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ASSEMBLY, No. 1327
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 1994

By Assemblymen ROMANO, IMPREVEDUTO and Charles

1 AN ACT concerning certain county pension funds and amending
2 and supplementing P.L.1956, c.169.

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

6 1. Section 1 of P.L.1956, c.169 (C.43:15A-111) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 1. This act shall become operative with regard to a pension
9 fund, other than the Public Employees' Retirement System [and],
10 the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund [,] and a county pension
11 fund established pursuant to R.S.43:10-1 et seq. for employees of
12 a county of the first class having a population of less than
13 800,000 according to the 1980 federal decennial census, supported
14 in whole or in part by the State or by 1 or more counties,
15 municipalities, or school districts, 60 days after a majority of the
16 members of such pension fund qualified to vote in a referendum
17 as required by 218(d)(3) of the Social Security Act shall have
18 voted to be covered under the terms of that act, provided that
19 the conditions for holding such referendum as set forth in
20 P.L.1951, c. 253, as amended and supplemented have been met.
21 (cf: P.L.1956, c.169, s.1)

22 2. (New section) If a referendum is held pursuant to section 6
23 of P.L.1955, c.38 (C.43:22-12) and if a majority of the members
24 of a county pension fund established pursuant to R.S.43:10-1 et
25 seq. for employees of a county of the first class having a
26 population of less than 800,000 according to the 1980 federal
27 decennial census qualified to vote in the referendum vote to be
28 covered under the terms of the federal Social Security Act, the
29 pension fund shall not be terminated and members shall remain in
30 the pension fund. The pension fund shall be divided into two
31 divisions, one to be composed of positions of members who desire
32 Social Security coverage and the other to be composed of
33 positions of members who do not desire that coverage.

34 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 Under current law, if members of the Hudson County Pension
40 Fund choose to join Social Security their pension fund would be
41 terminated and they would be forced to enroll in the Public
42 Employees' Retirement System (PERS). This bill would allow the

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 Governor to authorize a Social Security referendum at the
2 request of the governing body of Hudson County and would allow
3 members of the Hudson County Pension Fund to vote to join
4 Social Security without having the fund terminated if they so
5 choose. The pension fund would be divided into two divisions, one
6 to be composed of positions of members who desire Social
7 Security coverage and the other to be composed of positions of
8 members who do not desire that coverage.

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14 Allows members of the Hudson County Pension Fund to remain in
the fund if they adopt Social Security.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1327

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 20, 1994

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1327.

Under current law, if a referendum is held among members of the Hudson County Pension Fund on the question of whether the membership of the fund shall be covered by Social Security and the extension of such coverage is approved, then the pension fund would be terminated and the members thereof would be enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

This bill would allow the Governor to authorize a Social Security referendum at the request of the governing body of Hudson County and would allow members of the Hudson County Pension Fund to vote to join Social Security without having the fund terminated if they so choose. The pension fund would be divided into two divisions, one to be composed of positions of members who desire Social Security coverage and the other to be composed of positions of members who do not desire that coverage.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1327

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 1994

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1327.

Assembly Bill No. 1327 would allow the Governor to authorize a Social Security referendum at the request of the governing body of Hudson County and would allow members of the Hudson County Pension Fund to vote to join Social Security without having the fund terminated if they so choose. The pension fund would be divided into two divisions, one to be composed of positions of members who desire Social Security coverage and the other to be composed of positions of members who do not desire that coverage.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no cost to the State. Since this pension fund is not administered by the State, we have no data with which to estimate any costs. If enacted, there would be a cost to the employer, Hudson County, to pay for its portion of the Social Security coverage for those employees choosing this coverage.

SENATE STATE MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENTS AND
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1327

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 23, 1995

The Senate State Management, Investments and Financial Institutions Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 1327.

Under current law, if a referendum is held among members of the Hudson County Pension Fund on the question of whether the membership of the fund shall be covered by Social Security and the extension of such coverage is approved, then the pension fund would be terminated and the members thereof would be enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

This bill would allow the Governor to authorize a Social Security referendum at the request of the governing body of Hudson County and would allow members of the Hudson County Pension Fund to vote to join Social Security without having the fund terminated if they so choose. The pension fund would be divided into two divisions, one to be composed of positions of members who desire Social Security coverage and the other to be composed of positions of members who do not desire that coverage.

The Hudson County Pension Fund has been closed since 1974 and all new employees of Hudson County are enrolled in PERS. There are currently approximately 180 active members in the fund.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1327

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 1995

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1327.

If a referendum is held among members of the Hudson County Pension Fund on the question of whether the members of the fund should be covered by Social Security and the question is approved, the pension fund would be terminated and the members would be enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

Assembly Bill 1327 permits the Governor to authorize a Social Security referendum at the request of the governing body of Hudson County and members of the Hudson County Pension Fund could vote to join Social Security without having the fund terminated. The pension fund would be divided into two divisions, one to be composed of members who desire Social Security coverage and the other to be composed of members who do not desire that coverage.

The Hudson County Pension Fund has been closed since 1974 and there are only approximately 180 active members in the fund. All new employees of Hudson County are enrolled in PERS.

FISCAL IMPACT

In a fiscal estimate prepared by the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) on this bill, OLS notes that there will be no cost to the State as a result of the enactment of this bill.

However, Hudson County, as an employer, would have to contribute 6.2 percent of salary, up to the Social Security wage base of \$60,600, for every member who elected to be covered by Social Security. The number of members who elect such coverage cannot be determined at this time.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1327
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: May 19, 1994

Assembly Bill No. 1327 of 1994 would permit the Governor to authorize a Social Security referendum at the request of the governing body of Hudson County and would allow members of the Hudson County Pension Fund to vote to join Social Security without having the fund terminated if they so choose. The pension fund would be divided into two divisions, one to be composed of positions of members who desire Social Security coverage and the other to be composed of positions of members who do not desire that coverage.

Under current law, if a referendum is held among members of the Hudson County Pension Fund on the question of whether the membership of the fund shall be covered by Social Security and the extension of such coverage is approved, then the pension fund would be terminated and the members thereof would be enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

The Office of Legislative Services notes that the Hudson County Pension Fund has been closed since 1974. (All new employees of Hudson County are enrolled in PERS.) There are currently approximately 180 active members. There will be no cost to the State of enacting this bill; however, Hudson County, as an employer, would have to contribute 6.2 percent of salary, up to the Social Security wage base of \$60,600, for every member who elected to be covered by Social Security.

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.