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**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires certain public officials to complete course of study developed by Commissioner of Community Affairs on operation of public water and wastewater systems.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT requiring certain public officials to complete a course of  
2 study on the operation of public water and wastewater systems,  
3 supplementing chapter 27D of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes,  
4 and amending various parts of the statutory law.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. (New section) a. The Commissioner of Community Affairs  
10 shall prepare and offer, not later than the first day of the seventh  
11 month next following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. )  
12 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), a basic course to be  
13 completed by any elected or appointed person having direct  
14 budgetary authority over public water and wastewater systems,  
15 concerning the management of the finances, including the adoption  
16 of the annual budget, and the infrastructure of public water and  
17 wastewater systems. The commissioner shall require the course to  
18 be completed by every person first appointed or elected to a county  
19 or municipal office having direct budgetary authority over the  
20 finances of a public water or wastewater system, after the effective  
21 date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
22 this bill), and any person first appointed as a member of a  
23 commission or an authority having direct budgetary authority over  
24 the finances of a public water or wastewater system, after the  
25 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
26 Legislature as this bill). Any person who is serving in any of those  
27 capacities on the first date on which that course is offered shall be  
28 required to complete that course within 18 months of the date upon  
29 which the course is first offered.

30 b. The basic course to be prepared and offered pursuant to this  
31 section shall consist of no more than five hours of scheduled  
32 instruction and shall be structured so that a person may satisfy this  
33 requirement within one calendar day. The commissioner shall  
34 consult with the New Jersey Association of Environmental  
35 Authorities in establishing standards for the curriculum and the  
36 administration of the course of study.

37 For the purposes of this section, “public water and wastewater  
38 system” shall mean a public water or wastewater system created  
39 pursuant to the following laws of this State:

40 the “sewerage authorities law,” P.L.1946, c.138 (C.40:14A-  
41 1 et seq.);

42 the “municipal and county utilities authorities law,” P.L.1957,  
43 c.183 (C.40:14B-1 et seq.);

44 the “Municipal and County Sewerage Act,” P.L.1991, c.53  
45 (C.40A:26A-1 et seq.);

**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 the "County and Municipal Water Supply Act," P.L.1989, c.109  
2 (C.40A:31-1 et seq.);  
3 the "county improvement authorities law," P.L.1960, c.183  
4 (C.40:37A-44 et seq.);  
5 the "New Jersey Pollution Control Financing Law," P.L.1973,  
6 c.376 (C.40:37C-1 et seq.);  
7 R.S.58:14-1 et seq.;  
8 R.S.40:62-109 et seq.;  
9 the "New Jersey Water Supply Authority Act," P.L.1981, c.293  
10 (C.58:1B-1 et seq.);  
11 the North Jersey water supply district and the South Jersey water  
12 supply district law, P.L.1916, c.70 (C.58:5-1);  
13 the municipal water district law, R.S.40:62-96 et seq.; and  
14 with respect to joint meetings, P.L.1960, c.3 (C.40:48B-  
15 2.1 et seq.) and sections 15 and 16 of the "Uniform Shared Services  
16 and Consolidation Act," P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-15 and  
17 C.40A:65-16).

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19 2. Section 4 of P.L.1946, c.138 (C.40:14A-4) is amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 4. (a) The governing body of any county may, by resolution  
22 duly adopted, create a public body corporate and politic under the  
23 name and style of "the ..... sewerage authority," with all or any  
24 significant part of the name of such county inserted. Said body  
25 shall consist of the five members thereof, who shall be appointed by  
26 resolution of the governing body as hereinafter in this section  
27 provided, together with the additional members thereof, if any,  
28 appointed as hereinafter in subsection (i) of this section provided,  
29 and it shall constitute the sewerage authority contemplated and  
30 provided for in this act and an agency and instrumentality of said  
31 county. After the taking effect of the resolution for the creation of  
32 said body and the filing of a certified copy thereof as in subsection  
33 (d) of this section provided, five persons shall be appointed as the  
34 members of the sewerage authority. The members first appointed  
35 shall, by the resolution of appointment, be designated to serve for  
36 terms respectively expiring on the first days of the first, second,  
37 third, fourth and fifth Februaries next ensuing after the dates of  
38 their appointments. On or after January 1 in each year after such  
39 first appointments, one person shall be appointed as a member of  
40 the sewerage authority to serve for a term commencing on February  
41 1 in such year and expiring on February 1 in the fifth year after such  
42 year. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the sewerage  
43 authority occurring during an unexpired term of office, a person  
44 shall be appointed as a member of the sewerage authority to serve  
45 for such unexpired term.

46 (b) The governing body of any municipality may, by ordinance  
47 duly adopted, create a public body corporate and politic under the  
48 name and style of "the ..... sewerage authority," with all or any

1 significant part of the name of such municipality inserted. A  
2 sewerage authority created pursuant to this section by a  
3 municipality other than a city of the first class shall consist of five  
4 members and a sewerage authority created pursuant to this section  
5 by a municipality which is a city of the first class shall consist of  
6 five or seven members, as determined by the governing body.  
7 Members of the sewerage authority shall be appointed by resolution  
8 of the governing body as hereinafter in this section provided, and  
9 the authority shall constitute the sewerage authority contemplated  
10 and provided for in this act and an agency and instrumentality of  
11 said municipality. After the taking effect of such ordinance and the  
12 filing of a certified copy thereof as in subsection (d) of this section  
13 provided, the members of the sewerage authority shall be appointed.  
14 The members first appointed shall, by the resolution of  
15 appointment, be designated to serve for terms respectively expiring  
16 as follows: the terms of the first four members shall expire in turn  
17 on each of the first days of the first, second, third and fourth  
18 Februaries next ensuing after the dates of their appointments, and  
19 the remaining members shall be designated to serve for terms  
20 expiring on the first day of the fifth February next ensuing after the  
21 date of their appointment. On or after January 1 in each year after  
22 such first appointments, one person shall be appointed or  
23 reappointed as a member of the sewerage authority to succeed each  
24 member whose term is expiring, and shall serve for a term  
25 commencing on February 1 in such year and expiring on February 1  
26 in the fifth year after such year. In the event of a vacancy in the  
27 membership of the sewerage authority occurring during an  
28 unexpired term of office, a person shall be appointed as a member  
29 of the sewerage authority to serve for such unexpired term.

30 The governing body of a municipality which is a city of the first  
31 class may increase the membership of its sewerage authority to  
32 seven members from five members. The two additional members  
33 shall be appointed to serve five-year terms, commencing on the  
34 February 1 next following their appointment and expiring on  
35 February 1 in the fifth year after their appointment.

36 (c) The governing bodies of any two or more municipalities or  
37 any two or more counties, the areas of which together comprise an  
38 integral body of territory, may, by parallel ordinances, or in the case  
39 of counties, by parallel resolutions, duly adopted by each of such  
40 governing bodies within any single calendar year, create a public  
41 body corporate and politic under the name and style of "the .....  
42 sewerage authority," with all or any significant part of the name of  
43 each such municipality or county or some identifying geographical  
44 phrase inserted. Said body shall consist of the members thereof, in  
45 an aggregate number determined as hereinafter in this subsection  
46 provided, who shall be appointed by resolutions of the several  
47 governing bodies as hereinafter in this section provided, and it shall  
48 constitute the sewerage authority contemplated and provided for in

1 this act and an agency and instrumentality of the said municipalities  
2 or counties. The number of members of the sewerage authority to be  
3 appointed at any time for full terms of office by the governing body  
4 of any such municipality or county shall be as may be stated in said  
5 ordinances or resolutions, which shall be not less than one nor more  
6 than three. After the taking effect of the said ordinances or  
7 resolutions of all such municipalities or counties and after the filing  
8 of certified copies thereof as in subsection (d) of this section  
9 provided, the appropriate number of persons shall be appointed as  
10 members of the sewerage authority by the governing body of each  
11 municipality or county. In the case of municipalities or counties  
12 which by ordinance or resolution are entitled to appoint only one  
13 member of the authority, the total number of members, if five or  
14 more, shall be divided into five classes as nearly equal as possible,  
15 except that if there are less than five members, each member shall  
16 constitute a class. The members initially appointed shall be  
17 appointed for such terms that the terms of one class shall expire on  
18 the first day of each of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth  
19 Februaries next ensuing the date of appointment. In the event the  
20 several municipalities or counties cannot agree on the terms of the  
21 respective representatives, such terms shall be determined by lot.  
22 On or after January 1 in each year after such appointments, the  
23 expiring terms shall be filled by the appointment for terms  
24 commencing February 1 in such year and expiring on the first day  
25 of the fifth February next ensuing.

26 Upon the expiration of the terms of office of members, in office  
27 on July 1, 1970, of sewerage authorities created by two or more  
28 municipalities or counties, where only one member is appointed by  
29 any participating municipality or county, their immediate  
30 successors, except for appointments to fill vacancies, shall be  
31 appointed for designated terms of one, two, three, four or five years  
32 in the same manner as in this subsection (c) provided as to initial  
33 appointees.

