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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Sponsor(s): Wtson and others

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 4457 and 4458  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MAY 15, 1989

Sponsored by Assemblymen WATSON, CHARLES and MARTIN

1 AN ACT establishing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and  
supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. There is established in the Department of State the Martin  
7 Luther King, Jr. Commission. The commission shall consist of 45  
members:

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Nonviolent Social Change to be appointed by the Governor and to  
11 serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

b. a representative of the Governor's office to be appointed  
13 by the Governor and to serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

c. four members of the Senate to be appointed by the  
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same political party;

d. four members of the General Assembly to be appointed by  
17 the Speaker thereof, no more than two of whom shall be from the  
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e. 35 public members to be appointed by the Governor. The  
21 public members shall be residents of the State and shall represent  
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23 various civic, social, religious, educational, business and artistic  
organizations; and shall be committed to resolving conflict and to  
25 upholding the humanitarian philosophy of Dr. King.

2. The Governor shall select two public members to serve as  
27 co-chairpersons.

3. Legislative members shall serve during the two-year  
29 legislative term in which the appointment is made. Public  
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31 respective successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies in  
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9 movement;

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12 their talents; and

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14 contributions, from individuals and public and private  
15 organizations in order to carry out its responsibilities and to  
16 address the needs of Dr. King's living memorial, the Martin  
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18 5. The commission is entitled to call to its assistance and avail  
19 itself of the services of the employees of any State, county or  
20 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency  
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23 incur traveling and other miscellaneous expenses necessary to  
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26 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATE GOVERNMENT

29 New Jersey - History, Symbols, Holidays

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31 Establishes the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4457

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED APRIL 24, 1989

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Assemblywoman Bush, Assemblymen Brown and Bryant

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1 responsibilities and to assist the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center  
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3 This commission currently exists pursuant to Executive Order  
No. 83 of 1984.

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New Jersey - History, Symbols, Holidays

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, Nos. 4457 and 4458

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 15, 1989

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly, Nos. 4457 and 4458.

This committee substitute establishes within the Department of State a 45-member Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

The membership of the commission is to consist of: (1) a representative of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and a representative of the Governor's office, each of whom is to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at the Governor's pleasure; (2) eight legislative members, including four members of the Senate, no more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party, and four members of the General Assembly, no more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party, to be appointed, respectively, by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly; and (3) 35 public members, appointed by the Governor, who are to represent various geographical areas of the State and various civic, social, religious, educational, business and artistic organizations, and who shall be committed to resolving conflict and to upholding the humanitarian philosophy of Dr. King.

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This commission currently exists as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission pursuant to Executive Order No. 83 of 1984, as amended by Executive Orders No. 94 (1985) and No. 131 (1986).

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL  
AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 4457 and 4458

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 3, 1989

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