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 SENATE: State Government
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FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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

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[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

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

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

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 197, *approved November 2, 2007*
Senate, No. 222

1 AN ACT prohibiting political contributions by public agencies and
2 supplementing P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.).
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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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10 candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political
11 committee, continuing political committee, political party
12 committee, or legislative leadership committee, and no such
13 candidate or committee shall accept such contribution.

14 Any person who willfully and intentionally makes or accepts a
15 contribution in violation of this section shall be liable to the
16 penalties set forth in subsections e. and f. of section 22 of P.L.1973,
17 c.83 (C.19:44A-22).

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20 Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or
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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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39 Prohibits political contributions by all State and local public
40 agencies.

SENATE, No. 222

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator ELLEN KARCHER

District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Asselta, Coniglio, Connors and Weinberg

SYNOPSIS

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 222

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 2007

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 222.

This bill prohibits a public agency from paying or making any contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate for elective public office or to any candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political committee, continuing political committee, political party committee, or legislative leadership committee. It also prohibits a candidate or committee from accepting such a contribution. "Public agency" is defined broadly to include every entity in the Executive and Legislative branches of State government, independent State authorities and agencies, public institutions of higher education, local government entities and any entity created by such a political subdivision.

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Senate Bill No. 222 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1740 of 2006.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1740

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Beck

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1740

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 2007

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1740.

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Assembly Bill No. 1740 is identical to Senate Bill No. 222 of 2006.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.