34 In municipalities or counties entitled to appoint three members,  
35 the appointing authority shall designate one of the initial appointees  
36 to serve for a term of three years, one for four years and one for five  
37 years. In municipalities or counties entitled to appoint two  
38 members, the appointing authority shall designate one of the initial  
39 appointees to serve for a term of five years and one for four years.  
40 On or after January 1 in the year in which expire the terms of the  
41 said members first appointed and in every fifth year thereafter, the  
42 appropriate number of persons shall be appointed as members of the  
43 sewerage authority by the governing body of each municipality or  
44 county, to serve for terms commencing on February 1 in such year  
45 and expiring on February 1 in the fifth year after such year. In the  
46 event of a vacancy in the membership of the sewerage authority  
47 occurring during the unexpired term of office, a person shall be  
48 appointed as a member of the sewerage authority to serve for such

1 unexpired term by the governing body which made the original  
2 appointment for such unexpired term.

3       Upon the expiration of the terms of office of members, in office  
4 on July 1, 1967, of sewerage authorities created by two or more  
5 municipalities or counties, where more than one member is  
6 appointed by any participating municipality or county, their  
7 immediate successors, except for appointments to fill vacancies,  
8 shall be appointed for designated terms of three, four or five years  
9 in the same manner as in this subsection (c) provided as to initial  
10 appointees.

11       (d) A copy of each resolution or ordinance for the creation of a  
12 sewerage authority adopted pursuant to this section, duly certified  
13 by the appropriate officer of the local unit, shall be filed in the  
14 office of the Secretary of State. Upon proof of such filing of a  
15 certified copy of the resolution or ordinance or of certified copies of  
16 the parallel ordinances for the creation of a sewerage authority as  
17 aforesaid, the sewerage authority therein referred to shall, in any  
18 suit, action or proceeding involving the validity or enforcement of,  
19 or relating to, any contract or obligation or act of the sewerage  
20 authority, be conclusively deemed to have been lawfully and  
21 properly created and established and authorized to transact business  
22 and exercise its powers under this act. A copy of any such certified  
23 resolution or ordinance, duly certified by or on behalf of the  
24 Secretary of State, shall be admissible in evidence in any suit,  
25 action or proceeding.

26       (e) A copy of each resolution appointing any member of a  
27 sewerage authority adopted pursuant to this section, duly certified  
28 by the appropriate officer of the local unit, shall be filed in the  
29 office of the Secretary of State. A copy of such certified resolution,  
30 duly certified by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, shall be  
31 admissible in evidence in any suit, action or proceeding and, except  
32 in a suit, action or proceeding directly questioning such  
33 appointment, shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper  
34 appointment of the member or members named therein.

35       (f) The governing body of a county which may create or join in  
36 the creation of any sewerage authority pursuant to this section shall  
37 not thereafter create or join in the creation of any other sewerage  
38 authority. No governing body of any municipality constituting the  
39 whole or any part of a district shall create or join in the creation of  
40 any sewerage authority except upon the written consent of the  
41 sewerage authority and in accordance with the terms and conditions  
42 of such consent, and in the event such consent be given and a  
43 sewerage authority be created pursuant thereto, the terms and  
44 conditions of such consent shall thereafter be in all respects binding  
45 upon such municipality and the sewerage authority so created, and  
46 any system of sewers or sewage disposal plants constructed or  
47 maintained in conformity with the terms and conditions of such  
48 consent by the sewerage authority so created shall be deemed not to

1 be competitive with the sewerage systems of the sewerage authority  
2 giving such consent. In the event that prior to the creation of a  
3 sewerage authority of a county the governing body of any  
4 municipality located in said county shall have created or joined in  
5 the creation of a sewerage authority, the area within the territorial  
6 limits of such municipality shall not be part of the district of the  
7 sewerage authority of said county.

8 (g) Within 10 days after the filing in the office of the Secretary  
9 of State of a certified copy of a resolution for the creation of a  
10 sewerage authority adopted by the governing body of any county  
11 pursuant to this section, a copy of such resolution, duly certified by  
12 the appropriate officer of the county, shall be filed in the office of  
13 the clerk of each municipality within the county. In the event that  
14 the governing body of any such municipality shall, within 60 days  
15 after such filing in the office of the Secretary of State, adopt a  
16 resolution determining that such municipality shall not be a part of  
17 the district of such sewerage authority and file a copy thereof, duly  
18 certified by its clerk, in the office of the Secretary of State, the area  
19 within the territorial limits of such municipality shall not thereafter  
20 be part of such district, but at any time after the adoption of such  
21 resolution, the governing body of such municipality may, by  
22 ordinance duly adopted, determine that such area shall again be a  
23 part of such district, and if thereafter a copy of such ordinance, duly  
24 certified by the appropriate officer of such municipality, together  
25 with a certified copy of a resolution of such sewerage authority  
26 approving such ordinance, shall be filed in the office of the  
27 Secretary of State, then from and after such filing the area within  
28 the territorial limits of such municipality shall forever be part of  
29 such district.

30 (h) The governing body of any local unit which has created a  
31 sewerage authority pursuant to subsection (a) or subsection (b) of  
32 this section may, in the case of a county by resolution duly adopted  
33 or in the case of a municipality by ordinance duly adopted, dissolve  
34 such sewerage authority on the conditions set forth in this  
35 subsection. The governing bodies of two or more local units which  
36 have created a sewerage authority pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
37 section may, by parallel ordinances duly adopted by each of such  
38 governing bodies within any single calendar year, dissolve such  
39 sewerage authority on the conditions set forth in this subsection.  
40 Such a sewerage authority may be dissolved on condition that (1)  
41 either the members of such authority have not been appointed or the  
42 sewerage authority, by resolution duly adopted, consents to such  
43 dissolution, and (2) the sewerage authority has no debts or  
44 obligations outstanding. Upon the dissolution of any sewerage  
45 authority in the manner provided in this subsection, the governing  
46 body or bodies dissolving such sewerage authority shall be deemed  
47 never to have created or joined in the creation of a sewerage  
48 authority. A copy of each resolution or ordinance for the dissolution

1 of a sewerage authority adopted pursuant to this subsection, duly  
2 certified by the appropriate officer of the local unit, shall be filed in  
3 the office of the Secretary of State. Upon proof of such filing of a  
4 certified copy of the resolution or ordinance or of certified copies of  
5 the parallel ordinances for the dissolution of a sewerage authority as  
6 aforesaid and upon proof that such sewerage authority had no debts  
7 or obligations outstanding at the time of the adoption of such  
8 resolution, ordinance or ordinances, the sewerage authority therein  
9 referred to shall be conclusively deemed to have been lawfully and  
10 properly dissolved and the property of the sewerage authority shall  
11 be vested in the local unit or units. A copy of any such certified  
12 resolution or ordinance, duly certified by or on behalf of the  
13 Secretary of State, shall be admissible in evidence in any suit,  
14 action or proceeding.

15 (i) Whenever the sewerage authority of any county shall certify  
16 to the governing body of any county that it has entered into a  
17 contract pursuant to section 23 of this act with one or more  
18 municipalities situate within any other county, one additional  
19 member of the sewerage authority for each such other county shall  
20 be appointed by resolution of the governing body of such other  
21 county as in this section provided. The additional member so  
22 appointed for any such other county, and his successors, shall be a  
23 resident of one of said municipalities situate within such other  
24 county. The additional member first appointed or to be first  
25 appointed for any such other county shall serve for a term expiring  
26 on the first day of the fifth February next ensuing after the date of  
27 such appointment, and on or after January 1 in the year in which  
28 expires the term of the said additional member first appointed and  
29 in every fifth year thereafter, one person shall be appointed by said  
30 governing body as a member of the sewerage authority as successor  
31 to said additional member, to serve for a term commencing on  
32 February 1 in such year and expiring on February 1 in the fifth year  
33 after such year. If after such appointment of an additional member  
34 for any such other county the sewerage authority shall certify to  
35 said governing body of such other county that it is no longer a party  
36 to a contract entered into pursuant to section 23 of this act with any  
37 municipality situate within such other county, the term of office of  
38 such additional member shall thereupon cease and expire and no  
39 additional member for such other county shall thereafter be  
40 appointed.

