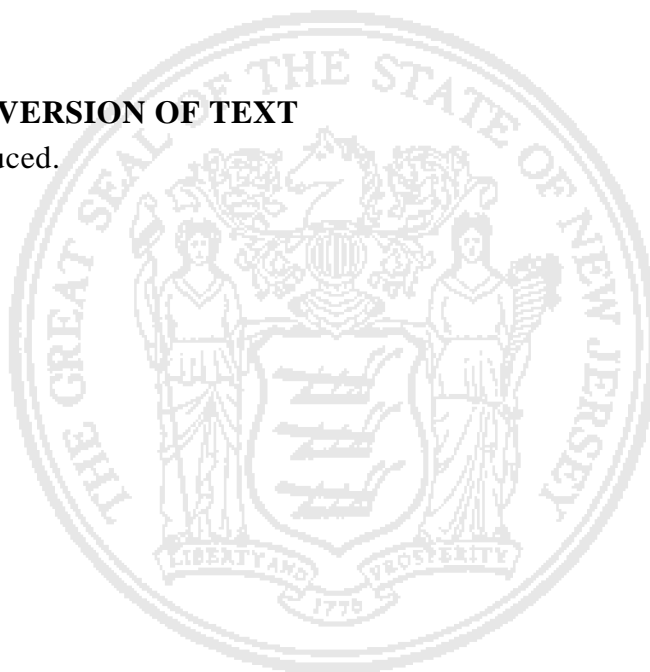
Assemblymen Johnson, Baroni and Gordon

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/26/2004)

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2890

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 18, 2004

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2890.

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2890

with committee amendments

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The committee amended the bill to: 1) reduce the appropriation to the foundation from \$50,000 to \$10,000; and 2) include mention of the appropriation in the bill's title and synopsis.

The bill is identical to Senate, No. 2342 (1R).

SENATE, No. 2342

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 2005

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH V. DORIA, JR.

District 31 (Hudson)

Senator BARBARA BUONO

District 18 (Middlesex)

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5 grants in aid from any department or instrumentality of the State of
6 New Jersey.

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8 9. All expenses incurred by the foundation shall be payable from
9 funds raised by the foundation, and no liability or obligation, in tort or
10 contract, shall be incurred by the State for the operation of the
11 foundation. The foundation shall obtain private counsel, and shall not
12 be represented by the Attorney General or indemnified by the State of
13 New Jersey.

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15 10. A certified public accountant shall be selected by the
16 foundation to annually audit the foundation's funds. The foundation
17 shall contract for and receive such audit annually, and shall submit the
18 audit to the Secretary of State and the Director of the Division of
19 Budget and Accounting in the Department of Treasury.

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21 11. There is appropriated to the foundation from the General Fund
22 the sum of \$50,000 to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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24 12. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to establish a nonprofit
30 organization to be known as the Asian American Study Foundation.
31 It is to advise the Governor, Legislature and the public on the needs,
32 concerns, accomplishments and contributions of New Jersey's Asian
33 Americans. Among other things, the foundation will develop policies
34 to improve the community, economic, social well-being, health and
35 educational needs important to the Asian American communities in
36 New Jersey.

37 The bill further provides that the foundation will be incorporated,
38 organized and operated in such manner as to be eligible under
39 applicable federal law for tax-exempt status and for the receipt of tax-
40 deductible contributions. Under the bill, the Secretary of State, or a
41 designee, will serve as a member of the foundation's board of trustees,
42 will be the initial chair of the board and will be the incorporator of the
43 foundation.

44 The Board of Trustees will consist of twenty-five members and will
45 include four legislative members, nine members from the executive
46 branch and twelve public members appointed by the Governor.

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1 The foundation will bi-annually report to the Governor and annually
2 issue a report to the Governor, legislature and the public. The report
3 will address the findings of the foundation as related to its
4 responsibilities and duties.

5 There is appropriated to the foundation from the General Fund the
6 sum of \$50,000 to effectuate the provisions of this bill.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2342

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2005

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate No. 2342.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to establish a nonprofit organization to be known as the Asian American Study Foundation. It will advise the Governor, the Legislature and the public on the needs, concerns, accomplishments and contributions of New Jersey's Asian Americans. Among other things, the foundation will develop policies to improve the economic, social, health and educational well-being of the Asian American communities in New Jersey.

The bill provides that the foundation will be incorporated, organized and operated in such manner as to be eligible for tax-exempt status under applicable federal law and for the receipt of tax-deductible contributions. The foundation will be governed by a board of trustees with twenty-five members: four members of the Legislature, nine members from the Executive Branch and twelve public members appointed by the Governor. Under the bill, the Secretary of State will be one of the Executive Branch members of the board of trustees, will be the initial chair of the board and will be the incorporator of the foundation. The foundation will report biannually to the Governor and annually issue a report to the Governor, Legislature and public.

The bill appropriates \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Asian American Foundation to effectuate its provisions.

The committee amended the bill to: 1) reduce the appropriation to the foundation from \$50,000 to \$10,000; and 2) include mention of the appropriation in the bill's title and synopsis.

The bill is identical to Assembly, No. 2890 (1R).