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**BILL NO:** A1709

**SPONSOR(S):** Russo and Bagger

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**SENATE:** Judiciary

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**SENATE:** Yes

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P.L.1994, CHAPTER 161, approved December 19, 1994  
1994 Assembly No. 1709

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2 and amending P.L.1944, c.20.

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15 (cf: P.L.1953, c.369, s.3)

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 2, 1994

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 1709.

This bill amends a statute (N.J.S.A.52:17A-7) governing the terms of employment for attorneys in the Department of Law and Public Safety. Under the bill:

(1) the scope of a current provision that Deputy Attorneys-General and Assistant Attorneys-General in the Department's Division of Law are to hold their offices at the pleasure of, and receive salaries designated by, the Attorney-General is extended to cover all such deputies and assistants employed by the Department; and

(2) a new provision is established that all such deputies and assistants in the Department are to be confidential employees for purposes of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act".

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 3, 1994

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1709.

This bill would provide that all deputy and assistant attorney generals in the Department of Law and Public Safety shall be deemed confidential employees for the purpose of the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act." Under the provisions of that act, "confidential employees" are not eligible to organize into collective bargaining units.