41 (j) If a municipality, the governing body of which has created a  
42 sewerage authority pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, has  
43 been or shall be consolidated with another municipality, the  
44 governing body of the new consolidated municipality may, by  
45 ordinance duly adopted, provide that the members of the sewerage  
46 authority shall thereafter be appointed by the governing body of  
47 such new consolidated municipality, which shall make appointment  
48 of members of the sewerage authority by resolution as hereinafter in



1 this subsection provided. On or after the taking effect of such  
2 ordinance, one person shall be appointed as a member of the  
3 sewerage authority for a term commencing on February 1 in each  
4 year, if any, after the date of consolidation, in which has or shall  
5 have expired the term of a member of the sewerage authority  
6 theretofore appointed by the governing body of the municipality  
7 which has been or shall be so consolidated, and expiring on  
8 February 1 in the fifth year after such year. Thereafter, on or after  
9 January 1 in each year, one person shall be appointed as a member  
10 of the sewerage authority to serve for a term commencing on  
11 February 1 in such year and expiring February 1 in the fifth year  
12 after such year. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the  
13 sewerage authority occurring during an unexpired term of office, a  
14 person shall be appointed as a member of the sewerage authority to  
15 serve for such unexpired term. Each member of the sewerage  
16 authority appointed by the governing body of a municipality which  
17 has been or shall be so consolidated shall continue in office until his  
18 successor has been appointed as in this subsection provided and has  
19 qualified.

20 (k) If a municipality, the governing body of which has created a  
21 sewerage authority pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, has  
22 been or shall be consolidated with another municipality, the  
23 governing body of the new consolidated municipality, subject to the  
24 rights of the holders, if any, of bonds issued by the sewerage  
25 authority, and upon receipt of the sewerage authority's written  
26 consent thereto, may provide, by ordinance duly adopted, that the  
27 area within the territorial boundaries of the new consolidated  
28 municipality shall constitute the district of the sewerage authority,  
29 and upon the taking effect of such ordinance, such area shall  
30 constitute the district of the sewerage authority. Until the taking  
31 effect of such ordinance, the district of the sewerage authority shall  
32 be the area within the territorial boundaries, as they existed at the  
33 date of the consolidation, of the municipality the governing body of  
34 which created the sewerage authority.

35 (l) Whenever, with the approval of any sewerage authority  
36 created by the governing bodies of two or more municipalities, any  
37 other municipality not constituting part of the district shall convey  
38 to the sewerage authority all or any part of a system of main, lateral  
39 or other sewers or other sewerage facilities located within the  
40 district and theretofore owned and operated by such other  
41 municipality, then, if so provided in the instruments of such  
42 conveyance, one additional member of the sewerage authority for  
43 such other municipality shall be appointed by resolution of its  
44 governing body as in this section provided. The additional member  
45 so appointed for such municipality, and his successors, shall be  
46 residents of such municipality. The additional member first  
47 appointed or to be first appointed for such municipality shall serve  
48 for a term expiring on the first day of the fifth February next

1 ensuing after the date of such appointment, and on or after January  
2 1 in the year in which expires the term of the said additional  
3 member first appointed and in every fifth year thereafter, one  
4 person shall be appointed by said governing body as a member of  
5 the sewerage authority as successor to said additional member, to  
6 serve for a term commencing on February 1 in such year and  
7 expiring on February 1 in the fifth year after such year. If at any  
8 time after such conveyance of sewers or sewerage facilities by a  
9 municipality its governing body shall adopt a resolution  
10 determining not thereafter to be represented in the membership of  
11 the sewerage authority and shall file a copy thereof duly certified by  
12 its clerk in the office of the sewerage authority, the term of office of  
13 any such additional member theretofore appointed for such  
14 municipality shall thereupon cease and expire and no additional  
15 member for such municipality shall thereafter be appointed.

16 (m) (i) The governing body of any municipality which is  
17 contiguous to the district of a sewerage authority created by the  
18 governing bodies of two or more other municipalities may at any  
19 time, by ordinance duly adopted, propose that the whole or any part  
20 of the area herein referred to as "service area" within the territorial  
21 limits of such municipality shall be a part of said contiguous  
22 district. Such ordinance shall (1) state the number of members of  
23 the sewerage authority, not less than one nor more than three,  
24 thereafter to be appointed for full terms of office by the governing  
25 body of such municipality, and (2) determine that, after the filing of  
26 a certified copy thereof and of a resolution of the sewerage  
27 authority in accordance with this subsection, such service area shall  
28 be a part of said contiguous district. If thereafter a copy of such  
29 ordinance duly certified by the appropriate officer of such  
30 municipality, together with a certified copy of a resolution of said  
31 sewerage authority approving such ordinance, shall be filed in the  
32 office of the Secretary of State, then from and after such filing the  
33 service area shall forever be part of said contiguous district and said  
34 sewerage authority shall consist of the members thereof acting or  
35 appointed as in this section provided and constitute an agency and  
36 instrumentality of such municipality, as well as such other  
37 municipalities. The governing body of the said municipality so  
38 becoming part of said contiguous district shall thereupon appoint  
39 members of the sewerage authority in the number stated in such  
40 ordinance, for periods and in the manner provided for the first  
41 appointment of members of a sewerage authority under subsection  
42 (c) of this section.

43 (ii) If the service area of such municipality shall then be part of  
44 the district of any other sewerage authority or municipal authority,  
45 such other authority shall, by resolution adopted not more than one  
46 year prior to the adoption of such ordinance, consent to the  
47 inclusion of the service area in the district of said contiguous  
48 district, and the service area shall become part of said contiguous

1 district as aforesaid and shall no longer be part of the district of  
2 such other authority for sewerage purposes. If only part of the area  
3 within the territorial limits of such municipality shall constitute the  
4 service area to become part of said contiguous district, the service  
5 area shall be that so designated or shown on a map thereof bearing  
6 legend or reference to this section and filed in the office of the clerk  
7 of such municipality and in the office of the secretary of each  
8 authority referred to in this section, and such map shall be  
9 incorporated by a reference thereto in such ordinance and resolution  
10 as or for a description of the service area. For all the purposes of  
11 this act, such sewerage authority shall be deemed to have been  
12 created by the governing body of such municipality jointly with the  
13 other municipalities (the territorial areas of which constitute the  
14 district of such contiguous authority), and such municipality shall  
15 have all powers, duties, rights and obligations provided for by this  
16 act or any other law for or with respect to such sewerage authority  
17 or any other sewerage authority or municipal authority,  
18 notwithstanding that only a part of the area within the territorial  
19 limits of such municipality shall become part of said contiguous  
20 district.

21 (n) The governing body of a county or municipality may  
22 provide, in the ordinance or resolution creating the sewerage  
23 authority, for not more than two alternate members. Alternate  
24 members shall be designated by the governing body as "Alternate  
25 No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2" and shall serve during the absence or  
26 disqualification of any regular member or members. The governing  
27 body of the county or municipality shall provide by ordinance or  
28 resolution for the order in which the alternates shall serve. The  
29 term of each alternate member shall be five years commencing on  
30 February 1 of the year of appointment; provided, however, that in  
31 the event two alternate members are appointed their initial terms  
32 shall be four and five years, respectively. The terms of the first  
33 alternate members appointed pursuant to this amendatory act shall  
34 commence on the dates of their appointments and shall expire on  
35 the fourth or fifth January 31 next ensuing after the dates of their  
36 appointments, as the case may be. Alternate members may  
37 participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote,  
38 except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A  
39 vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote  
40 instead of an alternate member.

41 (o) Whenever any sewerage authority has entered into a contract  
42 for the treatment or disposal of sewage originating in the district,  
43 pursuant to section 23 of P.L.1946, c.138 (C.40:14A-23), with any  
44 contiguous sewerage authority, then, with the approval of the  
45 contiguous sewerage authority, the sewerage authority may appoint,  
46 by resolution duly adopted, two additional members to the  
47 contiguous sewerage authority, as provided in this subsection. The  
48 additional members shall be either residents of the district of the

1 sewerage authority or members or the executive director of the  
2 sewerage authority. The additional members shall serve five year  
3 terms, except that the additional members first appointed shall serve  
4 for terms respectively expiring on the first days of the fourth and  
5 fifth Februaries next ensuing after the dates of their appointments.  
6 On or after January 1 in the years in which the terms of the  
7 additional members expire, one person shall be appointed by the  
8 sewerage authority as a member of the contiguous sewerage  
9 authority as successor to the additional member, to serve for a term  
10 commencing on February 1 of that year. Vacancies shall be filled  
11 in the manner of the original appointments but for the unexpired  
12 terms only. If a sewerage authority has entered into a contract with  
13 a contiguous sewerage authority for the treatment or disposal of  
14 sewage, and thereafter adopts a resolution determining not to be  
15 represented in the membership of the contiguous sewerage authority  
16 and files a copy thereof, duly certified by its secretary, in the office  
17 of the contiguous sewerage authority, the terms of office of any  
18 additional members shall cease and no additional members shall be  
19 appointed thereafter.

20 (p) On or after the first date on which a course in management  
21 of public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
22 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
23 section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
24 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
25 first-term member or alternate member of a sewerage authority  
26 unless the person agrees to take that course, which the person shall  
27 successfully complete within 18 months of assuming membership,  
28 in order to retain membership on the authority. Any person who is  
29 serving as a member or alternate member of a sewerage authority  
30 on the first date on which that course is offered shall be required to  
31 complete that course within 18 months of the date upon which the  
32 course is first offered, in order to retain membership on the  
33 authority.

