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Power to Regulate
Contributions by
Contractors
§1 - C.40A:11-51 &
Note to 18A:18A-37
§2 - C.19:44A-20.26
& Note to 40A:11-
51 & 18A:18A-37
§3 - C.19:44A-20.27

P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 271, *approved January 5, 2006*
Assembly Committee Substitute (*First Reprint*) for
Assembly, Nos. 3013 and 3421

1 AN ACT authorizing units of local government to impose limits on
2 political contributions by contractors and supplementing Title 40A
3 of the New Jersey Statutes and Title ¹[52] 19¹ of the Revised
4 Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. a. A county, municipality, independent authority, board of
10 education, or fire district is hereby authorized to establish by
11 ordinance, resolution or regulation, as may be appropriate, measures
12 limiting the awarding of public contracts therefrom to business entities
13 that have made a contribution pursuant to P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1
14 et seq.) and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract
15 can make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions
16 and parameters of sections 1 through 12 of P.L.2004, c.19 (C.19:44A-
17 20.2 et al.) and section 22 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-22).

18 b. The provisions of P.L.2004, c.19 shall not be construed to
19 supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a unit
20 of local government that limits political contributions by business
21 entities performing or seeking to perform government contracts. Any
22 ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of
23 P.L.2004, c.19 shall remain in effect and those adopted after that
24 effective date shall be valid and enforceable.

25 ¹c. An ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted or promulgated
26 as provided in this section shall be filed with the Secretary of State.¹
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28 2. a. ¹[Prior] Not later than 10 days prior¹ to entering into any
29 contract having an anticipated value in excess of ¹[the amount
30 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-7), as

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 Assembly floor amendments adopted October 25, 2004.

1 adjusted pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1985, c.349 (C.52:34-7.1),
2 whether or not] \$17,500, except for a contract that is required by law
3 to be¹ publicly advertised for bids, a State agency, county,
4 municipality, independent authority, board of education, or fire district
5 shall require any business entity bidding thereon or negotiating
6 therefor, to submit along with its bid or price quote, a list of ¹[all]¹
7 political contributions ¹as set forth in this subsection¹ that are
8 reportable by the recipient pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1973,
9 c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) and that were made by the business entity
10 during the preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount
11 of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each
12 contribution. ¹A business entity contracting with a State agency shall
13 disclose contributions to any State, county, or municipal committee of
14 a political party, legislative leadership committee, candidate committee
15 of a candidate for, or holder of, a State elective office, or any
16 continuing political committee. A business entity contracting with a
17 county, municipality, independent authority, other than an independent
18 authority that is a State agency, board of education, or fire district
19 shall disclose contributions to: any State, county, or municipal
20 committee of a political party; any legislative leadership committee; or
21 any candidate committee of a candidate for, holder of, an elective
22 office of that public entity, of that county in which that public entity
23 is located, of another public entity within that county, or of a
24 legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the
25 public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all
26 or part of the county, or any continuing political committee.

27 The provisions of this section shall not apply to a contract when a
28 public emergency requires the immediate delivery of goods or
29 services.¹

30 b. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by
31 that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be
32 a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other
33 than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business
34 entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution
35 by the business entity. ¹When a business entity is other than a natural
36 person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors
37 of the business entity or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or
38 indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political
39 organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue
40 Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity,
41 other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party
42 committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business
43 entity.¹

44 c. As used in this section:

45 "business entity" means a natural or legal person, business
46 corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability

1 company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association
2 or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this
3 State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction;

4 "interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the
5 profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of
6 a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; and

7 "State agency" means any of the principal departments in the
8 Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board,
9 bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created
10 by such department, the Legislature of the State and any office, board,
11 bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch, and
12 any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or
13 agency.

14 ¹d. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of
15 this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey
16 Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined
17 by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the
18 business entity failed to report.¹

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20 ¹3. a. Any business entity making a contribution of money or any
21 other thing of value, including an in-kind contribution, or pledge to
22 make a contribution of any kind to a candidate for or the holder of any
23 public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public
24 contracts, or to a political party committee, legislative leadership
25 committee, political committee or continuing political committee,
26 which has received in any calendar year \$50,000 or more in the
27 aggregate through agreements or contracts with a public entity, shall
28 file an annual disclosure statement with the New Jersey Election Law
29 Enforcement Commission, established pursuant to section 5 of
30 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), setting forth all such contributions made
31 by the business entity during the 12 months prior to the reporting
32 deadline.

