

52:9B-1. Commission established; functions

There is hereby established the New Jersey Intergovernmental Relations Commission, whose function it shall be to carry forward the participation of this State as a member of the Council of State Governments, both regionally and nationally, to confer with officials of other States and of Federal Government, to formulate proposals for co-operation between this State and the other States, and with the Federal Government, to maintain liaison with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations established by Federal law, and to organize and maintain governmental machinery for such purposes.

The commission shall annually appoint, from among its entire membership, a delegate as a member of the Governing Board of the Council of State Governments for this State, who shall serve for the legislative year in which he is appointed as a delegate and until his successor shall be appointed and shall qualify. Whenever the commission shall fail to so appoint a delegate, or the duly appointed delegate becomes unavailable or unable to serve for any reason whatever, the chairman of the commission shall serve as the delegate until such time as a delegate has been appointed and has qualified.

Amended by L.1964, c. 51, s. 1; L.1970, c. 10, s. 1, eff. Feb. 11, 1970.

52:9B-2. Standing committee of Senate; membership

There is hereby established a standing committee on intergovernmental relations, of the Senate, to consist of five Senators. The members and chairman of this committee shall be designated in the same manner as are the members and chairmen of other standing committees of the Senate. The president of the Senate may serve as one of the five members of this committee.

Amended by L.1970, c. 10, s. 2, eff. Feb. 11, 1970.

52:9B-3. Standing committee of general assembly; membership

There is hereby established a similar standing committee on intergovernmental relations, of the General Assembly, also to consist of five members, and the members and chairman of this committee shall be designated in the same manner as are the members and chairman of other standing committees of the General Assembly. The Speaker of the General Assembly may serve as one of the five members of the committee.

Amended by L.1970, c. 10, s. 3, eff. Feb. 11, 1970.

52:9B-4. Membership of commission

The New Jersey Intergovernmental Relations Commission shall be composed of 15 members, namely:

The five members of the committee on intergovernmental relations of the Senate.

The five members of the committee on intergovernmental relations of the General Assembly, and

Five officials of the State named by the Governor, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor.

The Governor shall be an honorary member of the commission.

Amended by L.1970, c. 10, s. 4, eff. Feb. 11, 1970.

52:9B-5. Organization meeting; committees and advisory boards

The commission shall meet annually in the month of January at the call of the Governor for the purpose of organization by the selection from among its members of a chairman and the appointment of a secretary and such other officers of the commission as it deems advisable who need not be members thereof. The commission may establish such committees and advisory boards as it deems advisable, to conduct conferences and to formulate proposals concerning subjects of intergovernmental cooperation. Subject to the approval of the commission, the members of every such committee and advisory board shall be appointed by the chairman of the commission. State officials who are not members of the commission may be appointed as members of any such committee or advisory board, and private citizens may serve on such board, but at least one member of the commission shall be a member of every such committee and board. The commission may establish such rules as it considers appropriate concerning the membership and the functioning of any committee or board which it establishes.

Amended by L.1970, c. 10, s. 5, eff. Feb. 11, 1970.

52:9B-6. Report to governor and legislature; compensation; expenses; employees

The commission shall report to the governor and to the legislature within fifteen days after the convening of each regular legislative session, and at such other times as it deems appropriate. Its members and the members of all committees which it establishes shall serve without compensation, but they shall be paid their necessary expenses in carrying out their obligations under this chapter. The commission may employ such staff and incur such other expenses as may be necessary for the proper performance of its duties, and it may, by contributions to the council of state governments and other similar governmental organizations affiliated with it, participate with other states in maintaining the said council's regional and central secretariats and other similar governmental services.

52:9B-7. Standing committees; functions

The Standing Committee of the Senate and the Standing Committee of the General Assembly shall function during regular sessions of the Legislature, and also during the interim periods between such sessions and their members shall serve until their successors are designated.

Amended by L.1964, c. 51, s. 2.

52:9B-8. Notification to other states

The secretary of state shall forthwith communicate the text of this measure to the governor, to the senate, and to the house of representatives of each of the other states of the Union, and memorialize each legislature which has not already done so to enact a law similar to this measure, thus establishing a similar commission with like duties and powers, and thus joining with this state in the common cause of reducing the burdens which are imposed upon the citizens of every state by governmental confusion, competition and conflict.