34 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
35 made, by a member or alternate member of a sewerage authority  
36 shall not be invalidated if a member or alternate member has  
37 participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in the decision making  
38 or recommendation, and that member or alternate member is  
39 subsequently found not to have completed that course.

40 (cf: P.L.1994, c.85, s.1)

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42 3. Section 4 of P.L.1957, c.183 (C.40:14B-4) is amended to  
43 read as follows:

44 4. a. Any governing body may, in the case of a county by  
45 resolution or ordinance duly adopted, or in the case of a  
46 municipality by ordinance duly adopted, create a public body  
47 corporate and politic under the name and style of "the .....  
48 municipal utilities authority," or of "the ..... county utilities

1 authority," with the name of said county or municipality inserted.  
2 Said body shall consist of the five members thereof, who, in the  
3 case of a county utilities authority, shall be appointed by the county  
4 governing body, or by the county executive pursuant to section 37  
5 of P.L.1972, c.154 (C.40:41A-37), as appropriate. In the case of a  
6 municipal utilities authority, the governing body of a municipality  
7 which is not organized under the town form of government pursuant  
8 to the provisions of N.J.S.40A:62-5, or the mayor of a municipality  
9 organized under the town form of government pursuant to the  
10 provisions of N.J.S.40A:62-5 shall make the appointment. The  
11 appointments shall constitute the county or municipal authority  
12 contemplated and provided for in this act and an agency and  
13 instrumentality of said county or municipality. After the taking  
14 effect of the resolution or ordinance for the creation of said body  
15 and the filing of a certified copy thereof as in section 7 of this act  
16 provided, five persons shall be appointed as the members of the  
17 county or municipal authority. The members first appointed shall,  
18 by the resolution of appointment, be designated to serve for terms  
19 respectively expiring on the first days of the first, second, third,  
20 fourth and fifth Februaries next ensuing after the date of their  
21 appointment. On or after January 1 in each year after such first  
22 appointments, one person shall be appointed as a member of the  
23 county or municipal authority to serve for a term commencing on  
24 February 1 in such year and expiring on February 1 in the fifth year  
25 after such year. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the  
26 county or municipal authority occurring during an unexpired term  
27 of office, a person shall be appointed as a member of the county or  
28 municipal authority to serve for such unexpired term.

29 b. (1) Any county governing body may provide by resolution or  
30 ordinance as appropriate that the county utilities authority created  
31 by it shall consist of seven members. The two additional members  
32 first appointed pursuant to the resolution or ordinance shall be  
33 designated to serve for terms respectively expiring on the first day  
34 of the second and third Februaries next ensuing after the date of  
35 their appointment. On or after January 1 in the year in which  
36 expires the term of the additional member first appointed and in  
37 every fifth year thereafter, one person shall be appointed as a  
38 member of the county utilities authority by the county governing  
39 body as a successor to such additional member, or reappointment of  
40 the additional member, to serve for a term commencing on February  
41 1 of such year and expiring on February 1 in the fifth year after  
42 such year.

43 (2) Any county governing body may provide by resolution or  
44 ordinance as appropriate that the county utilities authority created  
45 by it shall consist of nine members. The four additional members  
46 first appointed pursuant to said resolution or ordinance shall be  
47 designated to serve for terms respectively expiring on the first day  
48 of the second, third, fourth and fifth Februaries next ensuing after

1 the date of their appointment. On or after January 1 in the year in  
2 which expires the term of said additional member first appointed  
3 and in every fifth year thereafter, one person shall be appointed as a  
4 member of the county utilities authority by said county governing  
5 body as a successor to such additional member, to serve for a term  
6 commencing on February 1 of such year and expiring on February 1  
7 in the fifth year after such year.

8 c. Whenever the municipal authority of any county shall certify  
9 to the governing body of any county that it has entered into a  
10 contract pursuant to section 49 of this act (C.40:14B-49) with one  
11 or more municipalities situate within any other county one  
12 additional member of the municipal authority for each such other  
13 county shall be appointed by the governing body of such other  
14 county as in this section provided. The additional member so  
15 appointed for any such other county, and his successors shall be a  
16 resident of one of said municipalities situate within such other  
17 county. The additional member first appointed or to be first  
18 appointed for such other county shall serve for a term expiring on  
19 the first day of the fifth February next ensuing after the date of such  
20 appointment, and on or after January 1 in the year in which expires  
21 the term of the said additional member first appointed, and in every  
22 fifth year thereafter, one person shall be appointed by said  
23 governing body as a member of the municipal authority as  
24 successor to said additional member, to serve for a term  
25 commencing on February 1 in such year and expiring on February 1  
26 in the fifth year after such year. If after such appointment of an  
27 additional member for such other county the municipal authority  
28 shall certify to said governing body of such other county that it is  
29 no longer a party to a contract entered into pursuant to section 49 of  
30 this act (C.40:14B-49) with any municipality situate within such  
31 other county, the term of office of such additional member shall  
32 thereupon cease and expire and no additional member for such other  
33 county shall thereafter be appointed.

34 d. In any county wherein a county sewer authority is  
35 reorganized as a municipal authority pursuant to section 6 of this  
36 act (C.40:14B-6), its governing body shall, by resolution or  
37 ordinance as appropriate, reappoint the existing members of the  
38 authority to terms corresponding to terms of members first  
39 appointed to a municipal authority pursuant to subsection a. of this  
40 section; provided, however, that, if said county sewer authority has  
41 seven members, then the existing members shall be reappointed to  
42 the reorganized municipal authority pursuant to subsections a. and  
43 b. of this section.

44 e. The governing body of a county or municipality may provide  
45 in the ordinance or resolution creating the utilities authority for not  
46 more than two alternate members. In the case of a county utilities  
47 authority the county governing body, or the county executive  
48 pursuant to section 37 of P.L.1972, c.154 (C.40:41A-37), shall

1 make the appointment. In the case of a municipal utilities authority,  
2 the governing body of a municipality which is not organized under  
3 the town form of government pursuant to the provisions of  
4 N.J.S.40A:62-5, or the mayor of a municipality organized under the  
5 town form of government pursuant to the provisions of  
6 N.J.S.40A:62-5, shall make the appointment. Alternate members  
7 shall be designated by the governing body, or mayor, as  
8 appropriate, as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2" and shall  
9 serve during the absence or disqualification of any regular member  
10 or members. The governing body of the county or municipality  
11 shall provide by ordinance or resolution for the order in which the  
12 alternates shall serve. The term of each alternate member shall be  
13 five years commencing on February 1 of the year of appointment;  
14 provided, however, that in the event two alternate members are  
15 appointed their initial terms shall be four and five years  
16 respectively. The terms of the first alternate members appointed  
17 pursuant to this amendatory act shall commence on the day of their  
18 appointment and shall expire on the fourth or fifth January 31 next  
19 ensuing after the date of their appointments, as the case may be.  
20 Alternate members may participate in discussions of the  
21 proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or  
22 disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in  
23 order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate  
24 member.

25 f. On or after the first date on which a course in management  
26 of public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
27 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
28 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
29 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
30 first-term member or alternate member of a municipal or county  
31 utilities authority unless the person agrees to take that course, which  
32 the person shall successfully complete within 18 months of  
33 assuming membership, in order to retain membership on the  
34 authority. Any person who is serving as a member or alternate  
35 member of a municipal or county utilities authority on the first date  
36 on which that course is offered shall be required to complete that  
37 course within 18 months of the date upon which the course is first  
38 offered, in order to retain membership on the authority.

39 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
40 made, by a member or alternate member of a municipal or county  
41 utilities authority shall not be invalidated if a member or alternate  
42 member has participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in the  
43 decision making or recommendation, and that member or alternate  
44 member is subsequently found not to have completed that course.

45 (cf: P.L.1991, c.10, s.1)

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47 4. N.J.S.40A:31-4 is amended to read as follows:

1 40A:31-4. A local unit may, either separately or in combination  
2 with one or more other local units, a private water company subject  
3 to regulation by the Board of Public Utilities as a public utility, or  
4 the State, acquire, construct or operate a water supply facility upon  
5 a determination by the governing body of the local unit or each  
6 participating local unit that the public health, safety or welfare can  
7 best be assured by the acquisition, construction or operation of  
8 water supply facilities by the local unit or units. The determination  
9 shall be by ordinance or resolution, or parallel ordinances or  
10 resolutions, as the case may be, of the governing body of the local  
11 unit or each of the participating local units.

12 No water supply facilities may be acquired, constructed or  
13 operated pursuant to this act until all necessary permits and  
14 approvals have been received from the appropriate State agency.