33 b. The commission shall prescribe forms and procedures for the
34 reporting required in subsection a. of this section which shall include,
35 but not be limited to:

36 (1) the name and mailing address of the business entity making the
37 contribution, and the amount contributed during the 12 months prior
38 to the reporting deadline;

39 (2) the name of the candidate for or the holder of any public office
40 having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts,
41 candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political party
42 committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or
43 continuing political committee receiving the contribution; and

44 (3) the amount of money the business entity received from the
45 public entity through contract or agreement, the dates, and information
46 identifying each contract or agreement and describing the goods,

1 services or equipment provided or property sold.

2 c. The commission shall maintain a list of such reports for public
3 inspection both at its office and through its Internet site.

4 d. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by
5 that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be
6 a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other
7 than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business
8 entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution
9 by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural
10 person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors
11 of the business entity, or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or
12 indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political
13 organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue
14 Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity,
15 other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party
16 committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

17 As used in this section:

18 "business entity" means a natural or legal person, business
19 corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability
20 company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association
21 or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this
22 State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction; and

23 "interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the
24 profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of
25 a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate.

26 e. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of
27 this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey
28 Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined
29 by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the
30 business entity failed to report.¹

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32 ¹[3.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 Permits units of local government to limit award of public contracts to
38 business entities that make political contributions; requires certain
39 business entities to file annual disclosure statement.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3013

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 14, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblywoman LORETTA WEINBERG

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman JOSEPH J. ROBERTS, JR.

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman REED GUSCIORA

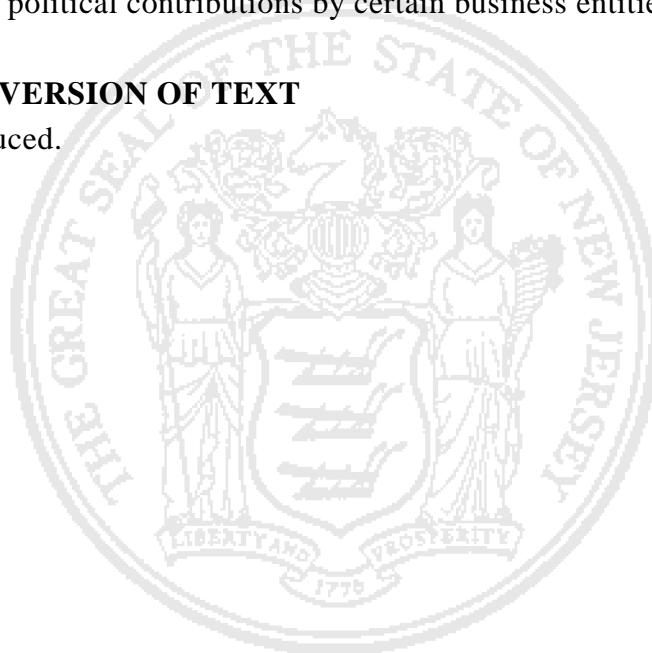
District 15 (Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

Permits counties and municipalities to impose limits on political contributions made by business entities that receive contracts; requires disclosure of political contributions by certain business entities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning political contributions made by certain business
2 entities and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes
3 and Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. The provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before
9 the Legislature as Senate, No. 2 of 2004) shall not be construed to
10 supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a unit
11 of local government that limits political contributions by business
12 entities performing or seeking to perform government contracts. Any
13 ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of
14 P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as Senate,
15 No. 2 of 2004) shall remain in effect and those adopted after that
16 effective date shall be valid and enforceable.

