

CHAPTER 290

AN ACT concerning the membership of the 9-1-1 Commission and amending P.L.1989, c.3.

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

1. Section 2 of P.L.1989, c.3 (C.52:17C-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17C-2 9-1-1 commission.

2. a. There is created in the Office of Information Technology a commission to be known as the 9-1-1 Commission which shall oversee the office in the planning, design, and implementation of the Statewide emergency enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system to be established pursuant to this act. The commission shall consist of 30 members as follows: two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall not be both of the same political party; two members of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not be both of the same political party; the following members ex officio: Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Information Technology; President of the Board of Public Utilities; Superintendent of State Police; Deputy Director of the State Office of Emergency Management in the Department of Law and Public Safety; Director of the Bureau of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs; Director of Emergency Medical Services in the Department of Health and Senior Services; one member of the Governing Board of the Office of Information Technology in but not of the Department of the Treasury; the following public members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate: a representative of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities; a representative of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police; a representative of the Fire Fighters' Association of New Jersey; a representative of the New Jersey First Aid Council; a representative of the Associated Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO); a representative of Bell Atlantic-New Jersey; a representative of the independent telephone companies; two representatives of the wireless telephone companies; one representative of the National Emergency Number Association; two members representing county-wide dispatch centers; one representative of the Sheriffs Association of New Jersey; one representative of the New Jersey Fire Chiefs Association; one representative from the Certified Local Exchange Carriers; two members representing multi-municipal public safety dispatch centers who serve more than one, but less than five municipalities; and two members representing municipal public safety dispatch centers.

The members of the Senate and General Assembly appointed to the commission shall serve for terms which shall be for the term for which they were elected. Of the public members first appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, seven shall be appointed for terms of three years, six shall be appointed for terms of two years, and six shall be appointed for terms of one year. Thereafter, the public members of the commission shall be appointed for terms of three years. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment but for the unexpired term. Members may be removed by the appointing authority for cause. The initial members shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of P.L.1999, c.125 (C.52:17C-3.1 et al.). The commission shall have the authority to establish subcommittees as it deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of this act.

The members of the Senate and General Assembly appointed to the commission shall be non-voting, advisory members, appointed solely for the purpose of developing and facilitating legislation to assist the commission in fulfilling its statutory mission, and may not exercise any of the executive powers delegated to the commission by law.

b. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but the legislative and public members shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of their duties, within the limits of any funds appropriated or otherwise made available for that purpose.

c. Each ex officio member may designate an employee of the member's department or agency to represent the member at meetings or hearings of the commission. All designees may lawfully vote and otherwise act on behalf of the members for whom they constitute the designees.

d. The 9-1-1 Commission shall be constituted upon the appointment of the majority of its authorized membership and shall have no expiration date. Until the commission is constituted: (1) the Advisory Commission appointed by the Chief Technology Officer before the effective date of P.L.1999, c.125 (C.52:17C-3.1 et al.) shall be continued and shall exercise the advisory

functions granted to it by the Chief Technology Officer and (2) the Chief Technology Officer shall be responsible for the review and approval of any function of the office which is the responsibility of the 9-1-1 Commission. Membership on the advisory commission shall not disqualify a person from membership on the 9-1-1 Commission.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 28, 2001.