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(Police chiefs--
minimum starting
salary)

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Bill No: S420

Sponsor(s): Brown

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Senate: County & Municipal Government

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denoted by asterisks.

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SENATE, No. 420

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1990 SESSION

By Senator BROWN

1 AN ACT concerning salaries of police chiefs and supplementing
2 Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

6 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary whenever
7 there is a police department organized in any political subdivision
8 of this State and a chief of police appointed to be the executive
9 head of such department, the starting salary of said chief of
10 police ¹and the deputy chief¹ shall be set at a rate not less than
11 five percent above the highest salary of the ranking police officer
12 next in command below the chief of police ¹or deputy chief of
13 police as appropriate¹. Thereafter, whenever new salary ranges
14 are set by the governing body or appointive authority, unless the
15 chief of police ¹or deputy chief¹ shall consent to a lesser
16 adjustment, the minimum and maximum salary range for the
17 chief of police ¹and his deputy chief¹ shall be adjusted to reflect
18 at least the same percentage of increase ¹in base salary¹ as is
19 established for other ranking supervisory officers in the
20 department.

21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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26 Requires municipalities to set certain minimum starting salary of
27 a chief of police.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SCM committee amendments adopted September 24, 1990.

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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11 highest salary of the ranking police officer next in command
12 below the chief of police. Thereafter, whenever new salary
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15 minimum and maximum salary range for the chief of police shall
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17 is established for other ranking supervisory officers in the
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22 STATEMENT

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SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 420

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 1990

The Senate County and Municipal Government Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 420 with Senate committee amendments.

Senate Bill No. 420 as amended by the committee, requires municipalities to set the starting salary for the chief of police and the deputy chief at a rate not less than five percent above the highest salary of the ranking police officer next in command below the chief or deputy chief. The bill also requires that whenever new salary ranges are set by the governing body or appointive authority, the salary ranges of the chief and deputy chief will be adjusted to reflect at least the same percentage of increase in base salary as is established for other ranking supervisory officers in the department.

The committee amended the bill to provide salary protections to the deputy chief as well as the chief.

Under current law members of the police unions negotiate annual salaries and other financial benefits and have binding arbitration available to them if an impasse is reached.

This bill will afford some protection to a chief of police and a deputy chief whenever a governing body withholds normal salary increases from a particular individual based solely on a personality conflict.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1990 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.