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1 AN ACT concerning county tax administrators and amending
2 R.S.54:3-7 and R.S.54:3-9.

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

6 1. R.S.54:3-7 is amended to read as follows:

7 54:3-7. a. Each county board shall appoint a county tax
8 administrator, who shall hold office for a term of three years,
9 and who shall, subject to the personnel policies adopted by the
10 governing body of the county, appoint such clerical assistants as
11 may be necessary.

12 b. After the effective date of this 1979 amendatory and
13 supplementary act, P.L.1979, c.499, any person holding the office
14 of county tax administrator shall devote full time to his duties;
15 provided, however, that any person currently holding office as a
16 county board secretary may, at the option of the appointing
17 authority, continue to serve on a part-time basis; provided he
18 holds or obtains prior to July 1, 1981 a tax assessor certificate.

19 c. After the effective date of this 1979 amendatory and
20 supplementary act, P.L.1979, c.499, no person shall be newly
21 appointed as county tax administrator unless he shall hold a tax
22 assessor certificate issued by the Director of Taxation pursuant
23 to P.L.1967, c.44 (C.54:1-35.25 et seq.). No person shall be
24 appointed to a first term as county tax administrator after the
25 effective date of this 1988 amendatory and supplementary act,
26 P.L.1988, c.96 unless the person has had four years of experience
27 in property tax administration at the State, county or municipal
28 level, and has successfully completed]. In the first 24 months of
29 his appointment, the appointee shall successfully complete a
30 training program developed for tax administrators and offered by
31 the Director of the Bureau of Government Research at Rutgers,
32 The State University, except that, during the six month period
33 provided for the development and approval of the tax
34 administrator's program pursuant to this 1988 amendatory and
35 supplementary act, a person with the requisite qualification and
36 experience in property tax administration may be temporarily
37 appointed county tax administrator for a period not to exceed one
38 year.

39 d. If any county board secretary required to hold or obtain a
40 tax assessor's certificate pursuant to subsection b. of this section

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 does not submit proof thereof prior to the required date, the
2 county tax board shall immediately declare the position vacant
3 and notify the county governing body and the Director of
4 Taxation of the existence of such vacancy. The county tax board
5 shall then appoint a county tax administrator subject to the
6 provisions of subsection c. of this section.

7 (cf: P.L.1988, c.96, s.2.)

8 2. R.S.54:3-9 is amended to read as follows:

9 54:3-9. Each county tax administrator hereafter appointed
10 who shall have received two consecutive appointments for full
11 terms as county tax administrator, and each county tax
12 administrator serving a full term as secretary on the effective
13 date of this amendatory and supplementary act who shall
14 thereafter be appointed to another consecutive full term as
15 county tax administrator, and each county tax administrator who
16 has heretofore acquired tenure as secretary pursuant to this
17 section shall hold office as county tax administrator during good
18 behavior[,] and efficiency [and residence in the county where
19 employed], and shall not be removed for political reasons or for
20 any cause other than incapacity, misconduct, [nonresidence] or
21 disobedience of just rules or regulations established by the
22 Director of the Division of Taxation.

23 For the purposes of this section any person holding the position
24 of county board secretary on the effective date hereof shall be
25 considered to be serving a full term as secretary if he was
26 appointed to serve a full term of 3 years or 5 years, as the case
27 may be, or to serve more than 2 years of an unexpired term.

28 (cf: P.L.1979, c.499, s.6.)

29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 **STATEMENT**

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34 This bill clarifies the qualifications that must be met by a
35 person granted a first-term appointment as a county tax
36 administrator, by requiring that within the first 24 months of his
37 appointment such a person complete the training program
38 developed for tax administrators and offered by the Director of
39 the Bureau of Government Research at Rutgers, the State
40 University. Under current law, such a person must have
41 completed the course prior to his appointment as a county tax
42 administrator.

43 The bill also removes the residency requirement from the
44 requirements of tenure of office of a county tax administrator.

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47 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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49 Clarifies qualifications of county tax administrator.

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(cf: P.L.1988, c.96, s.2.)

2. R.S.54:3-9 is amended to read as follows:

54:3-9. Each county tax administrator hereafter appointed who shall have received two consecutive appointments for full terms as county tax administrator, and each county tax administrator serving a full term as secretary on the effective date of this amendatory and supplementary act who shall thereafter be appointed to another consecutive full term as county tax administrator, and each county tax administrator who has heretofore acquired tenure as secretary pursuant to this section shall hold office as county tax administrator during good behavior[,] and efficiency [and residence in the county where employed], and shall not be removed for political reasons or for any cause other than incapacity, misconduct, [nonresidence] or disobedience of just rules or regulations established by the Director of the Division of Taxation.

For the purposes of this section any person holding the position of county board secretary on the effective date hereof shall be considered to be serving a full term as secretary if he was appointed to serve a full term of 3 years or 5 years, as the case may be, or to serve more than 2 years of an unexpired term.

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The bill also removes the residency requirement from the requirements of tenure of office of a county tax administrator.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Clarifies qualifications of county tax administrator.

ASSEMBLY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3319

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 1990

The Assembly County Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3319.

Assembly Bill No. 3319 extends the time period within which a person granted a first-term appointment as a county tax administrator must complete the required training program developed for tax administrators and offered by the Director of the Bureau of Government Research at Rutgers, the State University. The bill requires that the training program must be completed by an appointee within the first 24 months of his appointment. Under current law, such a person must have completed the course prior to his appointment as a county tax administrator.

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SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3319

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 1991

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