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ASSEMBLY, No. 104

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 1944

By Mr. AMLICKE

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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and amending section 40:54-8 of the Revised Statutes.

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STATEMENT

During the past ten years there has been a continuing reduction in taxable ratables. This has affected adversely many municipalities which have developed outstanding free public library systems.

This amendment is not obligatory but rather enables each municipality to determine for itself the standard of library service which its citizens desire.