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SYNOPSIS

Asks Joint Committee on Library of Congress to approve replacing NJ statue of Philip Kearny in National Statuary Hall Collection with statue of Alice Paul.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** to provide for the replacement of the New Jersey statue of
2 Philip Kearny in the National Statuary Hall Collection of the
3 United States Capitol with a statue of Alice Paul.

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5 **WHEREAS**, In 1864, the United States Congress established the
6 National Statuary Hall Collection in the Old Hall of the House of
7 Representatives in the United States Capitol and authorized each
8 state to contribute to the collection two statues to represent
9 important historical figures from that state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey currently has on display in the National
11 Statuary Hall Collection statues of Richard Stockton and Philip
12 Kearny given by the State in 1888; and

13 **WHEREAS**, In 2000, the United States Congress enacted legislation
14 authorizing states to request that the Joint Committee on the Library
15 of Congress approve the replacement of a statue the state had
16 provided for display in the hall's collection; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul, a women's rights activist and suffragist, is a
18 significant historical and civil rights figure who was born in
19 Moorestown, New Jersey; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul became involved in the women's suffrage
21 movement in the United States in 1910, and worked two years with
22 the National American Woman Suffrage Association, cofounded
23 the Congressional Union seeking a federal constitutional
24 amendment for women's suffrage, and in 1916, formed the National
25 Woman's Party; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul was instrumental in the passage and ratification
27 in 1920 of the Nineteenth Amendment, which prohibited denying
28 any citizen the right to vote on the basis of sex; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul penned the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923,
30 which had been introduced in every Congressional term between
31 1923 and 1972, and continued to advocate on behalf of women until
32 her death on July 9, 1977; and

33 **WHEREAS**, Because she was a driving force behind the attainment of
34 women's suffrage and the national movement toward equality for
35 women, Alice Paul is worthy of recognition in the National Statuary
36 Hall Collection; now, therefore,

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

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41 1. The State of New Jersey requests that the Joint Committee
42 on the Library of Congress approve the replacement of the New
43 Jersey statue of Philip Kearny in the National Statuary Hall
44 Collection with a statue of Alice Paul.

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46 2. The Secretary of State shall submit to the United States
47 Architect of the Capitol for his or her review for completeness a
48 written request from the Governor to approve the replacement. The

1 Governor's request shall also include a description of the location in
2 New Jersey where the replaced statue of Philip Kearny will be
3 displayed after it is transferred and a copy of this act requesting
4 such replacement. After such review, the Governor and Legislature
5 calls on the architect to forward the request to the Joint Committee
6 on the Library of Congress for its approval or denial. If the request
7 is approved by the committee, the architect and the Secretary of
8 State, acting on behalf of the State of New Jersey, shall enter into
9 an agreement pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2132(b).

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11 3. a. There is created the National Statuary Hall Selection
12 Committee. The committee shall be temporary and consist of seven
13 members, appointed as follows:

14 (1) two members appointed by the Governor, upon
15 recommendation of the Senate President, not more than one of
16 whom shall be from the same political party;

17 (2) two members appointed by the Governor, upon
18 recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, not more
19 than one of whom shall be from the same political party;

20 (3) the Secretary of State, or the designee thereof; and

21 (4) two members appointed by the Governor, not more than one
22 of whom shall be from the same political party.

23 The members of the committee shall select a member of the
24 committee to be the chair and a member of a different political
25 party to be vice chair. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same
26 manner as the original appointment. Members shall serve without
27 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
28 incurred in the performance of their duties.

29 The chair shall appoint a secretary to the committee, who need
30 not be a member of the committee.

31 A quorum of the members shall be the majority of the members.
32 The members shall be appointed within 45 days following the
33 enactment of this act and shall organize as soon as practicable after
34 the appointment of the majority of its members.

35 b. Upon approval by the Joint Committee of the Library of
36 Congress and pursuant to the agreement provided for in section 2 of
37 this act, the committee shall:

38 (1) select a sculptor to create a statue of Alice Paul to be placed
39 in the National Statuary Hall Collection, and review and approve
40 the plans for the statue; and

41 (2) identify a method to obtain the funding necessary to pay for
42 the following items:

43 (a) the sculptor for designing and carving or casting the statue;

44 (b) the design and fabrication of the pedestal;

45 (c) the transportation of the statue and pedestal to the United
46 States Capitol;

47 (d) the removal and transportation of the replaced statue;

1 (e) the temporary placement of the new statue in the Rotunda of
2 the United States Capitol for the unveiling ceremony;

3 (f) the unveiling ceremony; and

4 (g) such other expenses that the committee determines are
5 necessary to incur to replace the New Jersey statue of Philip Kearny
6 with that of Alice Paul.

7 c. The committee shall complete its work within one year of its
8 initial organizational meeting and terminate upon completion of a
9 written report on its activities. Copies of the report shall be
10 transmitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the President
11 of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and any other
12 official required to receive reports pursuant to section 2 of
13 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1). Copies of the report shall also be
14 made available to the general public.

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16 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 STATEMENT

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21 The purpose of this bill is to request that the New Jersey statue
22 of Philip Kearny in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the
23 United States Capitol be replaced with a statue of Alice Paul.

24 Alice Paul was a women's rights activist, suffragist, and
25 principal leader of the early 1900's campaign for the Nineteenth
26 Amendment to the United States Constitution. She was born on
27 January 11, 1885, in Moorestown, New Jersey. Alice Paul was
28 instrumental in the passage and ratification in 1920 of the
29 Nineteenth Amendment, which prohibited denying any citizen the
30 right to vote on the basis of sex.

31 The bill enables the State, following the procedure established in
32 federal law, to formally ask the Joint Committee on the Library of
33 Congress to approve the replacement of the statue of Philip Kearny
34 the State had provided for display in the National Statuary Hall
35 Collection. If approved by the Joint Committee, the new statue
36 would be one of Alice Paul.

37 The bill establishes a temporary, bi-partisan, seven-member
38 committee made up of:

39 (1) four members appointed by the Governor, upon
40 recommendation of the Senate President and the Speaker of the
41 General Assembly;

42 (2) the Secretary of State, or a designee thereof; and

43 (3) two members appointed by the Governor.

44 The committee will select a sculptor for the statue and determine
45 how to fund its completion and transportation to the United States
46 Capitol.