

## CHAPTER 309

**AN ACT** concerning paid leave for members of certain law enforcement and firefighter associations who attend conventions and amending N.J.S.11A:6-10 and P.L.1977, c.347.

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

1. N.J.S.11A:6-10 is amended to read as follows:

Leaves of absence for convention attendance.

11A:6-10. A leave of absence with pay shall be given to employees who are duly authorized representatives of an employee organization defined as a "representative" in subsection e. of section 3 of P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-3) and affiliated with the New Jersey Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc., Fraternal Order of Police, Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, Inc. or the Professional Fire Fighters Association of New Jersey to attend any State or national convention of the organization, provided, however, that no more than 10 percent of the employee organization's membership shall be permitted such a leave of absence with pay, except that no less than two and no more than 10 authorized representatives shall be entitled to such leave, and for employee organizations with more than 5,000 members, a maximum of 25 authorized representatives shall be entitled to such leave. The leave of absence shall be for a period inclusive of the duration of the convention with a reasonable time allowed for travel to and from the convention, provided that such leave shall be for no more than seven days. A certificate of attendance at the convention shall, upon request, be submitted by the representative so attending.

2. Section 1 of P.L.1977, c.347 (C.40A:14-177) is amended to read as follows:

C.40A:14-177 Attendance at State, national convention of certain organizations.

1. The heads of the county offices of the several counties and the head of every department, bureau and office in the government of the various municipalities shall give a leave of absence with pay to persons in the service of the county or municipality who are duly authorized representatives of an employee organization as defined in subsection e. of section 3 of P.L.1941, c.100 (C.34:13A-3) and affiliated with the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc., Fraternal Order of Police, Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, Inc. or Professional Fire Fighters Association of New Jersey to attend any State or national convention of such organization, provided, however, that no more than 10 percent of the employee organization's membership shall be permitted such a leave of absence with pay, except that no less than two and no more than 10 authorized representatives shall be entitled to such leave, and for employee organizations with more than 5,000 members, a maximum of 25 authorized representatives shall be entitled to such leave.

A certificate of attendance to the State convention shall, upon request, be submitted by the representative so attending.

Leave of absence shall be for a period inclusive of the duration of the convention with a reasonable time allowed for time to travel to and from the convention, provided that such leave shall be for no more than seven days.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 3, 2002.