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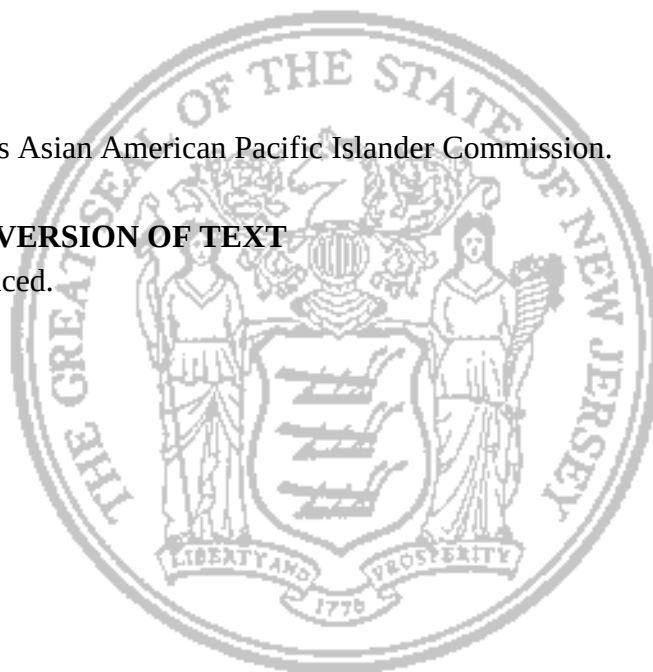
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Asian American Pacific Islander Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2021)

1 **AN ACT** establishing an Asian American Pacific Islander
2 Commission and supplementing Title 52 of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. The New Jersey Asian American Pacific Islander Commission
9 is created and established in the Executive Branch of the State
10 Government. For the purposes of complying with the provisions of
11 Article V, Section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution,
12 the commission is allocated within the Department of State but
13 notwithstanding this allocation, the commission shall be
14 independent of any supervision or control by the department or any
15 board or officer thereof.

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17 2. The commission shall consist of 30 public members
18 representing Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities.

19 The public members shall be appointed as follows:

20 One public member shall be appointed by the Secretary of State;

21 One public member shall be appointed by Governor from among
22 recommendations made by the President of the Senate; and

23 One public member shall be appointed by the Governor from
24 among recommendations made by the Speaker of the General
25 Assembly.

26 The Governor shall appoint the remaining 27 public members,
27 and shall appoint the chair of the commission.

28 The public members shall have experience advocating on behalf
29 of their community.

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31 3. Each public member of the commission shall serve a term of
32 three years, except that in making the first appointments to the
33 commission, 10 public members shall appointed to serve for one
34 year, 10 for two years, and 10 for three years. The length of the
35 respective term for each public member of the first commission
36 shall be determined by lot at the organization of the commission.
37 The public members shall be eligible for reappointment and shall
38 serve until their successors are appointed and qualified, and the
39 term of the successor of any incumbent shall be calculated from the
40 expiration of the term of that incumbent. A vacancy occurring
41 other than by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner
42 as the original appointment, but for the unexpired term only.

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44 4. The majority of authorized members of the commission shall
45 be required to conduct official business. The commission shall
46 submit an annual report on its activities to the Governor and the
47 Legislature, pursuant to P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

1 The commission will consist of 30 members, representing the
2 diversity of the AAPI community in New Jersey. Each public
3 member after the first appointments will serve a term of three years.
4 The public members should have experience in advocacy for their
5 communities. The commission will be required to submit an annual
6 report to the Governor and the Legislature about the commission's
7 activities.

8 Members of the commission are not entitled to compensation,
9 but will receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in
10 performing their duties. The commission is also authorized to call
11 upon any department, office, division, or agency of the State, or of
12 any county, municipality, or district for such things as information
13 or personnel in order to accomplish the tasks of the commission.