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(Boards of taxation--membership)

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1994 Senate No. 785

1 AN ACT increasing the membership of the boards of taxation of
2 certain counties and amending R.S.54:3-2.

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

7 54:3-2. Each board shall, as heretofore, be known as the
8 county board of taxation, and be composed of three members,
9 except as hereinafter provided, to be appointed by the Governor
10 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each member
11 shall be a resident and citizen of the county in and for which he is
12 appointed. Members shall be chosen because of their special
13 qualifications, knowledge and experience in matters concerning
14 the valuation and taxation of property, particularly of real
15 property. At no time shall more than two of the members belong
16 to the same political party. In counties of the first class, in
17 counties of the second class having a population of more than
18 550,000 and in counties of the fifth class having a population of
19 more than 400,000 there shall be five members of whom no more
20 than three shall belong to the same political party. For the
21 purposes of this section, "population" means the State population
22 according to the 1990 federal decennial census. Each member
23 shall, within 24 months of appointment, unless the member shall
24 have served as a member of the county board of taxation
25 continuously for at least 10 years prior to the effective date of
26 P.L.1981, c.516, was reappointed to a five-year term prior to
27 that date, and is currently serving that term, furnish proof that
28 he has received certificates indicating satisfactory completion of
29 training courses designated in section 4 of P.L.1967, c.44
30 (C.54:1-35.28) or that he possesses an assessor's certificate
31 issued pursuant to P.L.1967, c.44, as supplemented. Each
32 member serving on the effective date of P.L.1979, c.499, unless
33 the member shall have served as a member continuously for at
34 least 10 years prior to the effective date of P.L.1981, c.516, was
35 reappointed to a five-year term prior to that date, and is
36 currently serving that term, shall furnish such proof within 30
37 months of such effective date, if 30 months or more of his term
38 are remaining thereafter.

39 If any member so required does not furnish such proof within
40 said 24-month period, or 30-month period for any member
41 serving on the effective date of P.L.1979, c.499, the county tax
42 administrator shall immediately notify the president of the
43 county board of taxation and the Director of the Division of
44 Taxation. The director shall upon the receipt of such notification

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 declare the position to be vacant, and shall notify the Governor
2 of the existence of such vacancy. The Governor shall thereupon
3 appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a different
4 citizen and resident of the relative county to fill such position for
5 the unexpired term.

6 (cf: P.L.1993, c.129, s.1)

7 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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12 This bill increases from three to five the membership of county
13 boards of taxation in counties of the second class with a
14 population of over 550,000 persons.

15 Under current law, counties of the first class and counties of
16 the fifth class with a population of more than 400,000 have
17 boards of taxation comprised of five members. Boards of
18 taxation in all other counties are comprised of three members.
19 According to N.J.S.40A:6-1, counties of the first class are
20 defined as having a population of more than 550,000 and a
21 population density of more than 3,000 persons per square mile,
22 counties of the second class are defined as not bordering on the
23 Atlantic Ocean and having a population of more than 200,000 and
24 counties of the fifth class are defined as bordering on the
25 Atlantic Ocean and having a population of more than 100,000.

26 An increase in the membership of boards of taxation in
27 counties of the second class having a population of more than
28 550,000 persons is needed in order to better serve the public of
29 those counties. A larger board will be able to hear appeals and
30 render decisions in a more timely manner.

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Increases membership of certain county board of taxation.

ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 785

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 8, 1994

The Assembly Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 785.

Senate Bill No. 785 increases from three to five the membership of county boards of taxation in counties of the second class with a population of over 550,000 persons.

Under current law, counties of the first class and counties of the fifth class with a population of more than 400,000 have boards of taxation comprised of five members. Boards of taxation in all other counties are comprised of three members.

According to N.J.S.40A:6-1, counties of the first class are defined as having a population of more than 550,000 and a population density of more than 3,000 persons per square mile, counties of the second class are defined as not bordering on the Atlantic Ocean and having a population of more than 200,000 and counties of the fifth class are defined as bordering on the Atlantic Ocean and having a population of more than 100,000.

Senate Bill No. 785 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1825.

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 785

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 16, 1994

The Senate Community Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 785.

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