

CHAPTER 47

AN ACT establishing the Jewish Heritage Trail Study Commission.

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

1. There is established the Jewish Heritage Trail Study Commission. The commission shall consist of seven public members: three of whom shall be appointed by the Governor; two of whom shall be appointed by the Senate President, not more than one of whom shall be of the same political party; one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly; and one of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly. Members of the commission shall have an interest in, and a knowledge of, Jewish culture in New Jersey.

Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made. The commission shall be located in, but not of, the Department of State.

2. The members of the commission shall be appointed within 30 days after the enactment of this act and shall hold their initial organizational meeting within 60 days after such enactment. The members shall elect one of the members to serve as chairman. The chairman may appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of the commission. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be eligible for reimbursement for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the commission for its purposes.

3. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman or upon the request of four of its members. Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof.

4. The commission shall study the feasibility of developing a Jewish Heritage Trail across the State of New Jersey. Sites for possible heritage trail designation shall include, but are not limited to, historic buildings, homes, farm colonies, cultural areas, commercial establishments and synagogues. Designated sites shall display trail markers and offer handouts.

5. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of any State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may require and as may be available for its purposes, and to employ stenographic and clerical assistance and incur traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as may be necessary in order to perform its duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for its purposes.

6. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature within one year following its initial organizational meeting.

7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 30 days after the commission submits its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature.

Approved April 23, 2003.