

SENATE, No. 1562

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Increases number of sheriff's officers that may be hired as sheriff's investigators.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the appointment of sheriff's investigators and
2 amending P.L.1987, c.113.

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

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1987, c.113 (C.40A:9-117a) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. The sheriff of each county may appoint a number of persons,
10 not to exceed **【15%】** 25 percent of the total number of sheriff's
11 officers employed by the sheriff and set forth in the sheriff's table of
12 organization in the county budget, to the position of sheriff's
13 investigator. All sheriff's investigators shall serve at the pleasure of
14 the sheriff making their appointment and shall be included in the
15 unclassified service of the civil service.

16 A sheriff's investigator appointed pursuant to this section shall
17 have the same compensation, benefits, powers, and police officer
18 status as is granted to sheriff's officers. The duties of sheriff's
19 investigators shall be law enforcement investigations and related
20 duties. A person appointed to the position of sheriff's investigator
21 shall, within 18 months of appointment, complete a police training
22 course at an approved school and receive certification by the Police
23 Training Commission as provided in P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66
24 et seq.). The implementation of **【this act】** P.L.1987, c.113
25 (C.40A:9-117a) shall not result in the layoff of permanent sheriff's
26 officers.

27 (cf: P.L.1987, c.113, s.2)

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill would increase the number of sheriff's officers that a
35 county sheriff may appoint to the position of sheriff's investigator.
36 Current law limits the number of sheriff's officers who may hold
37 this position to no more than 15 percent of the total number of
38 sheriff's officers employed by a sheriff. This bill would increase
39 this limit to 25 percent, allowing for the hire of more sheriff's
40 investigators.

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.