

CHAPTER 336

AN ACT changing the population requirements for counties of the fifth and sixth classes and amending N.J.S.40A:6-1.

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

1. N.J.S.40A:6-1 is amended to read as follows:

Classification of counties for legislative purposes.

40A:6-1. For legislative purposes, counties are classified as follows based upon their population as ascertained by the most recent federal decennial census:

- a. First class--counties having a population of more than 550,000 and a population density of more than 3,000 persons per square mile;
- b. Second class-- all other counties having a population of more than 200,000 except such counties bordering on the Atlantic ocean;
- c. Third class--counties having a population of not less than 50,000 but not more than 200,000 except such counties bordering on the Atlantic ocean;
- d. Fourth class--counties having a population of less than 50,000 except such counties bordering on the Atlantic ocean;
- e. Fifth class--counties bordering on the Atlantic ocean having a population of more than 125,000;
- f. Sixth class--counties bordering on the Atlantic ocean having a population of not more than 125,000.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to July 1, 2001.

Approved January 5, 2002.