

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 135

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Extends report deadline for Disparity in State Procurement Study Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** concerning the Disparity in State
2 Procurement Study Commission and amending P.L.2017, Joint
3 Resolution No. 3.

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

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2017, Joint Resolution No.3 is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. There is established the “Disparity in State Procurement
11 Study Commission.” The purpose of the commission is to assess
12 the procurement of goods and services by State departments and
13 agencies, including independent State authorities, and local
14 government units to determine disparities, if any, between the
15 availability and utilization of small, disadvantaged, and minority-
16 and women-owned business enterprises in particular market areas.
17 The commission shall recommend policies, practices, and programs
18 that further this State’s efforts to promote opportunities for small,
19 disadvantaged, and minority- and women-owned business
20 enterprises in purchasing and procurement by State departments and
21 agencies, including independent State authorities, and local
22 government units.

23 b. The commission shall consist of 15 members, to be
24 appointed as follows:

25 (1) six members of the Senate, four members of the majority
26 party to be appointed by the President of the Senate and two
27 members of the minority party to be appointed by the Minority
28 Leader of the Senate;

29 (2) six members of the General Assembly, four members of the
30 majority party to be appointed by the Speaker of the General
31 Assembly and two members of the minority party to be appointed
32 by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly;

33 (3) one member to be appointed by the Governor;

34 (4) the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property in the
35 Department of the Treasury, or his designee, who shall serve ex
36 officio; and

37 (5) the Director of the Division of Local Government Services
38 in the Department of Community Affairs, or his designee, who shall
39 serve ex officio.

40 Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be
41 filled in the same manner provided for the original appointments.

42 c. Members of the commission shall be appointed within 30
43 days after the effective date of this joint resolution, and shall hold
44 their initial organizational meeting as soon as practicable, but no
45 later than 30 days following the appointment of its members, and

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.

1 shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson. The chairperson
2 shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the
3 commission. The presence of eight members of the commission
4 shall constitute a quorum. The commission may conduct business
5 without a quorum, but may only vote on recommendations when a
6 quorum is present. The commission shall be entitled to call to its
7 assistance and avail itself of the services of as many employees of
8 the State as it may require and as may be available to it for its
9 purposes. Members of the commission shall serve without
10 compensation, but shall be entitled to employ stenographic and
11 clerical assistance and incur traveling and other miscellaneous
12 expenses as it may deem necessary in order to perform its duties,
13 within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
14 to it for its purposes. The commission may meet at the call of its
15 chairperson at the times and in the places it may deem appropriate
16 and necessary to fulfill its duties, and may conduct public hearings
17 at such place or places as it shall designate.

18 d. The commission shall, **【within one year of its initial**
19 **organizational meeting】** by December 31, 2020, issue a report of its
20 findings and conclusions, together with any recommendations it
21 may have for legislative or regulatory action, to the Governor and,
22 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
23 Legislature. The commission shall expire on the 30th day after the
24 date of the issuance of its report.

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26 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This joint resolution extends the reporting deadline for the
32 Disparity in State Procurement Study Commission to December 31,
33 2020. The commission was created in 2017.