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P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 46, *approved June 28, 1996*
Senate No. 1381 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the application fee for certain examinations and
2 amending P.L.1992, c.197.

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

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.197 (C.11A:4-1.1) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. ¹a. The Commissioner of the Department of Personnel shall
10 establish a ~~[\$5]~~ ¹[\$10] ~~\$5~~¹ fee for each application for an open
11 competitive or promotional examination. Persons receiving public
12 assistance benefits pursuant to P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107 et seq.),
13 P.L.1959, c.86 (C.44:10-1 et seq.), or P.L.1973, c.256 (C.44:7-85 et
14 seq.) shall not be required to pay this fee if they apply for an open
15 competitive examination. ~~[Receipts]~~ ¹[One half of the receipts]
16 Receipts ¹ derived from application fees ¹established by this
17 subsection¹ shall be appropriated to the department.

18 ¹b. In addition to the fee established in subsection a. of this section,
19 the commissioner shall establish a \$5 fee for each application for an
20 open competitive or promotional examination for a position in State
21 service. Persons receiving public assistance benefits pursuant to
22 P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107 et seq.), P.L.1959, c.86 (C.44:10-1 et
23 seq.), or P.L.1973, c.256 (C.44:7-85 et seq.) shall not be required to
24 pay this fee if they apply for an open competitive examination.
25 Receipts derived from the application fee established pursuant to this
26 subsection shall be appropriated annually to the department for the
27 costs of the displaced workers pool program. This fee shall not be
28 assessed and collected unless the commissioner implements a
29 displaced workers pool program. If the displaced workers pool
30 program is terminated at any time by the commissioner, the assessment
31 and collection of this additional fee shall also be terminated.¹

32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 Establishes additional civil service fee of \$5 for certain applicants to
38 fund displaced workers pool program.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and 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 SBA committee amendments adopted June 24, 1996.

[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 1381

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 1996

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14 seq.) shall not be required to pay this fee if they apply for an open
15 competitive examination. ~~Receipts~~ ¹ ~~One half of the receipts~~
16 Receipts ¹ derived from application fees established by this
17 subsection¹ shall be appropriated to the department.

18 ¹ b. In addition to the fee established in subsection a. of this
19 section, the commissioner shall establish a \$5 fee for each application
20 for an open competitive or promotional examination for a position in
21 State service. Persons receiving public assistance benefits pursuant to
22 P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107 et seq.), P.L.1959, c.86 (C.44:10-1 et
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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1992, c.197 (C.11A:4-1.1) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Personnel shall
10 establish a **[\$5]** \$10 fee for each application for an open competitive
11 or promotional examination. Persons receiving public assistance
12 benefits pursuant to P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107 et seq.), P.L.1959,
13 c.86 (C.44:10-1 et seq.), or P.L.1973, c.256 (C.44:7-85 et seq.) shall
14 not be required to pay this fee if they apply for an open competitive
15 examination. **[Receipts]** One half of the receipts derived from
16 application fees shall be appropriated to the department.
17 (cf: P.L.1992, c.197, s.1)

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill increases from \$5 to \$10 the application fee for a person
25 taking an open competitive or promotional civil service examination.
26 It provides that one half, rather than all, of the receipts derived from
27 application fees shall be appropriated to the Department of Personnel.

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32 Increases civil service test fee from \$5 to \$10.

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1381

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 24, 1996

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No.1381 with amendments.

Senate Bill No.1381, as amended, establishes an additional application fee of \$5 for a person taking an open competitive or promotional civil service examination for a position in State service. This additional fee would only take effect if the Department of Personnel implements a displaced workers pool program; the revenue generated by the fee will be appropriated to support that program. If in the future the program is terminated, the additional \$5 fee also will be terminated.

The displaced worker pool program will provide temporary work for State employees who have been laid off, until such time as a permanent position becomes available.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to restrict the additional fee only to applicants for positions in State service and to activate the fee only if the State implements a displaced workers pool program. The amendments provide for the termination of the fee if the program is ever eliminated.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Personnel estimates that the additional fee in this bill will generate approximately \$208,000 annually.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO

[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 1381

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 2, 1996

Senate Bill No.1381 (1R) of 1996 establishes an additional \$5.00 fee for persons taking an open competitive or promotional civil service examination for a position in State service. Persons receiving public assistance benefits pursuant to P.L.1947, c.156 (C.44:8-107 et seq.), P.L.1959, c.86 (C.44:10-1 et seq.), or P.L.1973, c.256 (C.44:7-85 et seq.) are not required to pay this additional fee if they apply for an open competitive examination. Receipts derived from this application fee are appropriated to the Department of Personnel to fund a displaced workers pool program. The displaced worker pool program is to provide temporary work for State employees who have been targeted to be laid off, until such time as a permanent position becomes available. The additional fee is to take effect when the department implements the program. The fee is linked to the program, so if in the future the program is terminated, the additional \$5.00 fee will also be terminated.

The Office of Legislative Services notes that the current \$5.00 application fee was established by P.L.1992, c.197. This fee is paid by persons applying for an open competitive or promotional examination for a position in State or local government. Since the fee was established, the department has received, on average, \$613,000 annually in application fees. It is estimated that the additional \$5.00 fee for persons taking open competitive or promotional civil service examinations for positions in State government will generate approximately \$208,000 annually.

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.