

ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4468

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4468.

This bill revises the existing law concerning the number of appointed members of certain county vocational school district boards of education. Under existing law, the board of education of the majority of county vocational school districts is composed of the county superintendent of schools and four appointed members. A county of the first class which has adopted a form of government under the "Optional County Charter Law," P.L.1972, c.154, also has the option to establish, by ordinance, a board of education consisting of seven appointed members.

The bill provides that the board of education of a county vocational school district established by a county of the first class which operates under the "Optional County Charter Law" may be comprised of six or nine appointed members in addition to the current options available to the district of four or seven appointed members. The bill also requires those appointments to be made with the advice and consent of the board of chosen freeholders, a requirement that currently applies to all other counties.

Finally, the bill authorizes counties with four appointed members on the county vocational school district board of education to increase the number of appointed members to six upon the adoption of an ordinance.