15 On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
16 public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
17 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
18 section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
19 Legislature as this bill) is offered, an elected or appointed county or  
20 municipal official having an oversight role or responsibility for the  
21 construction or operation of a water supply facility pursuant to the  
22 provisions of P.L.1989, c.109 (C.40A:31-1 et seq.) shall not  
23 exercise that oversight role or responsibility unless the person  
24 agrees to take that course, which the person shall successfully  
25 complete within 18 months of assuming elected or appointed office  
26 in order to retain that oversight or responsibility. Any elected or  
27 appointed county or municipal official having an oversight role or  
28 responsibility for the construction or operation of a water supply  
29 facility on the first date on which that course is offered shall be  
30 required to complete that course within 18 months of the date upon  
31 which the course is first offered in order to retain that oversight or  
32 responsibility.

33 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
34 made, by an elected or appointed county or municipal official shall  
35 not be invalidated if that official has participated in the hearing or  
36 proceeding, or in the decision making or recommendation, and that  
37 official is subsequently found not to have completed that course.

38 (cf: N.J.S.40A:31-4)

39

40 5. Section 5 of P.L.1960, c.183 (C.40:37A-48) is amended to  
41 read as follows:

42 5. a. After expiration of the period of 45 days following the  
43 first publication as provided in section 3 **【hereof】** of P.L.1960,  
44 c.183 (C.40:37A-46) a notice regarding creation of an authority,  
45 **【5】** five persons shall be appointed as the members of the authority.  
46 The members first appointed shall, by the resolution of  
47 appointment, be designated to serve for terms respectively expiring  
48 on the first days of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth



1 Februarys next ensuing after the date of their appointment. On or  
2 after January 1 in each year after such first appointments, one  
3 person shall be appointed as a member of the authority for a term  
4 commencing on or after February 1 in such year and expiring on  
5 February 1 in the fifth year after such year. Each member shall hold  
6 office for the term of appointment and until his successor shall have  
7 been appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in the membership of  
8 the authority during an unexpired term shall be filled by  
9 appointment of a person as member for the unexpired term. A copy  
10 of any resolution appointing any such members, certified by the  
11 clerk of the governing body, may be filed in the office of the  
12 Secretary of State. A copy of any such certified resolution, duly  
13 certified by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, shall be  
14 admissible in evidence in any action or proceeding and shall be  
15 conclusive evidence of due and proper adoption and filing thereof  
16 as aforesaid and, except in an action or proceeding seeking only  
17 exclusion of the appointee from office, shall be conclusive  
18 evidence of the due and proper appointment of the members named  
19 therein.

20 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section  
21 and section 3 of P.L.1960, c.183 (C.40:37A-46), whenever any  
22 county governed by the "Optional County Charter Law," P.L.1972,  
23 c.154 (C.40:41A-1 et seq.) shall proceed to reorganize its county  
24 improvement authority pursuant to the reorganization powers  
25 granted under section 30 of **that act** P.L.1972, c.154 (C.40:41A-  
26 30), the ordinance adopted for that purpose shall prescribe the  
27 number of members of the authority, their respective terms of  
28 office, and the dates upon which their respective terms of office  
29 shall expire.

30 c. On or after the first date on which a course in management  
31 of public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
32 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
33 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
34 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
35 first-term member or alternate member of a county improvement  
36 authority unless the person agrees to take that course, which the  
37 person shall successfully complete within 18 months of assuming  
38 membership, in order to retain membership on the authority. Any  
39 person who is serving as a member or alternate member of a county  
40 improvement authority on the first date on which that basic course  
41 is offered shall be required to complete that course within 18  
42 months of the date upon which the course is first offered, in order to  
43 retain membership on the authority.

44 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
45 made, by a member or alternate member of a county improvement  
46 authority shall not be invalidated if a member or alternate member  
47 has participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in the decision

1 making or recommendation, and that member or alternate member  
2 is subsequently found not to have completed that course.

3 (cf: P.L.1982, c.113, s.4)

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5 6. Section 4 of P.L.1973, c.376 (C.40:37C-4) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 4. a. Any county may create an authority under the provisions  
8 of this act which shall be a public body corporate and politic and a  
9 political subdivision of the State for the purpose of acquiring,  
10 constructing, reconstructing, repairing, altering, improving,  
11 extending, owning, leasing, financing, selling, maintaining,  
12 operating and disposing of pollution control facilities within such  
13 county; provided that, with respect to any pollution control facility  
14 which is not engaged in resource recovery, the Department of  
15 Environmental Protection certifies that the proposed undertaking of  
16 the authority is the proper method of solving the problem under  
17 consideration; and provided further that, with respect to any  
18 pollution control facility which is engaged in resource recovery,  
19 the facility conforms to the Statewide solid waste management plan  
20 and the applicable district solid waste management plan and has an  
21 approved registration statement and engineering design pursuant to  
22 section 5 of P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-5).

23 b. The authority shall be created by resolution and shall be  
24 known as the "Pollution Control Financing Authority of \_\_\_\_\_,"  
25 inserting all or any significant part of the name of the county  
26 creating the authority. The authority shall constitute an agency and  
27 instrumentality of the county creating it.

28 c. An authority shall consist of five members appointed by  
29 resolution of the governing body of the county which created such  
30 authority.

31 Members shall serve for terms of **[5]** five years, provided that  
32 the members first appointed shall be designated by the resolution of  
33 appointment to serve for terms expiring on the first days of the first,  
34 second, third, fourth and fifth Februarys next ensuing after such  
35 appointment. Each member shall hold office for the term of his  
36 appointment and until his successor shall have been appointed and  
37 qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the  
38 original appointment but for the unexpired term only.

39 d. The governing body of any county which has created an  
40 authority may dissolve the authority by resolution on condition that  
41 the authority has no debts or obligations outstanding or that  
42 provision has been made for the retirement of such debts or  
43 obligations. Upon any such dissolution, all property, funds and  
44 assets of the authority shall be vested in the county which created  
45 the authority.

46 e. A certified copy of each resolution creating or dissolving an  
47 authority and each resolution appointing members thereto shall be  
48 filed in the office of the Secretary of State. A copy of any such

1 certified resolution, certified by or on behalf of the Secretary of  
2 State, shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper creation or  
3 dissolution of the authority or the due and proper appointment of  
4 the member or members named therein.

5 f. The powers of an authority shall be vested in the members  
6 thereof from time to time and three members shall constitute a  
7 quorum. Action may be taken and motions and resolutions adopted  
8 by an agency at any meeting thereof by the affirmative vote of at  
9 least three members of the authority.

10 No vacancy in the membership of an authority shall impair the  
11 right of a quorum of the members thereof to exercise all the powers  
12 and perform all the duties of the authority.

13 g. At the first meeting of any authority and thereafter on or after  
14 February 1 in each year, the members shall elect from among their  
15 number a chairman and vice chairman who shall hold office until  
16 February 1 next ensuing and until their respective successors have  
17 been appointed and qualified. Every authority also may appoint,  
18 without regard to the provisions of Title **[11]** 11A of the New  
19 Jersey **[Revised]** Statutes, a secretary, treasurer and such other  
20 officers, agents and employees as it may require.

21 h. The members of an authority shall serve without  
22 compensation, but the authority shall reimburse its members for  
23 actual expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their  
24 official duties.

25 i. No member, officer or employee of an authority, nor member  
26 of their family, shall have or acquire any interest, direct or indirect  
27 in any pollution control facilities undertaken or planned by the  
28 authority or in any contract or proposed contract for materials or  
29 services to be furnished to or used by the authority, but neither the  
30 holding of any office or employment in the government of any  
31 county or municipality or under any law of the State shall be  
32 deemed a disqualification for membership in or employment by an  
33 authority, except as may be specifically provided by law, and  
34 members of the governing body of a county may be appointed by  
35 such governing body and may serve as members of the authority.  
36 A member may be removed only by the governing body by which  
37 he was appointed for inefficiency or neglect of duty or misconduct  
38 in office or conviction of a crime, and after he shall have been given  
39 a copy of the charges against him and, not sooner than 10 days  
40 thereafter, had the opportunity in person or by counsel to be heard  
41 thereon by such governing body.

42 j. On or after the first date on which a course in management  
43 of public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
44 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
45 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
46 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
47 first-term member or alternate member of a pollution control  
48 financing authority unless the person agrees to take that course,

1 which the person shall successfully complete within 18 months of  
2 assuming membership, in order to retain membership on the  
3 authority. Any person who is serving as a member or alternate  
4 member of a pollution control financing authority on the first date  
5 on which that basic course is offered shall be required to complete  
6 that course within 18 months of the date upon which the course is  
7 first offered, in order to retain membership on the authority.

8 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
9 made, by a member or alternate member of a pollution control  
10 financing authority shall not be invalidated if a member or alternate  
11 member has participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in the  
12 decision making or recommendation, and that member or alternate  
13 member is subsequently found not to have completed that course.