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18 2. a. Prior to entering into any contract having an anticipated
19 value in excess of the amount established pursuant to section 2 of
20 P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-7), as adjusted pursuant to section 2 of
21 P.L.1985, c.349 (C.52:34-7.1), whether or not publicly advertised for
22 bids, a State agency shall require any business entity bidding thereon
23 or negotiating therefor, to submit to the State agency along with its
24 bid or price quote, a list of all political contributions that are
25 reportable by the recipient pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1973,
26 c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) and that were made by the business entity
27 during the preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount
28 of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each
29 contribution.

30 b. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by that
31 person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a
32 contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other
33 than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business
34 entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution
35 by the business entity.

36 c. As used in this section:

37 "business entity" means a natural or legal person, business
38 corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability
39 company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association
40 or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this
41 State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction;

42 "interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the
43 profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of
44 a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; and

45 "State agency" means any of the principal departments in the
46 Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board,

1 bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created
2 by such department, the Legislature of the State and any office, board,
3 bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch, and
4 any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or
5 agency.

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7 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 The purpose of this bill is twofold. First, the bill provides that the
13 provisions of P.L. , c. (C.)(now pending before the
14 Legislature as Senate, No. 2 of 2004) should not be construed to
15 supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a local
16 government unit that limits political contributions by business entities
17 performing or seeking to perform contracts for those units. Any
18 ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of
19 P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as Senate,
20 No. 2 of 2004) would remain in effect and those adopted after the
21 effective date would be valid and enforceable.

22 Second, the bill requires that, prior to entering into any contract
23 above a certain value, whether or not publicly advertised for bids, a
24 State agency must require any business entity bidding thereon or
25 negotiating therefor, to submit with its bid or price quote, a list of all
26 political contributions that were made by the business entity, or a
27 person or entity with an interest in that business entity, during the
28 preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount of each
29 contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution.

30 This bill, if enacted, would be effective on January 1, 2006, the
31 same effective date of Senate, No.2 of 2004, if that bill is enacted.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3421

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman MICHAEL PANTER

District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

Assemblyman ROBERT MORGAN

District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes certain local units to limit contract awards to business entities that make political contributions and to limit political contributions by business entities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT authorizing counties and municipalities to impose limits on
2 political contributions by contractors and supplementing P.L.1973,
3 c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. Each county and municipality is hereby authorized to establish by
9 ordinance or resolution, as may be appropriate, measures limiting the
10 awarding of public contracts therefrom to business entities that have
11 made a contribution pursuant to P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.)
12 and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make
13 during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and
14 parameters of sections 1 through 12 and 14 of P.L.2004, c.19
15 (C.19:44A-20.2 et seq.).
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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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20 STATEMENT
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22 This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to establish by
23 ordinance or resolution measures limiting the awarding of public
24 contracts to business entities that have made a political contribution
25 and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make
26 during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and
27 parameters of sections 1 through 12 and 14 of P.L.2004, c.19.

28 Unless this authorization is enacted, P.L.2004, c.19 would preempt
29 local units from adopting their own "play to play" reform measures.
30 The statute would also preempt measures previously adopted that
31 address such local contracting reform, thus voiding existing local
32 ordinances and resolutions on this matter.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **ASSEMBLY, Nos. 3013 and 3421**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 18, 2004

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly, Nos. 3013 and 3421.

This committee substitute authorizes a county, municipality, independent authority, board of education or fire district to establish by ordinance, resolution or regulation, as may be appropriate, measures limiting its awarding of public contracts to business entities that have made a contribution pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-22.

The bill also states that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 et seq. will not be construed to supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a unit of local government that limits political contributions by business entities performing or seeking to perform government contracts. Any ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of P.L.2004, c.19 will remain in effect and those adopted after that effective date will be valid and enforceable.

In addition, the bill requires that, prior to entering into any contract above a certain value, whether or not publicly advertised for bids, a State agency, county, municipality, independent authority, board of education or fire district must require any business entity bidding thereon or negotiating therefor, to submit with its bid or price quote, a list of all political contributions that were made by the business entity, or a person or entity with an interest in that business entity, during the preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution.

