

CHAPTER 123

AN ACT requiring the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission to impose an assessment on legislative agents, and making appropriations.

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

1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, created pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), shall levy a one-time assessment of \$50 on any person who is employed, retained or engaged as a legislative agent and has filed a signed notice of representation with the commission, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-21), as of the effective date of this act, P.L.2004, c.123, or files such a notice within 120 days following the effective date. The commission shall give expeditious notice of the assessment to all legislative agents who are required to pay it and the assessment shall be paid by the legislative agents no later than the 150th day after the effective date. The assessment shall be deposited into the fund created pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

b. There is created a dedicated, non-lapsing fund to be known as the "New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission Internet Enhancement Fund," to be held separate and apart from all other funds of the State. All monies collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be deposited in the fund. The monies in the fund, together with any earnings, shall be appropriated exclusively to defray the expenses of the commission in implementing its efforts detailed in the report submitted pursuant to P.L.2004, c.31 to revise the format and content of its Internet site.

2. The monies deposited in the "New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission Internet Enhancement Fund," created pursuant to section 1 of this act, P.L.2004, c.123, are hereby appropriated to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, created pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), for the purposes specified in section 1 of this act, P.L.2004, c.123, and disbursed as requested by the commission, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury.

3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, created pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), the sum of \$2,000,000 for the commission's purposes.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 11, 2004.