14 (cf: P.L.1983, c.298, s.5)

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16 7. N.J.S.40A:26A-4 is amended to read as follows:

17 40A:26A-4. A local unit may, either separately or in  
18 combination with one or more other local units acquire, construct or  
19 operate a sewerage facility upon a determination by the governing  
20 body of the local unit or each participating local unit that the public  
21 health, safety or welfare can best be assured by the acquisition,  
22 construction or operation of sewerage facilities by the local unit or  
23 units. The determination shall be by ordinance or resolution, or  
24 parallel ordinances or resolutions, as the case may be, of the  
25 governing body of the local unit or each of the participating local  
26 units.

27 No sewerage facilities may be acquired, constructed or operated  
28 pursuant to this act until all necessary permits and approvals have  
29 been received from the appropriate State agencies.

30 On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
31 public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
32 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
33 section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
34 Legislature as this bill) is offered, an elected or appointed official of  
35 a local unit having an oversight role or responsibility for the  
36 construction or operation of a sewerage facility shall not exercise  
37 that oversight role or responsibility unless the person agrees to take  
38 that course, which the person shall successfully complete within 18  
39 months of assuming elected or appointed office in order to retain  
40 that oversight or responsibility. Any elected or appointed official of  
41 a local unit having an oversight role or responsibility for the  
42 construction or operation of a sewerage facility on the first date on  
43 which that basic course is offered shall be required to complete that  
44 course within 18 months of the date upon which the course is first  
45 offered in order to retain that oversight or responsibility.

46 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
47 made, by an elected or appointed official of a local unit shall not be  
48 invalidated if that person has participated in the hearing or

1 proceeding, or in the decision making or recommendation, and that  
2 person is subsequently found not to have completed that course.

3 (cf: N.J.S.40A:26A-4)

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5 8. Section 4 of P.L.1951, c.280 (C.40:62-105.4) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 4. At the first meeting of the board of water commissioners  
8 elected in any newly created district the members of the board shall  
9 divide themselves by lot into three classes; the term of the two  
10 members composing the first class shall be vacated at the expiration  
11 of the first year; the term of the two members composing the  
12 second class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year,  
13 and the term of the one member composing the third class shall be  
14 vacated at the expiration of the third year, so that after the first  
15 election two members of the board of water commissioners shall be  
16 elected annually, except every third year when but one member  
17 shall be elected, all of whom shall hold office for three years and  
18 until their successors are elected.

19 On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
20 public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
21 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
22 section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
23 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
24 first-term member of a board of water commissioners unless the  
25 person agrees to take that course, which the person shall  
26 successfully complete within 18 months of assuming membership,  
27 in order to retain membership on the board. Any person who is  
28 serving as a member on the first date on which that basic course is  
29 offered shall be required to complete that course within 18 months  
30 of the date upon which the course is first offered, in order to retain  
31 membership on the board.

32 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
33 made, by a member shall not be invalidated if that member has  
34 participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in the decision making  
35 or recommendation, and that member is subsequently found not to  
36 have completed that course.

37 (cf: P.L.1951, c.280, s.4)

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39 9. Section 7 of P.L.1960, c.3 (C.40:48B-2.1) is amended to  
40 read as follows:

41 7. a. A joint meeting or regional service agency, both as defined  
42 in section 3 of P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-3), shall be a public body  
43 corporate and politic constituting a political subdivision of the State  
44 exercising public and essential governmental functions to provide  
45 for the public health and welfare, and qualifies as a "local unit," as  
46 defined in section 3 of the "Local Fiscal Affairs Law," N.J.S.40A:5-  
47 3. The joint meeting or regional service agency shall have the

1 following powers and authority, which may be exercised by the  
2 management committee to the extent provided in the joint contract:

3 (1) To sue and be sued;

4 (2) To acquire and hold real and personal property by deed, gift,  
5 grant, lease, purchase, condemnation or otherwise;

6 (3) To enter into any and all contracts or agreements and to  
7 execute any and all instruments;

8 (4) To do and perform any and all acts or things necessary,  
9 convenient or desirable for the purposes of the joint meeting or  
10 regional service agency or to carry out any powers expressly  
11 provided in section 7 of P.L.1960, c.3 (C.40:48B-2.1);

12 (5) To sell real and personal property owned by the joint  
13 meeting or regional service agency at public sale;

14 (6) To operate all services, lands, public improvements, works,  
15 facilities or undertakings for the purposes and objects of the joint  
16 meeting or regional service agency;

17 (7) To enter into a contract or contracts providing for or relating  
18 to the use of its services, lands, public improvements, works,  
19 facilities or undertakings, or any part thereof, by local units who are  
20 not members of the joint meeting or regional service agency, and  
21 other persons, upon payment of charges therefor as fixed by the  
22 management committee;

23 (8) To receive such State or federal aids or grants as may be  
24 available for the purposes of the joint meeting or regional service  
25 agency and to make and perform such agreements and contracts as  
26 may be necessary or convenient in connection with the application  
27 for, procurement, acceptance or disposition of such State or federal  
28 aids or grants; and

29 (9) To acquire, maintain, use and operate lands, public  
30 improvements, works or facilities in any municipality in the State,  
31 except where the governing body of such municipality, by  
32 resolution adopted within 60 days after receipt of written notice of  
33 intention to so acquire, maintain, use or operate, shall find that the  
34 same would adversely affect the governmental operations and  
35 functions and the exercise of the police powers of such  
36 municipality.

37 b. If the governing body of a municipality in which a joint  
38 meeting or regional service agency has applied for the location and  
39 erection of sewage treatment or solid waste disposal facilities  
40 refuses permission therefor or fails to take final action upon the  
41 application within 60 days of its filing, the joint meeting or regional  
42 service agency may, at any time within 30 days following the date  
43 of such refusal or the date of expiration of said period of 60 days,  
44 apply to the Department of Environmental Protection, which is  
45 authorized, after hearing the joint meeting or regional service  
46 agency and the municipality interested, to grant the application for  
47 the erection of the sewage treatment or disposal or solid waste  
48 treatment or disposal facilities, notwithstanding the aforesaid

1 refusal or failure to act of the governing body, upon being satisfied  
2 that the topographical and other physical conditions existing in the  
3 local units comprising the joint meeting or regional service agency  
4 are such as to make the erection of such facilities within its  
5 boundaries impracticable as an improvement for the benefit of the  
6 whole applying joint meeting or regional service agency.

7 c. On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
8 public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
9 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
10 section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
11 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
12 first-term member of a management committee unless the person  
13 agrees to take that course, which the person shall successfully  
14 complete within 18 months of assuming membership, in order to  
15 retain membership on the management committee. Any person who  
16 is serving as a member on the first date on which that basic course  
17 is offered shall be required to complete that course within 18  
18 months of the date upon which the course is first offered, in order to  
19 retain membership on the management committee.

20 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
21 made, by a member of the management committee shall not be  
22 invalidated if that member has participated in the hearing or  
23 proceeding, or in the decision making or recommendation, and that  
24 member is subsequently found not to have completed that course.

25 (cf: P.L.2019, c.433, s.2)

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27 10. R.S.58:14-3 is amended to read as follows:

28 58:14-3. The board shall consist of nine members who shall be  
29 appointed by the Governor in the following manner. Each county in  
30 the district shall be represented on the board by two members, of  
31 different political parties, both of whom shall reside in the district  
32 and in the county they represent. At least one of the two members  
33 from each county must reside in a contracting municipality as  
34 defined in **[R.S.58:14-34.11]** section 2 of P.L.1953, c.388  
35 (C.58:14-34.11) or in a leasing municipality. Not more than five of  
36 the nine members of the board shall be from the same political  
37 party. The ninth member shall be an at-large member appointed by  
38 the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall  
39 serve during the term of office of the Governor. As used in this  
40 section, "at-large member" means a resident of the Passaic Valley  
41 Sewerage District as defined in R.S.58:14-1. Upon the expiration  
42 of the term of office of a commissioner, his successor shall be  
43 appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of  
44 the Senate, for a term of five years, except that the term of the at-  
45 large member shall be concurrent with the term of office of the  
46 Governor. The Governor may remove any commissioner from  
47 office for cause. Each commissioner shall hold his office until his  
48 successor has been appointed, and any vacancy in the membership

1 of the commission because of death, resignation or removal, shall  
2 be filled for the unexpired term in the manner provided for on  
3 original appointment. In making any appointment hereunder, either  
4 for a full term or to fill a vacancy, regard shall be had to ability and  
5 fitness, and also locality, so that each section of the district may be  
6 represented as far as practicable.

7 On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
8 public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
9 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
10 section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
11 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
12 first-term member of the board of commissioners unless the person  
13 agrees to take that course, which the person shall successfully  
14 complete within 18 months of assuming membership, in order to  
15 retain membership on the board. Any person who is serving as a  
16 member on the first date on which that basic course is offered shall  
17 be required to complete that course within 18 months of the date  
18 upon which the course is first offered, in order to retain  
19 membership.

