

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 67

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Governor to make appointments to "Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Governor to make
2 appointments to the "Advisory Council on Solid Waste
3 Management."
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5 **WHEREAS**, The "Solid Waste Management Act," P.L.1970, c.39
6 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), became law in 1970 and established a 14-
7 member council known as the "Advisory Council on Solid Waste
8 Management;" and

9 **WHEREAS**, Among the statutory duties of the council are making
10 recommendations to the Commissioner of Environmental
11 Protection on ways to improve solid waste management in the
12 State, studying regulations related to the disposal of medical waste
13 and making recommendations for improving such regulations, and
14 researching new methods for solid waste management, including
15 recycling; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The council is authorized to possess ten public members:
17 four representing the solid waste collection, recycling, and solid
18 waste disposal industries, two representing the health care industry,
19 and four representing the general public; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The council is intended to serve as a bridge between
21 regulators and private citizens with practical experience, leading to
22 more effective and efficient regulations; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The council is authorized to hold public hearings, giving
24 citizens of the State a platform to suggest improvements related to
25 local solid waste management or bring attention to a local problem
26 that may otherwise go unnoticed; and

27 **WHEREAS**, In particular, the council is needed to review and suggest
28 changes to the State Recycling Plan, as new markets are currently
29 necessary to handle recyclable materials; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Solid waste management is one of the most basic and
31 effective ways for State and local governments to protect the health
32 of their citizens and the environment, and the State should continue
33 to prioritize solid waste management by improving existing
34 regulations and planning ahead to meet future challenges; and

35 **WHEREAS**, The council has not been active during the last decade and
36 appointments of public members have not been made as
37 members' terms have expired; and

38 **WHEREAS**, The council should be reactivated and the members
39 appointed so that the council can carry out its statutory duties; now,
40 therefore,

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42 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
43 *Jersey:*
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45 1. This House respectfully requests that the Governor
46 reactivate the "Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management" by

1 appointing public members to the council and designating a chair
2 and vice-chair, in order to improve solid waste management in the
3 State.

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5 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
6 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
7 Governor, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and the
8 Commissioner of Health.

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STATEMENT

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13 This Assembly Resolution urges the Governor to reactivate the
14 "Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management" by appointing
15 public members and designating a chair and vice chair.

16 The council was established by the "Solid Waste Management
17 Act," P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), in order to serve as a
18 bridge between regulators, citizens involved in the solid waste
19 management and health care industries, and the general public. The
20 council is intended to review and make recommendations to
21 improve solid waste management policy in the State. However, the
22 council has not been active in recent years and the membership
23 terms of its public members have expired.