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SYNOPSIS

Increases maximum admission age for membership in New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT concerning the New Jersey State Firemen's Association and amending R.S.43:17-9.

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

1. R.S.43:17-9 is amended to read as follows:

43:17-9. a. The membership of such corporation shall consist, without any formal election thereto, of the officers and members of such fire engine, hook and ladder, hose and supply company or companies, fire association or fire department, or board of firewardens, as shall be under the supervision or control of the governing board or body of the municipality or fire district and who, at the time of their becoming eligible for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, shall be not less than 18 years of age and who were not more than **[**45**]** 57 years of age at the time of joining the fire engine, hook and ladder, hose and supply company or companies, fire association or fire department, or board of firewardens, and shall furnish evidence of good health in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as the executive committee of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association shall from time to time establish; the officers and members of any nonprofit corporations and associations incorporated pursuant to N.J.S.15A:1-1 et seq.; and the officers and members of any association therein of exempt firemen. The whole body of the membership of such corporation shall have the same rights therein as the charter members thereof.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section, a person who is over 57 years of age shall be permitted to become a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association provided that the person would have otherwise been eligible, except by reason of age, for membership prior to reaching 62 years of age and the person applies for membership within 90 days of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

(cf: P.L.1998, c.90, s.1)

2. This act shall take effect immediately,

STATEMENT

This bill increases the maximum admission age for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

Under current law, a person is eligible to become a member if he or she is at least 18 years of age and not more than 45 years of age. This bill increases the maximum admission age to 57.

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.

In addition, the bill requires that a person who is over 57 years of age be permitted to become a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association if the person would have otherwise been eligible, except by reason of age, for membership prior to reaching the age of 62 and the person applies for membership within 90 days of the effective date of this bill..