20 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
21 made, by a member shall not be invalidated if that member has  
22 participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in the decision making  
23 or recommendation, and that member is subsequently found not to  
24 have completed that course.

25 (cf: P.L.1991, c.145, s.1)

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27 11. Section 4 of P.L.1981, c.293 (C.58:1B-4) is amended to read  
28 as follows:

29 4. a. There is established in but not of the Department of  
30 Environmental Protection a public body corporate and politic, with  
31 corporate succession, to be known as the "New Jersey Water Supply  
32 Authority." The authority is hereby constituted as an  
33 instrumentality of the State exercising public and essential  
34 governmental functions.

35 b. The authority shall consist of the Commissioner of  
36 Environmental Protection, who shall be a member ex officio with  
37 full voting rights, and six public members appointed by the  
38 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of **[3]**  
39 three years; provided that of the members of the authority first  
40 appointed by the Governor, two shall serve for terms of **[1]** one  
41 year, two shall serve for terms of **[2]** two years, and two shall  
42 serve for terms of **[3]** three years, of whom two shall be recognized  
43 experts in the fields of water resource management and  
44 distribution, and public finance, respectively. The remaining public  
45 members appointed by the Governor shall represent the following:  
46 the agricultural community, industrial water users, residential water  
47 users and private watershed associations. Each member shall hold  
48 office for the term of his appointment and until his successor shall



1 have been appointed and qualified. A member shall be eligible for  
2 reappointment. Any vacancy in the membership occurring other  
3 than by expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as the  
4 original appointment but for the unexpired term only.

5 On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
6 public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
7 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
8 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
9 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
10 first-term public member of the authority unless the person agrees  
11 to take that course, which the person shall successfully complete  
12 within 18 months of assuming membership, in order to retain  
13 membership on the authority. Any person who is serving as a  
14 member on the first date on which that basic course is offered shall  
15 be required to complete that course within 18 months of the date  
16 upon which the course is first offered, in order to retain  
17 membership.

18 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
19 made, by a member shall not be invalidated if that member has  
20 participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in the decision making  
21 or recommendation, and that member is subsequently found not to  
22 have completed that course.

23 c. Each appointed member may be removed from office by the  
24 Governor, for cause, after a public hearing, and may be suspended  
25 by the Governor pending the completion of the hearing. Each  
26 member before entering upon his duties shall take and subscribe an  
27 oath to perform the duties of his office faithfully, impartially and  
28 justly to the best of his ability. A record of these oaths shall be  
29 filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

30 d. The chairman, who shall be the chief executive officer of the  
31 authority, shall be the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,  
32 and the members of the authority shall elect one of their number as  
33 vice chairman thereof. The authority shall elect a secretary and a  
34 treasurer who need not be members, and the same person may be  
35 elected to serve both as secretary and treasurer. The powers of the  
36 authority shall be vested in the members thereof in office from time  
37 to time and four members of the authority shall constitute a quorum  
38 at any meeting thereof. Action may be taken and motions and  
39 resolutions adopted by the authority at any meeting thereof by the  
40 affirmative vote of at least four members of the authority. No  
41 vacancy in the membership of the authority shall impair the right of  
42 a quorum of the members to exercise all the powers and perform all  
43 the duties of the authority.

44 e. No resolution or other action of the authority providing for  
45 the issuance of bonds or the refunding of bonds shall be adopted or  
46 otherwise made effective by the authority without the prior  
47 approval, in writing, of the Governor and of the State Treasurer or  
48 the Comptroller of the Treasury. A true copy of the minutes of

1 every meeting of the authority shall be prepared and forthwith  
2 delivered to the Governor. No action taken at such meeting by the  
3 authority shall have effect until 10 days, exclusive of Saturdays,  
4 Sundays and public holidays, after the copy of the minutes has been  
5 so delivered. If, in this 10-day period, the Governor returns the  
6 copy of the minutes with a veto of any action taken by the authority  
7 at that meeting, the action shall be of no effect.

8 f. Each member and the treasurer of the authority shall execute  
9 a bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties  
10 of the member or treasurer, as the case may be, in a form and  
11 amount as may be prescribed by the Comptroller of the Treasury.  
12 The bonds shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. At  
13 all times thereafter the members and treasurer of the authority shall  
14 maintain these bonds in full force. The costs of the bonds shall be  
15 borne by the authority.

16 g. The members of the authority shall serve without  
17 compensation, but the authority shall reimburse its members for  
18 actual expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties.  
19 No officer or employee of the State shall be deemed to have  
20 forfeited or shall forfeit his office or employment or any benefits or  
21 emoluments thereof by reason of his acceptance of the office of ex  
22 officio member of the authority.

23 h. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may  
24 designate an officer or employee of the department to represent him  
25 at meetings of the authority, and the designee may lawfully vote  
26 and otherwise act on behalf of the commissioner. The designation  
27 shall be in writing delivered to the authority and shall continue in  
28 effect until revoked or amended by writing delivered to the  
29 authority.

30 i. The authority may be dissolved by act of the Legislature on  
31 condition that the authority has no debts or obligations outstanding  
32 or that provision has been made for the payment or retirement of  
33 debts or obligations. Upon a dissolution of the authority all  
34 property, funds and assets thereof shall be vested in the State.

35 (cf: P.L.1981, c.293, s.4)

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37 12. R.S.58:5-3 is amended to read as follows:

38 58:5-3. The governor shall, by and with the advice and consent  
39 of the senate, appoint a commission consisting of seven members  
40 who shall be residents of the water supply district which they  
41 represent and not more than four of whom shall be of the same  
42 political party. The commissioners first appointed shall hold office,  
43 one for one year, one for two years, one for three years and two for  
44 four years. The two commissioners first appointed pursuant to  
45 P.L.2001, c.374 shall hold office for four years. Upon the  
46 expiration of the term of office of any commissioner, his successor  
47 shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and  
48 consent of the senate, for a term of four years. Each commissioner

1 shall hold his office until his successor has been appointed, and any  
2 vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled for the  
3 unexpired term in the manner provided for an original appointment.  
4 If the senate is not in session at the time of making any such  
5 appointment, the governor may make an ad interim appointment for  
6 a time extending only until such time as the senate shall convene.

7 On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
8 public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
9 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
10 section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
11 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
12 first-term commissioner unless the person agrees to take that  
13 course, which the person shall successfully complete within 18  
14 months of assuming membership, in order to retain membership on  
15 the commission. Any person who is serving as a commissioner on  
16 the first date on which that course is offered shall be required to  
17 complete that course within 18 months of the date upon which the  
18 course is first offered, in order to retain membership on the  
19 commission.

20 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
21 made, by a commissioner shall not be invalidated if that  
22 commissioner has participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in  
23 the decision making or recommendation, and that commissioner is  
24 subsequently found not to have completed that course.

25 (cf: P.L.2001, c.374, s.1)

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27 13. R.S.40:62-110 is amended to read as follows:

28 40:62-110. Every commission appointed in pursuance of  
29 **[section] R.S.40:62-109 [of this Title]** shall consist of not more  
30 than five persons, residents of the municipalities making the  
31 application for their appointment and joining therein. The  
32 commission shall organize as soon as practicable by electing one of  
33 its number as president, shall appoint a secretary and a treasurer,  
34 who need not be members of the commission, and adopt a seal and  
35 a name whereby it may sue and be sued.

36 The secretary shall keep correct minutes of the meetings and  
37 transactions of the commission, and perform such other duties as  
38 may be required of him. The treasurer shall give bond for the  
39 faithful performance of his duties in such amount as the commission  
40 shall prescribe. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held  
41 by the same person. The members of the commission shall receive  
42 for their services compensation to be fixed by agreement with  
43 municipalities having at least two-thirds of the population of all of  
44 the municipalities making the application for their appointment and  
45 joining therein, or, in case of failure to agree, by the Superior Court.  
46 The secretary and the treasurer shall each receive such  
47 compensation as the commission may determine.

1     On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
2 public water and wastewater systems developed by the  
3 Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the provisions of  
4 section 1 of P.L.     , c.     (C.     ) (pending before the  
5 Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a  
6 first-term commissioner unless the person agrees to take that  
7 course, which the person shall successfully complete within 18  
8 months of assuming membership, in order to retain membership on  
9 the commission. Any person who is serving as a commissioner on  
10 the first date on which that course is offered shall be required to  
11 complete that course within 18 months of the date upon which the  
12 course is first offered, in order to retain membership on the  
13 commission.

14     A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
15 made, by a commissioner shall not be invalidated if that  
16 commissioner has participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in  
17 the decision making or recommendation, and that commissioner is  
18 subsequently found not to have completed that course.

