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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Clarifies that county sheriff provides security for judges at civil commitment proceedings.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning judicial security and amending N.J.S.2B:6-1.

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

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6 1. N.J.S.2B:6-1 is amended to read as follows:

7 2B:6-1. Courtrooms and Equipment; Security in Courtrooms and
8 Other Locations. a. Suitable courtrooms, chambers, equipment and
9 supplies for the Supreme Court, the Appellate Division of the
10 Superior Court and the Chancery Division, other than the Family
11 Part of the Chancery Division, of the Superior Court shall be
12 provided at the expense of the State by the Administrative Director
13 in cooperation with the Director of the Division of Purchase and
14 Property in the Department of the Treasury. These courtrooms and
15 chambers shall be located in a courthouse or other public building
16 so far as practicable.

17 b. Each county shall provide suitable courtrooms, chambers,
18 equipment and supplies necessary for the processing and decision of
19 cases from that county in the Law Division and the Family Part of
20 the Chancery Division.

21 c. A flag of the United States shall be displayed in an
22 appropriate place in each courtroom during all sessions of the court.

23 d. The sheriff of each county shall provide for security for the
24 Law and Chancery Divisions of the Superior Court sitting in that
25 county in the manner established by the assignment judge in the
26 county. The sheriff shall also provide security for any judge
27 serving within the vicinage who is assigned by the assignment
28 judge to preside over civil commitment proceedings regardless of
29 the location of such proceedings.

30 (cf: P.L.1991, c.177, s.3)

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill clarifies that it is the responsibility of the sheriff of each
38 county to provide security for any judge serving within the vicinage
39 who is assigned by the Assignment Judge to preside over civil
40 commitment proceedings regardless of the location of the
41 proceedings. Civil commitment proceedings may take place in
42 locations outside the courtroom, such as psychiatric hospitals.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.