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NJSA: 27:26-4

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Synopsis: Requires NJT Board to have no more than two public members from the same political party.

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P.L. 1992, c. 214

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Statement:

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Assembly:

Transportation and Communications

No *yes*

No

Senate:

Transportation

Yes

No

Sponsor Statement: Yes

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P.L.1992, CHAPTER 214, approved January 7, 1993
1992 Senate No. 508

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Transit Corporation and
2 amending P.L.1979, c.150.

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

6 1. Section 4 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-4) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 4. a. There is hereby established in the Executive Branch of
9 the State Government the New Jersey Transit Corporation, a
10 body corporate and politic with corporate succession. For the
11 purpose of complying with the provisions of Article V, Section IV,
12 paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the corporation is
13 hereby allocated within the Department of Transportation, but,
14 notwithstanding said allocation, the corporation shall be
15 independent of any supervision or control by the department or by
16 any body or officer thereof. The corporation is hereby
17 constituted as an instrumentality of the State exercising public
18 and essential governmental functions, and the exercise by the
19 corporation of the powers conferred by this act shall be deemed
20 and held to be an essential governmental function of the State.

21 b. The corporation shall be governed by a board which shall
22 consist of seven members including the Commissioner of
23 Transportation and the State Treasurer, who shall be members ex
24 officio, another member of the Executive Branch to be selected
25 by the Governor who shall also serve ex officio, and four other
26 public members who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the
27 advice and consent of the Senate, for 4 year staggered terms and
28 until their successors are appointed and qualified. No more than
29 two of the public members shall be members of the same political
30 party. At least one public member shall be a regular public
31 transportation rider. Each public member may be removed from
32 office by the Governor for cause. A vacancy in the membership
33 of the board occurring other than by expiration of term shall be
34 filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for the
35 unexpired term only. The first appointments shall be for 1, 2, 3
36 and 4 years respectively, and thereafter for terms of 4 years as
37 stated. The board shall annually designate a vice chairman and
38 secretary. The secretary need not be a member.

39 c. Board members other than those serving ex officio shall
40 serve without compensation, but members shall be reimbursed for
41 actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their
42 duties.

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 d. The Commissioner of Transportation shall serve as chairman
2 of the board. He shall chair board meetings and shall have
3 responsibility for the scheduling and convening of all meetings of
4 the board. In his absence, the vice chairman shall chair the board
5 meeting. Each ex officio member of the board may designate
6 two employees of his department or agency, one of whom may
7 represent him at meetings of the board. A designee may lawfully
8 vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member for whom he
9 constitutes the designee. Any such designation shall be in writing
10 delivered to the board and shall continue in effect until revoked
11 or amended by writing delivered to the board.

12 e. The powers of the corporation shall be vested in the
13 members of the board thereof and four members of the board
14 shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof. Actions may
15 be taken and motions and resolutions adopted by the board at any
16 meeting thereof by the affirmative vote of at least four
17 members. No vacancy in the membership of the board shall
18 impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and
19 perform all the duties of the board.

20 f. A true copy of the minutes of every meeting of the board
21 shall be delivered forthwith, by and under the certification of the
22 secretary thereof, to the Governor. No action taken at such
23 meeting by the board shall have force or effect until approved by
24 the Governor or until 10 days after such copy of the minutes shall
25 have been delivered. If, in said 10-day period, the Governor
26 returns such copy of the minutes with veto of any action taken by
27 the board or any member thereof at such meeting, such action
28 shall be null and of no effect. The Governor may approve all or
29 part of the action taken at such meeting prior to the expiration
30 of the said 10-day period.

31 g. The board meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the
32 "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et seq.).
33 (cf: P.L.1979, c.150, s.4)

34 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to
35 any public members appointed on or after the effective date of
36 this act.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires that no more than two of the four public
42 members of the Board of the New Jersey Transit Corporation be
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49 from the same political party.

**ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 508

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 8, 1992

The Assembly Transportation and Communications Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 508.

This bill requires that no more than two of the four public members of the Board of the New Jersey Transit Corporation be members of the same political party.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 508

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 30, 1992

The Senate Transportation Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 508.

This bill requires that no more than two of the four public members of the Board of the New Jersey Transit Corporation be members of the same political party.