19 (cf: P.L.1953, c.37, s.215)

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21     14. Section 1 of P.L.1989, c.145 (C.40:62-110.1) is amended to  
22 read as follows:

23     1. In any county of the second class with a population of at  
24 least 440,000, but not more than 450,000, according to the 1980  
25 federal decennial census, in which at least three municipalities, two  
26 of which each have populations of 50,000 or more, but less than  
27 100,000, and one of which has a population of 100,000 or more  
28 according to the 1980 federal decennial census, have joined  
29 together to create, under R.S.40:62-109, or elect or appoint under  
30 R.S.40:62-129, a waterworks or water commission, the provisions  
31 of this section shall control the number and method of appointment  
32 of the waterworks or water commission members, their terms of  
33 office and their salaries, notwithstanding the provisions of  
34 R.S.40:62-108 et seq. to the contrary. Any agreements entered into  
35 pursuant to R.S.40:62-129 shall be amended to conform with the  
36 provisions of this section.

37     a. The commission shall consist of seven members. A  
38 municipality with a population of 100,000 or more shall have three  
39 members on the commission and a municipality with a population  
40 of 50,000 or more, but less than 100,000, shall have two members  
41 on the commission. Members shall be appointed by the mayor in  
42 any municipality organized under P.L.1950, c.210 (C.40:69A-  
43 1 et seq.) and by the governing body, by a majority vote, in any  
44 municipality organized under R.S.40:79-1 et seq. A member of the  
45 commission shall be required to reside in the appointing  
46 municipality at the time of appointment; however, if the  
47 commission member moves outside the appointing municipality  
48 during the member's term of office, the member may continue to

1 serve on the commission to the end of the member's term. A mayor,  
2 a manager or a member of the governing body of the appointing  
3 municipality may serve as a member of the commission unless this  
4 service is prohibited by the conflict of interest laws of this State.

5 On or after the first date on which a course in management of  
6 water systems developed by the Commissioner of Community  
7 Affairs pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of  
8 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
9 bill) is offered, a person shall not be seated as a first-term  
10 commissioner unless the person agrees to take that course, which  
11 the person shall successfully complete within 18 months of  
12 assuming membership, in order to retain membership on the  
13 commission. Any person who is serving as a commissioner on the  
14 first date on which that course is offered shall be required to  
15 complete that course within 18 months of the date upon which the  
16 course is first offered, in order to retain membership on the  
17 commission.

18 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
19 made, by a commissioner shall not be invalidated if that  
20 commissioner has participated in the hearing or proceeding, or in  
21 the decision making or recommendation, and that commissioner is  
22 subsequently found not to have completed that course.

23 b. Each commission member shall be appointed for a four-year  
24 term. All additional members who may be appointed to a  
25 commission under this section shall be appointed before January 1,  
26 1989, and their first term shall expire not later than December 31,  
27 1992. All terms of office of commission members already appointed  
28 and serving on the effective date of this amendatory and  
29 supplementary act shall not be affected by the provisions of this act.

30 c. The salaries of the president and the members of the  
31 commission shall be as follows: The president shall receive a  
32 salary at the rate of \$8,500.00 annually as compensation for service  
33 on the commission; and any other member of the commission shall  
34 receive a salary at the rate of \$7,500.00 annually as compensation  
35 for service on the commission.

36 (cf: P.L.1989, c.145, s.1)

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38 15. Section 20 of P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-20) is amended to  
39 read as follows:

40 20. a. The joint contract shall provide for the constitution and  
41 appointment of a management committee to consist of at least three  
42 members, of which one shall be appointed by the governing body of  
43 each of the local units executing the joint contract. The members  
44 shall be residents of the appointing local unit, except that a member  
45 who is the chief financial officer, business administrator, municipal  
46 administrator, or municipal manager of the local unit making the  
47 appointment need not be a resident of the appointing local unit.  
48 The appointees may or may not be members of the appointing

1 governing body. Each member of the management committee shall  
2 hold office for the term of one year and until the member's  
3 successor has been appointed and qualified. In the event that there  
4 is an even number of local units that are parties to the joint contract,  
5 the management committee shall consist of one member appointed  
6 by each of the governing bodies and one member selected by the  
7 two other appointed members.

8 b. The management committee shall elect annually from among  
9 its members a chair to preside over its meetings. The management  
10 committee may appoint such other officers and employees,  
11 including counsel, who need not be members of the management  
12 committee or members of the governing bodies or employees or  
13 residents of the local units, as it may deem necessary. The  
14 employees appointed by the management committee shall hold  
15 office for such term not exceeding four years as may be provided by  
16 the joint contract. The management committee shall adopt rules  
17 and regulations to provide for the conduct of its meetings and the  
18 duties and powers of the chairman and such other officers and  
19 employees as may be appointed. All actions of the management  
20 committee shall be by vote of the majority of the entire membership  
21 of the committee, except for those matters for which the contract  
22 requires a greater number, and shall be binding on all local units  
23 who have executed the joint contract. The management committee  
24 shall exercise all of the powers of the joint meeting or regional  
25 service agency subject to the provisions of the joint contract.

26 The joint contract may provide for the delegation of the  
27 administration of any or all of the services, lands, public  
28 improvements, works, facilities or undertakings of the joint meeting  
29 or regional service agency to the governing body of any one of the  
30 several contracting local units, in which event such governing body  
31 shall have and exercise all of the powers and authority of the  
32 management committee with respect to such delegated functions.

33 c. In the case of a joint meeting or regional service agency  
34 created for a public water supply system, on or after the first date  
35 on which a course in management of public water and wastewater  
36 systems developed by the Commissioner of Community Affairs  
37 pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
38 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) is offered, a person  
39 shall not be seated as a first-term member of the management  
40 committee unless the person agrees to take that course, which the  
41 person shall successfully complete within 18 months of assuming  
42 membership, in order to retain membership on the management  
43 committee. Any person who is serving as a member on the first  
44 date on which that course is offered shall be required to complete  
45 that course within 18 months of the date upon which the course is  
46 first offered, in order to retain membership on the management  
47 committee.

1 A hearing or proceeding held, or decision or recommendation  
2 made, by a member of the management committee shall not be  
3 invalidated if that member has participated in the hearing or  
4 proceeding, or in the decision making or recommendation, and that  
5 member is subsequently found not to have completed that course.

6 (cf: P.L.2019, c.433, s.11)

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8 16. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This bill would require the Commissioner of Community Affairs  
14 to prepare and offer, not later than the first day of the seventh  
15 month next following the effective date of the bill, a basic course to  
16 be completed by any elected or appointed person having direct  
17 budgetary authority over public water and wastewater systems,  
18 concerning the management of the finances, including the adoption  
19 of the annual budget, and the infrastructure, of public water and  
20 wastewater systems. The Commissioner shall require the course to  
21 be completed by every person first appointed or elected to a county  
22 or municipal office having direct budgetary authority over the  
23 finances of a public water or wastewater system, after the effective  
24 date of the bill, and any person first appointed as a member of a  
25 commission or an authority having direct budgetary authority over  
26 the finances of a public water or wastewater system, after the  
27 effective date of the bill. Any person who is serving in any of  
28 those capacities on the first date on which that course is offered  
29 shall be required to complete that course within 18 months of the  
30 date upon which the course is first offered.

31 For the purposes of the bill, “public water and wastewater  
32 system” means a public water or wastewater system created  
33 pursuant to the following State laws:

34 the “sewerage authorities law,” P.L.1946, c.138 (C.40:14A-1 et  
35 seq.);

36 the “municipal and county utilities authorities law,” P.L.1957,  
37 c.183 (C.40:14B-1 et seq.);

38 the “Municipal and County Sewerage Act,” P.L.1991, c.53  
39 (C.40A:26A-1 et seq.);

40 the “County and Municipal Water Supply Act,” P.L.1989, c.109  
41 (C.40A:31-1 et seq.);

42 the “county improvement authorities law,” P.L.1960, c.183  
43 (C.40:37A-44 et seq.);

44 the “New Jersey Pollution Control Financing Law,” P.L.1973,  
45 c.376 (C.40:37C-1 et seq.);

46 R.S.58:14-1 et seq.;

47 R.S.40:62-109 et seq.;

1       the "New Jersey Water Supply Authority Act," P.L.1981, c.293  
2 (C.58:1B-1 et seq.);  
3       the North Jersey water supply district and the South Jersey water  
4 supply district law, P.L.1916, c.70 (C.58:5-1);  
5       the municipal water district law, R.S.40:62-96 et seq.; and  
6       with respect to joint meetings, P.L.1960, c.3 (C.40:48B-2.1 et  
7 seq.) and sections 15 and 16 of the "Uniform Shared Services and  
8 Consolidation Act," P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-15 and C.40A:65-  
9 16).  
10       The provisions of the bill were part of the recommendations of  
11 the Joint Legislative Task Force on Drinking Water Infrastructure.