

# SENATE, No. 3763

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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       including, but not limited to: the Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Chinese,  
20       Indian (Punjabi, Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist, Jain), Hmong,  
21       Indonesian, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian,  
22       Mongolian, Pakistani, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai,  
23       and Vietnamese communities.

24       The public members shall be appointed as follows:

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

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

28       One public member shall be appointed by the Governor from  
29       among recommendations made by the Speaker of the General  
30       Assembly.

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

33       The public members shall have experience advocating on behalf  
34       of their community.

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



1 issues and culture; and increasing the awareness among AAPI  
2 individuals of governmental affairs and community and social  
3 service resources that may benefit AAPI individuals and  
4 communities as a whole

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

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