

ASSEMBLY TOURISM, GAMING AND THE ARTS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO ASSEMBLY, No. 1945

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

The Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1945, with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill increases from 17 to 21 the number of public members serving on the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, requires one member for each New Jersey county, and specifies appointment criteria for the four newly-appointed members.

Under the bill, as amended, following the bill's effective date, upon the expiration of the term of each of the 21 public members, the appointment of each new member would be made in a manner that ensures that there is one member who is a resident of each of the State's 21 counties. Once each county is represented on the council, each member's successor would be a resident of the same county.

Under the bill, as amended, of the four additional public members appointed to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts:

(1) each must be a resident of New Jersey known for competence and experience in connection with the performing, visual and creative arts, and a resident of one of the counties of this State of which no other public member of the council serving at the time of the appointment is a resident;

(2) one member must be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate, one by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, and two by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(3) two of the four public members first appointed must be appointed for initial terms ending in one year and two must be appointed for initial terms ending in two years.

The bill also provides that the requirements set forth for the appointment and the terms of the four additional public members would apply only to the first four additional public members appointed after the effective date of the bill, and would not apply to the appointment of their successors or any other appointments to the council. The successors of the first four additional public members

would be appointed in the same manner as other public members of the council are appointed.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) require representation on the council for each of the 21 counties in this State;

(2) provide that, following the bill's effective date, upon the expiration of the term of each public member, the appointment of each new member would be made in a manner that ensures that there is one member who is a resident of each of the State's 21 counties. Once each county is represented on the council, each member's successor would be a resident of the same county;

(3) delete language that would have required that, of the four additional public members appointed, one member would be from a county of the first class with a population of over 850,000, and one would be from a county with a tourism district;

(4) provide for staggered initial terms for the four new members, without naming specific dates; and

(5) delete an outdated reference to 15 members.