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **ASSEMBLY, Nos. 3013 and 3421**

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblywoman Greenstein)

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 25, 2004

These General Assembly amendments:

provide that an ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted or promulgated by a unit of local government concerning a contractor's political contributions must be filed with the Secretary of State;

provide that the committee substitute's disclosure requirements applicable to a business entity contracting with a public entity would apply to contracts not publicly advertised for bids and valued at more than \$17,500;

list the specific candidates and committees for which contributions must be reported when contracting at each level of government;

expand the persons or organizations whose contributions are to be deemed contributions by a business entity;

require business entities making political contributions that have received more than \$50,000 worth of public contracts to file an annual disclosure statement with the Election Law Enforcement Commission;
and

authorize ELEC to impose penalties for failure to comply with disclosure requirements.

SENATE, No. 1987

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 2004

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator PETER A. INVERSO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

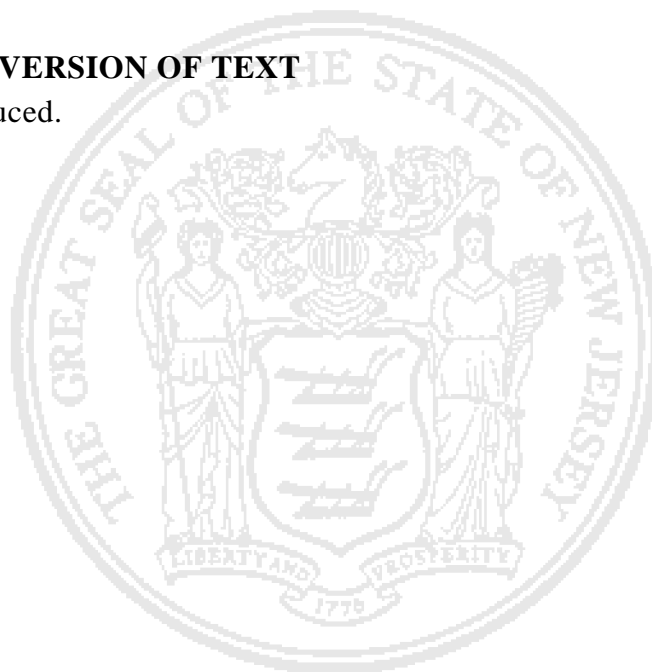
Senator Turner

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes certain local units to limit contract awards to business entities that make political contributions and to limit political contributions by business entities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

S1987 VITALE, INVERSO

2

1 **AN ACT** authorizing counties and municipalities to impose limits on
2 political contributions by contractors and supplementing P.L.1973,
3 c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Each county and municipality is hereby authorized to establish
9 by ordinance or resolution, as may be appropriate, measures limiting
10 the awarding of public contracts therefrom to business entities that
11 have made a contribution pursuant to P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et
12 seq.) and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can
13 make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and
14 parameters of sections 1 through 12 and 14 of P.L.2004, c.19
15 (C.19:44A-20.2 et seq.).

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to establish by
23 ordinance or resolution measures limiting the awarding of public
24 contracts to business entities that have made a political contribution
25 and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make
26 during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and
27 parameters of sections 1 through 12 and 14 of P.L.2004, c.19.

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29 Unless this authorization is enacted, P.L.2004, c.19 would preempt
30 local units from adopting their own "play to play" reform measures.
31 The statute would also preempt measures previously adopted that
32 address such local contracting reform, thus voiding existing local
ordinances and resolutions on this matter.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1987

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 18, 2004

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Senate, No. 1987.

This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to establish by ordinance or resolution measures limiting the awarding of public contracts to business entities that have made a political contribution and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and parameters of sections 1 through 12 and 14 of P.L.2004, c.19.

Without this authorization, P.L.2004, c.19 would preempt local units from adopting their own "play to play" reform measures. The statute would also preempt measures previously adopted that address such local contracting reform, thus voiding existing local ordinances and resolutions on this matter.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 1987**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2004

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Committee Substitute for Senate, No. 1987.

This Senate Committee Substitute authorizes a county, municipality, independent authority, board of education or fire district to establish by ordinance, resolution or regulation, as may be appropriate, measures limiting its awarding of public contracts to business entities that have made a contribution pursuant to N.J.S.A.19:44A-1 et seq. and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.2 et seq. and N.J.S.A.19:44A-22. Any such ordinance, resolution or regulation would be filed with the Secretary of State.

