

SENATE, No. 1684

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Permits county board of chosen freeholders to appoint interim member of county tax board under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning vacancies on a county tax board and amending
2 R.S.54:3-3.

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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. R.S.54:3-3 is amended to read as follows:

8 54:3-3. The members shall be appointed for a term of three
9 years and until their successors shall have been duly appointed and
10 qualified. If there happens to be any vacancy in said office, during
11 the recess of the Legislature, caused by reason of death, resignation
12 or in any manner other than by the expiration of the term for which
13 any person shall have been appointed, the Governor shall fill such a
14 vacancy and the commission shall expire at the end of the next
15 session of the Legislature unless a successor shall be sooner
16 appointed. In the event that the Governor has failed to fill a
17 vacancy within 30 days, the vacancy shall be filled by an interim
18 member to be selected by the board of chosen freeholders of the
19 county, who shall serve until the vacancy has been filled by the
20 Governor. In filling vacancies other than those that have been
21 created during the recess of the Legislature as herein provided for
22 the Governor shall appoint with the advice and consent of the
23 Senate for the unexpired term only. The members of the county
24 boards of taxation in counties of the first class who are in office at
25 the time this act (s.54:3-2, s.54:3-3 and s.54:3-22.1) becomes
26 effective shall, without further appointment or confirmation,
27 continue in office for the balance of the term for which they and
28 each of them were respectively appointed. The term of office of the
29 members hereafter appointed by the Governor by and with the
30 advice and consent of the Senate shall be five years and until their
31 successors shall have been duly appointed and qualified; provided,
32 however, that of the two additional members to be added, the term
33 of one shall expire April thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and
34 forty-four, and the other April thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred
35 and forty-five; and provided, further, that they shall continue in
36 office until their respective successors shall have been duly
37 appointed and qualified.

38 (cf: P.L.1941, c.142, s.1)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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43 STATEMENT

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45 This bill provides that in the event that the Governor has failed to

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 fill a vacancy on a county tax board within 30 days, the vacancy
2 shall be filled by an interim member to be selected by the board of
3 chosen freeholders of the county, who shall serve until the vacancy
4 has been filled by the Governor.

5 In the past, several county tax boards have had to operate with
6 only one or two members due to a failure in the appointment
7 process. The bill will permit the county government to ensure that
8 the property tax assessment and appeal processes can continue to
9 function when county tax board appointments are not made.