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Sponsor(s) Ewing

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SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT  
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STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 71**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: APRIL 12, 1973

Assembly Bill No. 71 relieves the chief of police of a municipality of the responsibility for causing a canvass to be made of dogs, licensed and unlicensed, in the municipality and for causing to be taken into custody, or the impounding and disposing of certain unlicensed or stray dogs.

Under sections 15 and 16 of P. L. 1941, c. 151 (C. 4:19-15.15 and 4:19-15.16), an annual canvass must be made of all licensed and unlicensed dogs harbored in the municipality and certain unlicensed and stray dogs which are found in the municipality must be taken into custody, impounded and disposed of in accordance with law. At present, the chief of police or the chairman of the police committee, where there is no chief of police, of each municipality is charged with the responsibility for seeing that the foregoing activities are performed. Alternatively, the governing body of a municipality may, at its discretion, appoint another person, in place of the chief of police, to perform such activities.

In discharging the chief of police of the foregoing responsibilities, Assembly Bill No. 71 requires the governing body to vest such responsibilities in a person other than the chief of police.