It also states that the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.2 et seq. will not be construed to supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a unit of local government that limits political contributions by business entities performing or seeking to perform government contracts. Any ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of P.L.2004, c.19 will remain in effect and those adopted after that effective date will be valid and enforceable.

In addition, the substitute requires that, not later than 10 days prior to entering into any contract having an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500, except for a contract that is required by law to be publicly advertised for bids, a State agency, county, municipality, independent authority, board of education or fire district must require any business entity bidding thereon or negotiating therefor, to submit with its bid or price quote, a list of all political contributions that were made by the business entity, or a person or entity with an interest in that business entity, during the preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution. The substitute lists the specific candidates and committees for which contributions must be reported when contracting at each level of government. Its provisions would not apply to a contract when a public emergency requires the immediate delivery of goods or services.

In addition, the substitute would require business entities making political contributions that have received more than \$50,000 worth of public contracts to file an annual disclosure statement with the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) and authorizes ELEC to impose penalties for failure to comply with disclosure requirements.

The substitute is identical to Assembly, Nos. 3013 and 3421 ACS (1R).

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RELEASE: January 05, 2006

Codey Signs Pay-to-Play Ban Bill

Allowing Local Governments to Pass Stronger Pay-to-Play Bans

(TRENTON) – Acting Governor Richard J. Codey today strengthened pay-to-play reforms by signing S1987, a bill to let municipalities, counties and school boards enact stronger pay-to-play bans. Codey today also commended the Senate for approving Bill S2335, which would create a new, more independent ethics commission that, for the first time ever, would have a majority of public members.

“Today we take another step forward toward real ethical reform in New Jersey,” Codey said. “With a more independent and stronger ethics commission in our state and stronger pay-to-play bans, residents can trust they are getting the honest and efficient government they deserve.”

Prime sponsors of S1987 include Senators Joseph F. Vitale (D-Middlesex), Peter A. Inverso (R-Mercer, Middlesex), Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen), retired Senator Byron M. Baer (D-Bergen), Assembly members Linda R. Greenstein (D-Mercer, Middlesex), Michael J. Panter (D-Mercer, Monmouth), Reed Gusciora (D-Mercer) and Robert Lewis Morgan (D-Mercer, Monmouth).

Bill S2335, which was approved 39 to 0, supports Codey’s efforts to overhaul the state Ethics Commission. It would create several new reforms and improve ethics enforcement and training in four key areas:

New, More Independent State Ethics Commission

- A new “State Ethics Commission” would be created to replace the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.
- The new commission would have seven members appointed by the Governor – four public members and three members from state government.
- The public members would serve staggered terms to further ensure independence.
- No more than two of the four public members could be of the same political party.
- One of the public members would chair the commission.

- The bill would supersede the law that is scheduled to take effect in 2006 so that the new commission would be created this year (60 days after enactment).

Mandatory Ethics Training

- A full-time training officer would be responsible for creating, coordinating, and refining all ethics training programs.
- All employees would be required to receive mandatory annual briefings on ethics and standards of conduct.

Ensuring Compliance

- A full-time Ethics Compliance Officer would be responsible for monitoring ethics compliance.
- Systematic compliance audits of all state agencies would be required to ensure that ethics codes are distributed, certifications are signed, and all reporting is properly implemented and overseen.

Greater Powers to Enforce the Ethics Laws

For the first time ever, the Commission would have the authority to:

- Impose fines of up to \$10,000 for those who leave government and then violate post-employment restrictions in the ethics laws;
- Order violators to pay restitution;
- Demote, censure, or reprimand violators; and
- Impose a fine of \$25 per day for failure to file financial disclosure statements.

An identical bill is scheduled for a vote before the Assembly on Monday.

Since becoming Acting Governor, Codey has pushed an aggressive ethics reforms agenda. He appointed New Jersey's first Inspector General, restored the Office of the Public Advocate, established a Special Counsel for Ethics Reform, signed bills freezing the limits for campaign contributions to state and county political organizations and to leadership political action committees at their current levels and prohibiting campaign contributions by business entities seeking or holding state contracts in certain circumstances.