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Sponsor(s): Gormley and Baer

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Sponsors' statement:

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ASSEMBLY, No. 571

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Assemblymen GORMLEY and BAER

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2 *of New Jersey:*

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4 authorities shall be subject to the provisions of the county code
5 of ethics. For the purposes of this act, "authorities" means any
6 public body politic and corporate constituting a political subdivi-
7 sion of the State established by any county pursuant to law as an
8 instrumentality exercising public and essential governmental func-
9 tions to provide for the public benefit, health and welfare, having
10 perpetual succession and such other powers as may be determined
11 by law.

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ASSEMBLY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 571

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 17, 1982

Assembly Bill No. 571 would permit the governing body of a county which has adopted a county code of ethics to provide, by ordinance or resolution, that members of county authorities be subject to the provisions of the county code of ethics.

The bill addresses the concern raised by some county boards of ethics that decisions made by independent authorities may affect the allocation of large amounts of money by the county governing body. Including members of county authorities under the provisions of the county code of ethics may promote greater public confidence in the expenditure of these funds.

An "authority", as defined in the bill, is a body politic, established by the county, which constitutes a political subdivision of the State. An "authority" exercises governmental functions to provide for the public's benefit, health, and welfare. Examples of county authorities are utility authorities; transportation authorities; sewerage authorities and improvement authorities.